

YOU'VE COMPLETED YOUR 4473 PAPERWORK

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now that you have filled out the paperwork, I have verified all the required fields have been completed and the answers you have provided allow me to process your background check I will submit your application. The information you have given is entered into the computer and is sent to the ILLINOIS STATE POLICE and the ATF. Generally, within a minute or two after I have submitted it I will receive a response.

There are 3 return decisions, and each are described as follows:

- **APPROVED**

If this is the decision I will continue the transfer process, complete the disposition paperwork, collect payment and (by **LAW** - if a handgun it has a locking storage device, or you have brought one) I will then hand over your firearm. It's all yours and you are good to go.

- **PENDING**

If this is the reply do not panic. It just means the state has chosen to delay your transfer and will require more time to make a decision. Whether it's a random spot check or something in your history, there's nothing I can do to change or expedite the initial decision. It's VERY common and not to worry. I will generally see a response from the state anywhere from 1 hour to about 3 days. At this point I will collect the transfer fee and it will conclude our business for the day.

(all payments are required by this point)

When I get a response ***I will message you*** – do not call me. Assuming it's approved you can come by and it will literally only take 2 minutes to finalize your portion of the transaction. You will resign and date the transfer day and you can take your firearm. You will need to show your Id and your FOID for pickup. (again if a handgun it must have a locking device or it will not be released to you – even if you are CCL). You will have 29 days from the date of the application to the date if approved to be picked up. If after those 29 days you will need to reapply for a background check and another background check fee will be required. If the response from the state is denied please see the following paragraph.

- **DENIED**

A rare, returned decision - but there is nothing I can do about it. You will have to contact the State Police and find out the reason for the denial. I will keep the firearm for 29 days. If after 29 days and has not been cleared up the firearm will be sent back to the original FFL that sent it to me. You will have to work out any refund or credit from that seller. However, I require a (\$50 handgun total -\$35 long gun + shipping costs) payment fee for the return process. This is non-negotiable as I will have to box, drive, ship and pay for 2 day air shipping. Each month of storage I will charge a \$25 fee and after 90 days of receiving the item if its still in my possession (and the applicant has not proved progress) I will sell the item for fair market value, keep the fees accumulated and a certified check for the remaining funds will be sent to the applicant's address. That will conclude all business for this transaction.