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These are general instructions that are likely to change in the future to assist an applicant to apply for a concealed carry permit. The Police Department that provides police service to the area where you reside may have additional information such as the correct ORI number to apply to and fees that must be paid for the remaining balance to your application prior to approval. If you have further questions after reading these directions, contact the Police Department that provides service to your residence.

The Concealed Carry Permit website allows for online submission of both initial and renewal applications. If you have never applied for a Concealed Carry Permit online, then you will apply as an initial applicant. Approved applications are due for renewal every two (2) years. Renewal applications can be submitted up to four (4) months before the expiration date of the existing Concealed Carry Permit.

New Jersey Residents or Dual Residents of the State of New Jersey: If you are a New Jersey resident or a Dual Resident, you must apply to the Municipal Police Department or the New Jersey State Police Station that provides police service to where you reside in New Jersey. "Dual resident" means you have a residence in New Jersey and another state. You can be considered a dual resident if you can show proof of residency in New Jersey. Proof of residency can be established with a valid government issued identification showing your New Jersey residence or a government issued tax record or government issued utility bill. For example, a water bill from the town where you reside. If you cannot provide adequate proof of dual residency, and proof you reside in the home, you are not a dual resident. Example: You cannot rent your home to someone else and claim to live there.

As a New Jersey resident, or dual resident of the State of New Jersey, a Municipal Police Department or a New Jersey State Police Station may provide service to your residence. Confirm your police department before applying. There are no refunds for applying to the incorrect police department. There are towns in New Jersey that have the same or similar names but are in different counties. Make sure you select the correct police department. If you have an issue with your application, you should contact your Municipal Police Department or New Jersey State Police Station that will be processing your application. **If you apply or have applied to a NJSP Station be aware that as of March 2025, applications are no longer handled by personnel at NJSP Stations. If you have an issue with your application, please email the New Jersey State Police Station assigned to process your application.** The NJSP station firearms specific email accounts are provided towards the end of these instructions.



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Training Requirements:

- You need to successfully qualify on a course of fire for the [Civilian Carry Assessment and Range Evaluation](#) (CCARE) protocol issued on September 15, 2023.
- After you complete the CCARE protocol training, your instructor must give you:
 - 1) A completed [PTC Safe Handling and Proficiency Certification](#) (SP 182, Rev. 9/23), and
 - 2) A copy of their instructor's certification that shows they are a certified instructor. You are required to upload these documents when applying online. Not submitting these documents will delay or cancel your application without a refund.
- During the classroom instruction at the range your instructor will review the [Use of Force Training](#).
- While applying online, you will be responsible for reviewing the [Firearms Safety & Awareness](#) power point that is integrated into the website application. It is suggested you review this before applying online due to the volume of information.

These requirements are unique to New Jersey and are required to obtain a New Jersey Concealed Carry Permit. If you hold a concealed carry permit in another state or have received training to meet standards of another state, **you will STILL need to meet the specific requirements listed above.**

You can also find the above listed training documents by using the below website link:

<https://njsp.njoag.gov/concealed-carry-permit/>

For Concealed Carry Facts and frequently asked questions, please see [Concealed Carry Facts & FAQ's](#)



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This gray box of information is for **RENEWAL APPLICANTS ONLY**.

The fees and the background investigation process are the same for initial and renewal Concealed Carry Permit applications, except for fingerprinting which is **not** required for renewal applications.

Renewal applications require the same information as initial applications (four references, all handguns you intend to carry, photo, training certifications, and mental health release forms). You will need to enter the information for all the handguns you intend to carry each time you renew your Concealed Carry Permit.

Applicants renewing their Concealed Carry Permits do **not** need to be fingerprinted again. Once you have been fingerprinted for a New Jersey firearm application you are assigned an SBI number. After that, you do not need to be fingerprinted again unless there is an unresolved issue with your fingerprints from a past application. You will use your SBI number when you apply.

Which button should I use to renew my Concealed Carry Permit?

Start Initial Application

ALL applicants using the Concealed Carry Permits website for the FIRST TIME.

This includes:

- Applicants renewing an existing Concealed Carry Permit that was processed on a **paper application** and not processed using the Concealed Carry Permits website.

Start Renewal Application

Applicants renewing a Concealed Carry Permit that was processed through the Concealed Carry Permits website.

To renew your concealed carry permit, the expiration date on the permit you are trying to renew must be within 4 months of its expiration date.



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Approved Concealed Carry Permits are due for renewal every (2) years.

Renewal applications can be filed online for Concealed Carry Permits that were originally issued through the online system. If your permit was not filed through the online system, you must renew using the green "Start Initial Application" button; then, on your next renewal cycle, you will be able to use the online Renewal application.

Renewal applications can be filed up to (4) months before the expiration date. To avoid a lapse of the Concealed Carry Permit, applicants should consider applying three to four months prior to the expiration of the permit. If you wait until the last moment to renew, you will not be able to carry a handgun once your permit expires while the Police Department is processing your application. Once your renewal application is approved, you can lawfully carry your handgun again.

Paper applications that were approved prior to the online system:

If you currently have a Concealed Carry Permit that was processed using a paper application and you have never used the Concealed Carry Permits website, there will not be any renewal information in the database for you. **Therefore, you must renew as an initial applicant using the green "Start Initial Application" button.** Since these applicants will be using the website for the first time, your current expiration date is not in the Concealed Carry Permits system; therefore, your new two-year period will start the day your new application is approved. This may result in a loss of time from your current Concealed Carry Permit. This depends on when you submit your application and how quickly it is processed.

Applicants that applied online and were approved:

Applicants who previously obtained their Concealed Carry Permits through the Concealed Carry Permits system and are now renewing their permits through the website will not lose any time off their current permit if the new permit is approved prior to the expiration date. If it is approved after the expiration date, the new concealed carry permit will have an updated expiration date of two years from your approval date.

Example: If the applicant previously applied to the concealed carry permit website and was approved on 10/05/2023, the applicant's permit will expire on 10/05/2025. If you apply to the conceal carry website to renew the permit on 06/15/2025, and are approved on 09/01/2025, the new conceal carry permit expiration displayed on the applicant's new conceal carry permit will be 10/05/2027.



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How long is my training valid?

The qualification can only be used for a total of two consecutive permits (One application and one renewal application) with no gap in between the two permits. Concealed Carry Permits expire, and can be renewed, every two years if they align with the below information.

If the chief police officer or superintendent determines that the applicant: “(3) has completed the training requirements established pursuant to subsection g. of this section, provided that any requirement for classroom instruction and target training shall not be required for a renewal applicant who completed the instruction and training when obtaining a permit to carry a handgun issued within the previous two years;” (2C:58-4d(3))

You must meet the standards noted in the CCARE protocol, created 09/15/2023 and has since been the standard, or CCARE Memorandum/HQC2 Modified for applicants that qualified prior to 09/15/2023. The CCARE Protocol qualification is the only standard since it was issued on 09/15/2023. You must upload your training certificates each time you apply.

See the [Concealed Carry Facts & FAQ's](#), specifically “**How long is my training valid?**” for specific examples.



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Name Change Information: Applicants must first update their state identification or driver's license to their new legal name. New Jersey residents or Dual Residents of New Jersey, that have legally changed their name from their previous name listed on their Concealed Carry permit, will need to apply for a "*Change of Name on Firearm Purchaser Identification Card*" application in the Firearms Application & Registration System (FARS). If you are due to renew your Concealed Carry permit, your application for a change of name in FARS **must be approved** before you renew your Concealed Carry permit. After your change of name application is approved, please wait three days for the update to take effect in the database before attempting to apply for a concealed carry permit.

You will need the following items to apply online

- SBI number (This will be on your New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card or your current New Jersey Concealed Carry permit)
- Upload of a recent photograph (on a light background only including head and shoulders).
- One (1) training record qualification completed on the [PTC Safe Handling and Proficiency Certification](#) (SP 182 Form, Rev. 9/23).
- A copy of your instructor's certification that shows they are a certified instructor.
- Personal information: Including social security number, driver's license number or state identification number, employment information, and the last ten years of addresses you have resided (Month/Year & City/State).
- References: Contact information for four (4) non-family related references. **The references cannot be related by blood or by law and you must have known them for at least three years.** You will need their first name, last name, address, phone number, and email address. **Incorrect email addresses will delay your application.**
- Citizenship documentation (Alien Registration Number) if applicable.
- Information on ALL handguns to be carried (make, model, caliber, serial number). **If you do not own a handgun yet, do not apply.**
- The total application fee for applicants that have been fingerprinted is \$226 and must be paid by either credit or debit card. The fee consists of a \$200 statutory fee, \$18 "212A" background fee, and \$8 service fee. If you apply to the Municipal Police Department, \$76 dollars of the \$226 total fee is submitted at the time of the application. The remaining \$150 must be paid to your Municipal Police Department. Contact your Municipal Police Department for payment options. **Your application will not be processed or approved until full payment is received.** If your residence is covered by a New Jersey State Police Station, the whole fee (\$226) is submitted online at the time of your application.
- Consent for mental health form.



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- **Armored car applicants:** Select "Yes" to the employment question on the first page (ORI number section), and your application will be assigned to a New Jersey State Police Station. The assigned NJSP Station will be listed on your confirmation page after your payment information has been submitted, and you will receive an email notifying you of which New Jersey State Police Station has been assigned your application as well. Armored car applicants must upload their employment letter.
- **Mayors or elected members of the municipal governing body:** select "Yes" to the employment question on the first page (ORI number section), and your application will be assigned to a New Jersey State Police Station. The assigned NJSP Station will be listed on your confirmation page after your payment information has been submitted, and you will receive an email notifying you of which New Jersey State Police Station has been assigned your application as well. For a definition of elected officials that must use this selection when they are applying, see the explanation of "**Am I considered an Elected Official of a Municipal Governing Body?**" in the following FAQ link: [Concealed Carry Facts & FAQ's](#)
- **New Jersey Office of the Attorney General (DAG, AAG), Prosecutors, and Judges:** If you have completed the Police Training Commission certification pursuant to P.L.1961,c.56(C.52:17B-66 et seq.) can select "Yes" to the question "***Are you applying as a Prosecutor, Judge, or member of the Office of the Attorney General***" on the first page of the application. You are required to upload your certification showing successful completion of the Police Training Commission certification. This training should not be confused with the CCARE (SP 182 Form) qualification and is specific to N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6A(12) that shows you have completed additional training to carry a handgun in sensitive places. Your application will then be assigned to a New Jersey State Police Station to certify your training. The assigned NJSP Station will be listed on your confirmation page after your payment information has been submitted, and you will receive an email notifying you of which New Jersey State Police Station has been assigned your application.

If you have NOT completed the Police Training Commission course, then you are not eligible for the Government Permit to Carry and you must apply for a civilian permit to carry. Select "No" to the question "***Are you applying as a Prosecutor, Judge, or member of the Office of the Attorney General***" and enter the ORI number of the Police Department where you reside if you are a New Jersey resident or dual resident of the State of New Jersey.

If you apply to the incorrect ORI or police department, your application will be cancelled. Fees are non-refundable.



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Sensitive Places: New Jersey has prohibited areas that you currently cannot carry a firearm, also known as “Sensitive Places” (N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4.6). As of 12/11/2025, the statute of prohibited areas that you cannot carry a firearm has not been updated because the court appeals process has not been finalized. Therefore, the link that follows this paragraph has a pdf document with the whole statute that involves prohibited areas. There are notes next to the three parts of 2C:58-4.6 that were ordered by Judge Renee Marie Bumb to be allowed to carry a firearm. The notes pertaining to this statute are listed next to 2C:58-4.6(a)(23), 2C:58-4.6(a)(24) (only as to private property that is held open to the public), and 2C:58-4.6(b)(1) (prohibition on functional firearms in vehicles). The link is readable here: [Sensitive Places](#)

N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4.6 became effective on 12/22/2022. There have been several ongoing court cases involving this statute.

On 05/16/2023, U.S. District Judge Renee Marie Bumb preliminary **enjoined**, or prohibited, the enforcement of parts of 2C:58-4.6 (Places where the carrying of a firearm or destructive device is prohibited). This four page court order is readable here: [5/16/23 court ruling](#)

On 06/20/2023, an emergency motion for stay pending appeal was filed in the United States Court of Appeals Third Circuit. As a result of this motion, some of the subsections of 2C:58-4.6 that were preliminary enjoined, or prohibited, in the above court order from 05/16/2023 are now enforceable by law enforcement. The two-page court order is readable here: [06/20/23 court motion](#)

On 10/25/2023, an appeal involving restrictions on sensitive places as well as other parts of New Jersey gun laws was filed in the Philadelphia-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third District. On 09/10/2025 and 09/17/2025, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third District issued their ruling and amendment, see [\(09/10/2025 court ruling\)](#). On 12/11/2025, the 09/10/2025 judgement and 09/17/2025 amendment were vacated, see [\(12/11/2025 court ruling\)](#). There are parts of the statute that are enforceable and are not enforceable currently. We will clarify further in the below paragraphs. Further court appeals are pending and 2C:58-4 and all the associated sequential statutes are not immediately updated due to the continuing litigation. When the court procedures are final, the statute will be updated, and we will update this information pertaining to prohibited areas also known as “sensitive places”. **It is your responsibility to understand the current list of sensitive places in effect at the time you apply. Additionally, once you have a New Jersey concealed carry permit it is your responsibility to stay updated as to the status**



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of the court's decision on the pending appeal and any subsequent changes to the law. The New Jersey State Police is not obligated to notify you of any changes to the law.

In summary, as of 12/11/2025, the following subsections of N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4.6 "Prohibited Places" are currently **enforceable** which means they are still considered Sensitive Places where carrying concealed is **prohibited**:

"Sensitive Places" – Prohibited Places

2C:58-4.6(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9), (a)(10), (a)(11), (a)(12), (a)(13), (a)(14), (a)(15), (a)(16), (a)(17), (a)(18), (a)(19), (a)(20), (a)(21), (a)(22), and (a)(24)(only as to private property that is **not** held open to the public).

The following is a quote from Judge Renee Marie Bumb's order that was granted on 05/16/2023 that lists statutes which are still prohibited from being enforced by "officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys (and any other persons in active concert or participation with them)". This means the following subsections of the statute are not applicable to you in terms of being able to carry in the locations listed. There is also other information listed below that is still in effect from Judge Renee Marie Bumb's order that does not involve sensitive places.

The following are **currently** (as of 12/11/2025) not enforceable by law enforcement as per the U.S. Court of Appeals Third District's 05/16/2023 and 06/23/2023 decisions:

Not active or prohibited at this time

"2C:58-4.6(a)(23), (a)(24) (only as to private property that is held open to the public), id. § 2C:58-4.6(b)(1) (prohibition on functional firearms in vehicles), id. § 2C:58-4(c) (in-person interview requirement of carry permit applicant's character endorsers); id. §§ 2C:58-4(d)(4), 2C:58-4.3 (Insurance Mandate), and N.J. Admin. Code § 7:25-5.23(f)(5) (prohibition on functional firearms in vehicles);"

Before applying, you should be aware of all the restrictions in statute 2C:58-4.6 and you should fully understand the information listed above.



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Proof of ownership of the firearm(s) you intend to carry: Although proof of ownership is not required at the time of application, it is in the best interest of the applicant to possess proof of ownership or to be able to clearly define how they became the lawful owner of the firearm(s) they possess.

As per statute, information on ALL handguns to be carried (make, model, caliber, serial number) must be listed on your online application. **If you do not own a handgun yet, do not apply.** If you enter information for a handgun that you do not own to purposely bypass a portion of the online application, you have falsified your application. The falsification of information on any part of the application is a violation of N.J.S. 2C:39-10c and is a crime of the 3rd degree. Any falsification of information in your Concealed Carry Permit application may result in criminal charges and subsequent prosecution.

If you are planning on carrying a handgun that was not entered on your Concealed Carry Permit online application because you obtained the additional handgun after you submitted your application, you must complete a S.P. 182a (PTC Additional Handguns Intended to be Carried). The completed form must be submitted to the Municipal Police Department or New Jersey State Police Station that processed your online application. This form is available at the following link: [SP-182a PTC Additional Handguns Intended to be Carried](#)

ORI Number: An ORI (Originating Agency Identifier) number is a unique number assigned to each police department and State Agency in New Jersey. It is used for online applications for various types of licensing, such as firearms or security guards. The ORI number must match the Police Department that is responsible for your area of residence. A New Jersey resident or dual resident of the State of New Jersey must enter the ORI of the Police Department that provides police coverage to their residence. If you enter the incorrect ORI, your application will be assigned to a Police Department that does not cover your jurisdiction and will be cancelled without a refund.

SBI Number: You will be required to enter your SBI number that was generated after you were fingerprinted. You do not need to be fingerprinted again unless you are advised of an issue with your past fingerprints. Your SBI number is listed on any past Firearms Purchaser Identification Card or other firearm document you received after applying. If you cannot locate your SBI number or are having issues with your SBI number, contact the firearms application coordinator at the Police Department that provides police coverage to your residence.



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Photograph: You must upload a recent, clear color image of your face taken within the last six (6) months. The photograph should resemble the one displayed on your driver's license or passport. However, **DO NOT** use the photographs from those identifications as your image. The uploaded photograph **MUST** be taken in civilian attire against a light background, without wearing a hat or glasses. Please crop your photo to a square headshot prior to uploading it to your online application to avoid distortion.

You may upload a recent clear "selfie" style photograph or headshot with no one else in the photo, provided that the image adheres to the above-listed requirements. Applications submitted with a photograph that does not meet the requirements may be cancelled. Please note that there are no refunds for cancelled applications.

Mental Health Consent Form: If you have lived outside of the State of New Jersey in the last ten (10) years, please fill out [form SP-066](#) (Consent for Mental Health Records) and upload it to your application. You are only filling out **part one** of this form. The "investigating police department" is the Police Department processing your application. The "witness" part on this form can be printed and signed by anyone. It does not have to be witnessed by a member of the Police Department. It does not need to be notarized. For additional addresses, list them on page 2. This form is available at the following link: <https://njsp.njoag.gov/concealed-carry-permit/>

It is important to note that some cities such as Philadelphia, PA and states such as New York require their own mental health consent form to be filled out to complete their records check. If you currently reside or lived in the City of Philadelphia or the State of New York in the last ten years, please fill out their mental health form(s) and upload the form(s) to your application. Those forms are located on our NJSP website and available at the following link. <https://njsp.njoag.gov/concealed-carry-permit/>

Background Check: All Concealed Carry Permit Applications are subject to an up-to-date background check to ensure that the applicant is not subject to any of the disabilities set forth in statute 2C:58-3(c)(1-15). Every application is subject to an extensive background check and both initial and renewal applications require the same series of investigative checks to be processed completely.

Police Departments have different amounts of responsibilities, and a different number of applications assigned to them depending on the area that they serve. Firearm applications are one of the many responsibilities assigned to Police Departments. Therefore, the backlog varies depending on the emergency services each Police Department is handling as well as the following factors:



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- The number of applications prior to your application.
- Response time from different agencies that are required to be contacted.
- Criminal, civil, and mental health issues that need to be properly documented.
- Response time from you, or your references, if there is an issue.

2C:39-10c. “Any person who gives or causes to be given any false information, or signs a fictitious name or address, in applying for a firearms purchaser identification card, a permit to purchase a handgun, a permit to carry a handgun, a permit to possess a machine gun, a permit to possess an assault firearm, or in completing the certificate or any other instrument required by law in purchasing or otherwise acquiring delivery of any rifle, shotgun, handgun, machine gun, or assault firearm or any other firearm, is guilty of a crime of the third degree.”

Communication: You will be receiving automated email updates throughout the process. (Confirmation email, emails about the completion of reference questionnaires, and approval/denial/withdrawn email). You may also receive emails from the Police Department handling your application for specific items or additional documents to be completed. **It is essential you check your email regularly, as it is used as a means of communication throughout the application process. Please check your junk mail and voice mail as well.** If after attempting to communicate with the applicant and the Police Department does not receive a response, your application will be subject to cancellation without the issuance of a refund.

Contact Information: For questions or issues about your application, contact the Municipal Police Department or the New Jersey State Police Station that provides police assistance to your residential area. After submitting your application online, you will be required to enter payment information. After the payment information is entered, the final page is the confirmation page. The confirmation page, and automatic email from the website after submitting the application, display the Police Department that you applied to that will be processing your application as well as confirmation your application has been submitted. Contact that Police Department that is handling your application for any updates or issues with your application. **If you applied to a Municipal Police Department, your remaining fee is required to be paid before your Municipal Police Department starts processing application. Your application will not be processed or approved until full payment is received which is not paid during the submission of your application.**

Contact Information for New Jersey State Police Stations: If you apply or have applied to a NJSP Station be aware that as of March 2025, applications are no longer processed by personnel assigned to NJSP Stations. Members of the NJSP Firearms Investigation Unit now process the applications submitted



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to NJSP Stations. If you have an issue with your application, please email the station assigned to process your application. If you go to or call an NJSP Station to inquire about your application, you will be advised to email the station assigned to process your application because the personnel assigned to the station will not be able to provide any information about your application. The station firearms specific email accounts are monitored by the NJSP Firearms Investigation Unit personnel assigned to process the station applications. The following link contains contact information for the NJSP Stations that process firearms applications for their jurisdictions. [NJSP Station Emails & ORI List](#). The NJSP contact information is also listed on your confirmation email and confirmation page.

Approved Applications: The automated system will email you once your application is complete. All Concealed Carry Permits are now issued electronically. You will receive access to your Concealed Carry Permit through a link provided to you in your approval email. **Please also check your spam or junk mail folders for emails.** Please download and/or print your ID card. You have access to this link for two years before it expires. If your application has been denied or withdrawn/cancelled, you will also receive an automated email notification.

Helpful Tips/Information: Please make sure to have all relevant documentation, files, and credit card information before you start your application. Please be aware, your session will time out after 15 minutes of inactivity in any of the individual tabs or sections.

How to submit your application: Once you are ready to apply, you can go to [Concealed Carry Permits \(njportal.com\)](#) or copy and paste the following link into the browser.
<https://www.njportal.com/NJSP/ConcealedCarry/>