

Permits to Carry a Handgun

Please do not call the Police Department with questions about Permits to Carry a Handgun, and read the below information.

The US Supreme Court decision in Bruen, has had a significant impact on handgun carry issues in New Jersey. However, and most importantly, *it does not change the permit requirement and it is still illegal to carry a handgun in New Jersey without a permit.*

Applicants still have to apply for a carry permit, and still have to be approved. The major change is that the State of New Jersey *no longer requires an applicant to show a justifiable need to carry.*

Please note that you **CANNOT** apply for a permit to carry a handgun electronically, you **MUST** complete the paper application and submit it to your local law enforcement agency. All forms and applications can be found on the New Jersey State Police website, and instructions can be found [HERE](#)

Please note that the checklist from the NJSP fails to include the requirement of a training course. Please note: N.J.A.C. 13:54-2.4(b) states "[e]ach applicant shall demonstrate a thorough familiarity with the safe handling and use of handguns by indicating in the space provided therefore on the application form, and on any sworn attachments thereto, any relevant information. Thorough familiarity with the safe handling and use of handguns may be evidenced by:

1. completion of a firearms training course substantially equivalent to the firearms training approved by the Police Training Commission as described by N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6j; OR
2. Submission of an applicant's most recent handgun qualification scores utilizing the handgun(s) he or she intends to carry as evidenced by test firings administered by a certified firearms instructor of a police academy, a certified firearms instructor of the National Rifle Association, or any other recognized certified firearms instructor; OR
3. Completion of a course or test in the safe handling of a handgun administered by a certified firearms instructor of a police academy, a certified firearms instructor of the National Rifle Association, or any other recognized certified firearms instructor; OR
4. Passage of any test in this State's laws governing the use of force administered by a certified instructor of a police academy, a certified instructor of the National Rifle Association, or any other recognized certified firearms instructor.

As more information becomes available to us through the New Jersey Attorney General, the New Jersey State Police, and the Morris County Prosecutor's Office we will update this page.