



STATE OF MAINE  
*Department of Public Safety*  
*Maine State Police*  
*Special Investigations*  
164 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0164



Re 15 M.R.S.A., Section 393:

Before you apply for this permit the following qualification must be met: Five years must have elapsed from the date you were finally discharged from any and all sentences imposed as a result of the conviction or adjudication. Applicable sentences include commitment to juvenile correction or detention facilities, incarceration, probation and supervised release. You are not eligible to apply until you have been finally discharged from such sentences.

If you meet this qualification, submit the enclosed application answering all questions completely. Upon submitting the application, please include certified or attested copies of all documents indicated below.

1. Indictment information, complaint or juvenile petition;
2. Judgment and Commitment of Adjudication;
3. Discharge. The final date of discharge must be certified by the Department of Corrections in writing. The application date must be five (5) years from the final date of discharge;
4. Certified check in the amount of \$25.00, payable to Treasurer, State of Maine.

The documents identified in items 1 and 2 can be obtained from the clerk of the Superior Court of the County in which you were convicted or the clerk of the District Court in which you were adjudicated as a juvenile. Occasionally, adult conviction paperwork may be available through the District Court, if a guilty plea was accepted in that Court.

Upon successful completion of a background investigation by the Maine State Police, and provided there are no objections to your receiving this special permit, an approval letter will be forwarded. This approval letter is not a permit.

Usually, the next step would be for you to send the approval letter along with additional information to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for approval. However, ATF is not processing these applications at this time. We will continue to process our portion of the investigation. If you are approved we will notify you when ATF resumes processing so that you may forward your application to them.

Upon the successful completion of the State process, a partial permit allowing black powder weapons only may be issued. If you qualify for this partial permit and wish to have one issued, please complete the attached form and return it with the application. The black powder muzzle-loading weapon that you intend to possess may not be classified as a "firearm" under federal law. The definition of "firearm" is defined in 18 U.S.C. Chapter 44 Section 921 (a)(3).

If you have any questions about whether the weapon that you intend to possess is considered a firearm under federal law, contact a private attorney or the office of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives at 207-780-3324.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact a member of my staff at 624-7210

Sincerely,

Lt. Scott Ireland  
Maine State Police

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Enclosure