

Firearms Purchase Document Requirements

FIRST ITEM - Identification

In order to purchase a firearm, in California, you must be a resident of California. You must have either a California Driver License, California Identification Card or a United States Department of Defense Identification card and permanent duty station orders, specifying you are posted to California. Out of state residents and persons here on a visa, may purchase a rifle or shotgun, if they have a valid California Hunting License.

If your Driver License or Identification Card has the words "Federal Limits Apply," in the upper right corner, you will need to also have either a certified copy of your birth certificate OR your passport. If it is the passport, it must be the book version, not the card.

SECOND ITEM - Proof of Residence Address

You must present TWO forms of proof of your residence address. They must be either official government documents or utility bills or a lease or property deed. Your Driver License or your Identification Card has your address on it, so that will serve as one of the two forms of proof needed. If you are now at a different address, from the one printed on your license, then you will need two other forms of proof of residency. Here are examples of acceptable forms of proof: Utility bills (gas, water, power, garbage, cable television, etc...), Property Deed or Residential Lease, Hunting License, Fishing License, Pilot's License, Voter Registration Card, Jury Summons. As long as it is government or utility issued, with your name and correct address, it should suffice. What will NOT be acceptable are such things as: Insurance Policies, Credit Card or Bank Statements, Cellular Telephone bills or Satellite bills, general items of correspondence.

THIRD ITEM: - Firearms Safety Certificate

This is the card you get when you take the written safety test.

If you have any questions, please re-read this notice. If you still have questions, give us a call. All documents presented must be originals and must be valid and accurate. We do not do any verifications. That is done by the State of California. We rely entirely on what you present to us.