ENHANCED Concealed Carry License Frequently Asked Questions



What is the difference between a basic license and the Enhanced License?

The Enhanced Concealed Handgun Carry License enables current ARKANSAS CHCL licensees to carry in locations prohibited with basic a CHCL license. Once an applicant or licensee has completed this enhanced training course and passed the live-fire qualification requirement, he or she will receive an Enhanced Concealed Handgun Carry License (E-CHCL). Possession of a valid E-CHCL enables the holder to possess and carry a concealed handgun in the certain locations

What places will the Enhanced allow me to carry that I cannot with a basic?

E-CHCL enables the holder to possess and carry a concealed handgun in the following locations:

- Publicly owned buildings and facilities
- State Capitol grounds and the State Capitol Building
- Any meeting place of the governing body of any governmental entity
- Any meeting place of the General Assembly or a committee of the General Assembly
- Any state office
- Athletic events (specifically excluding collegiate athletic events)
- A portion of an establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises
- A portion of an establishment where beer or light wine is consumed on the premises
- Inside the passenger terminal of an airport
- Any church or other place of worship
- Any place where a parade or demonstration requiring a permit is being held, even when the licensee is a participant in the parade or demonstration.
- The buildings and grounds of a public university, college, or community college.

Do I have to have a current Concealed Carry License?

A licensee must obtain, or possess, a valid Arkansas CHCL to receive an enhanced license. However, if the licensee completes the training for a basic license, and then successfully completes the Enhanced License course, application for both may be made AT THE SAME TIME. If application has already been submitted for the basic license, the applicant must wait for that basic license to be issued before making application for the Enhanced.

Is my non-resident or out-of-state carry permit valid for the Enhanced License?

The AR State Police will not extend an enhanced certification to a weapons permit issued by another state; nor will enhanced or advanced weapons permits issued by other states entitle the holder to the benefits of the Arkansas enhanced license.

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My current license is coming up for renewal. What should I do?

The Enhanced CHCL Class will suffice for the required renewal training. However, you MUST apply for the Enhanced License within 6 months of successfully completing the course. If your current basic license isn't up for renewal within that time frame, you will have to complete the required renewal regardless of the Enhanced License status.

Will my expiration date change when I receive the Enhanced License?

No. Your current CHCL expiration date will remain unaffected.

Is the Live Fire Qualification the same as when I took my basic license?

No. There is a standard course of fire established by the Arkansas State Police that all Enhanced applicants must successfully complete to be eligible for the Enhanced License. I consists of a total of 50 rounds fired at distances of 3 yards, 7 yards, and 15 yards (9 ft, 21 ft, and 45 ft respectively). The Course of Fire can be found in the Rules, specifically Rule 13.3(d).

What is required to renew an Enhanced License?

No further training is required to maintain the enhanced other that what is required to keep the basic license renewed. As long as the underlying basic license remains current and is not revoked or expired, no futher Enhanced training is required. If the license becomes revoked or expired the enhanced training must be completed again as part of the restoration process.

Where can I find the most current version of the New Rules and Laws?

The most current version of the new Rules and Laws can be found below:

<u>Arkansas Code CHCL Laws</u>

<u>Arkansas Concealed Handgun Carry License Rules</u>

When is the next class?

Check ShoothouseUSA.com for dates and times of upcoming classes