



**STATE OF MAINE**  
**Department of Public Safety**  
**Maine State Police**  
**Weapons and Professional Licensing**



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**TO THE MAINE RESIDENT APPLICANT:**

Please review the copy of the booklet “Laws Relating to permits to Carry Concealed Handguns.”

***Please complete ALL PAGES. Failure to fully complete application could result in delays. Return this entire package to the address above with the following items:***

- Application for a Permit to Carry Concealed Handguns, 6 pgs. *(new and renewal)*
- Authority and Authorization to Release Information forms 3 pgs. *(new and renewal)*
  - Witness signature is anyone over the age of 18.
  - Return **both** forms to address above with application.
- Fee: New applicants \$35.00. Renewal applicants \$20.00. Checks made out to “Treasurer, State of Maine.” See section marked \*\*\* below for details. *(new and renewal)*
- Photo: passport quality photograph: color, approximately 2” x 2” *(new & renewal)*
- Copy of birth certificate, passport, or USCIS document. *(new applicants)*
- Proof of Knowledge of Handgun Safety (HGS) A copy of class certificate completed within the last 5 years or copy of honorable DD214 with basic firearms training. *(new applicants)*

**\*\*\* If your permit is expired over 6 months or you have moved without notifying us within 30 days you are now considered a NEW APPLICANT. Please include all documents outlined above. RENEWAL APPLICANTS can mail in renewals 6 months before expiration date.**

- CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Must be completed within 30 days of move. Mail the following:
  - Page 1 of application with updated address and dates of move.
  - If you are moving from a different issuing agency in Maine include the following documentation for our records (Copy of front & back of current permit; birth certificate or passport; handgun safety or honorable DD214.)
  - Fee: \$2.00. If change of address and renewal coincide, \$2.00 fee is included in renewal fee of \$20.00.
- DUPLICATE: Provided ONLY if your permit has been stolen, lost or damaged.

**SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET TO WEAPONS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING: 164 STATE HOUSE STATION, AUGUSTA, ME 04333.**

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 45 COMMERCE DRIVE, SUITE 1

(207) 624-7210 (Voice)

msp.wplu@maine.gov (Email)

(207) 624-4478 (TDD)

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## STATE OF MAINE CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS

1. **Q: Do I still need to complete the entire application even though I am only renewing?**

A: Yes.

2. **Q: Do I need to complete the last 3 pages of the application?**

A: Yes – These forms are authorizations required for us to conduct background checks. The Witness Signature can be anybody 18 years old or older who knows you.

4. **Q: Can I send in a passport in lieu of a birth certificate?**

A: Yes. Please ensure it is a current/valid passport.

5. **Q: What do you need for a photo and how many do you need?**

A: A color photo, headshot only (head and shoulders), wearing no hat and no sunglasses. This is an ID style photo. We need only 1. If you have a digital camera and a color printer, you can do this at home. We cannot and will not accept a copy of a driver's license or a copy of a passport.

6. **Q: How can I find a handgun safety course?**

A: Ask your local firearms dealer or complete an internet search for your area.

7. **Q: What are your office hours?**

A: Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. excluding holidays.

8. **Q: How do I change my address?**

A: You must update your address within 30 days of moving. Failure to do so voids your permit. You will be considered a NEW applicant on your next application.


a) If you move to another town in which the Maine State Police is still the Issuing Authority, you must fill out page one of the application and send it in with a check/money order for \$2.00.

b) If your current valid permit has been issued by your local police department or town office and you move to a town in which the Maine State Police is the Issuing Authority, you must fill out page one of the application and send it in with a check/money order for \$2.00. We also will require a photo, a copy of your birth certificate/ passport, a copy of your current concealed carry permit and a copy of a handgun safety certificate used to obtain your previous permit. This will allow us to transfer you fully into our system.

9. **Q: If I have more questions that are not covered in this list, where should I look?**

A: Please visit [http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/weapons\\_permits.html](http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/weapons_permits.html) for our Concealed Handguns Booklet and the most current information. You can also call our office at (207) 624-7210.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE

<p>STATE OF MAINE</p> <p>APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CARRY CONCEALED HANDGUN</p>  <p><b>ONLY SELECT ONE</b></p> <p>MAINE RESIDENT    <input type="checkbox"/> NEW (\$35.00)    <input type="checkbox"/> RENEW (\$20.00)</p> <p>NON-RESIDENT    <input type="checkbox"/> NEW (\$60.00)    <input type="checkbox"/> RENEW (\$60.00)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF ADDRESS/ NAME (\$2.00)    <input type="checkbox"/> DUPLICATE (\$2.00)</p>	<p><b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b></p> <p>CHECK# _____</p> <p>LICENSE# _____</p> <p>      ISSUE                _____ DENY</p> <p>DATE: _____</p> <p>EXP. DATE IF ISSUED: _____</p>
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FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIOR LEGAL NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHPLACE: \_\_\_\_\_ CITIZEN:    Y    N

HEIGHT:    FT        IN                WEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ RACE: \_\_\_\_\_

EYE COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX:    M        F

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PH: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PH: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PH: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL PHYSICAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL ADDRESSES YOU HAVE LIVED AT DURING LAST 5 YEARS INCLUDING SEASONAL; MUST LIST MOVE IN AND MOVE OUT DATES; USE ADDITIONAL SHEET OF PAPER IF NEEDED.

	MONTH/YEAR MOVED IN	MONTH/YEAR MOVED OUT

LIST OF PREVIOUSLY ISSUED PERMITS TO CARRY CONCEALED HANDGUNS OR OTHER CONCEALED WEAPONS BY ANY ISSUING AUTHORITY IN MAINE OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. For each permit previously issued, please identify the issuing authority (e.g. Massachusetts State Police; Portland P.D.; Town of Shapleigh, Selectmen) and the date the permit was issued.

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LIST OF PREVIOUS REFUSALS TO ISSUE PERMIT TO CARRY CONCEALED HANDGUNS OR OTHER CONCEALED WEAPONS BY ANY ISSUING AUTHORITY IN MAINE OR IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. For each refusal of a permit, please identify the agency that refused to issue the permit, and the date of refusal. (Include Explanations)

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LIST OF PREVIOUS REVOCATIONS OR SUSPENSIONS OF HANDGUNS PERMITS OR PERMITS TO CARRY CONCEALED HANDGUNS OR OTHER CONCEALED WEAPONS BY ANY ISSUING AUTHORITY IN MAINE OR IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. For each revocation, please identify the agency or authority that revoked the permit and the date it was revoked or suspended. (Include Explanations)

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**CIRCLE APPROPRIATE ANSWER AFTER EACH QUESTION.**

- a. Are you less than 18 years of age? ----- YES NO
- b. Is there a formal charging instrument now pending against you in this state for a crime under the laws of this state that is punishable by imprisonment for a term of one year or more? ----- YES NO
- c. Is there a formal charging instrument now pending against you in any federal court for a crime under the laws of the United States that is punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year? ----- YES NO
- d. Is there a formal charging instrument now pending against you in another state for a crime that, under the laws of the that state, is punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year? ----- YES NO
- e. If your answer to question (d) is “yes”, is that charged crime classified under the laws of that state as a misdemeanor punishable by a term of imprisonment of 2 years or less? ----- YES NO N/A
- f. Is there a formal charging instrument pending against you in another state for a crime punishable in that state by a term of imprisonment of 2 years or less and classified by that state as a misdemeanor, but that is substantially similar to a crime that under the laws of this State punishable by imprisonment for a term of one year or more?----- YES NO
- g. Is there a formal charging instrument now pending against you under the laws of the United States, this State or any other state or the Passamaquoddy Tribe or Penobscot Nation in a proceeding in which the prosecuting authority has pleaded that you committed the crime with the use of a Handgun against a person or with the use of a dangerous weapon as defined in Title 17-A, M.R.S.A. § 2 (9) (A)? ----- YES NO
- h. Is there a formal charging instrument now pending against you in this or any other jurisdiction for a juvenile offense that, if committed by an adult, would be a crime described in question (b), (c), (d) or (f) and involves bodily injury or threatened bodily injury against another person? ----- YES NO
- i. Is there a formal charging instrument now pending against you in this or any other jurisdiction for a juvenile offense that, if committed by an adult, would be a crime described in question (g)? ----- YES NO
- j. Is there a formal charging instrument now pending against you in this or any other jurisdiction for a juvenile offense that, if committed by an adult, would be a crime described in question (b), (c), (d) or (f), but does not involve bodily injury or threatened bodily injury against another person? ----- YES NO
- k. Have you ever been convicted of committing or found not criminally responsible by reason of insanity or mental disease or defect of committing a crime described in question (b), (c), (f) or (g)? ----- YES NO
- l. Have you ever been convicted of committing or found not criminally responsible by reason of insanity or mental disease or defect of committing a crime described in question (d)? ----- YES NO

- m. If your answer to question (l) is "yes," was that crime classified under the laws of that state as a misdemeanor punishable by a term of imprisonment of 2 years or less?----- YES NO N/A
- n. Have you ever been adjudicated as having committed a juvenile offense described in question (h) or (i)? ----- YES NO
- o. Have you ever been adjudicated as having committed a juvenile offense described in question (j)? ----- YES NO
- p. Are you currently subject to an order of a Maine court or an order of a court of the United States or another state, territory, commonwealth or tribe that restrains you from harassing, stalking or threatening your intimate partner, as defined in 18 United States Code, Section 921(a), or a child of your intimate partner, or from engaging in other conduct that would place your intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury to that intimate partner or the child? ----- YES NO
- q. Are you a fugitive from justice? ----- YES NO
- r. Are you a drug abuser, drug addict or drug dependent person? ----- YES NO
- s. Do you have a mental disorder that causes you to be potentially dangerous to yourself or others? ----- YES NO
- t. Have you been adjudicated to be an incapacitated person pursuant to Title 18-A, Article V, Parts 3 and 4, and not had that designation removed by an order under Title 18-A, M.R.S.A. §5-307(b)? [Termination of incapacity, Probate Code; protection of persons under disability and their property] ----- YES NO
- u. Have you been dishonorably discharged from the military forces within the past 5 years? --- YES NO
- v. Are you an illegal alien? ----- YES NO
- w. Have you been convicted in a Maine court of a violation of Title 17-A, M.R.S.A. § 1057 [possession of a Handgun in an establishment licensed for on-premises consumption of liquor] within the past five (5) years? ----- YES NO
- x. Have you been adjudicated in a Maine court within the past five (5) years as having committed a juvenile offense involving conduct that, if committed by an adult, would be a violation of Title 17-A, M.R.S.A. § 1057 [criminal possession of a Handgun in an establishment licensed for on-premises consumption of liquor]? ----- YES NO
- y. To your knowledge, have you been the subject of an investigation by any law enforcement agency within the past 5 years regarding the alleged abuse by you of family or household members?----- YES NO
- z. Have you been convicted in any jurisdiction within the past 5 years of 3 or more crimes punishable by a term of imprisonment of less than one year or of crimes classified under the laws of a state as a misdemeanor and punishable by a term of imprisonment of 2 years or less? ----- YES NO

- aa. Have you been adjudicated in any jurisdiction within the past 5 years to have committed 3 or more juvenile offenses described in question (o)?----- YES NO
- bb. To your knowledge, have you engaged within the past 5 years in reckless or negligent conduct [as defined at 25 M.R.S.A. § 2002(11)] that has been the subject of an investigation by a governmental entity? ----- YES NO
- cc. Have you been convicted in a Maine court within the past 5 years of any Title 17-A, chapter 45 drug crime? ----- YES NO
- dd. Have you been adjudicated in a Maine court within the past 5 years as having committed a juvenile offense involving conduct that, if committed by an adult, would have been a violation of Title 17-A, chapter 45? [Drug offenses] ----- YES NO
- ee. Have you been adjudged in a Maine court to have committed the civil violation of possession of a useable amount of marijuana, butyl nitrite or isobutyl nitrite in violation of Title 22 M.R.S.A. § 2383 within the past 5 years? ----- YES NO
- ff. Have you been adjudicated in a juvenile crime defined in Title 15 M.R.S.A. § 3103 (1) (B) of possession of a useable amount of marijuana, as provided in Title 22 M.R.S.A. § 2383?----- YES NO

**READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING APPLICATION  
BY AFFIXING YOUR SIGNATURE BELOW AS THE APPLICANT YOU:**

- A. Certify that the statements you have made on this application and any documents you make a part of this application, are true and correct.
- A-1. Certify that you understand that a “yes” answer to question (l) or (o) above is cause for refusal unless you are authorized to possess a Handgun under Title 15 M.R.S.A. § 393.
- A-2. Certify that you understand that a “yes” answer to question (p) is cause for refusal if the order of the court meets the preconditions contained in Title 15, M.R.S.A. § 393 (1) (D). If the order of the court does not meet the preconditions, the conduct underlying the order may be used by the issuing authority, along with other information, in judging good moral character under 25 M.R.S.A. § 2003 (4).
- B. Certify that you understand that a “yes” answer to question number (a), (k), (n), or any of the questions numbered (q) through (x) above is cause for refusal.
- B-1. Certify that you understand that a “yes” answer to one or more of the questions numbered (b) through (j), (m), (y), (z), or (aa) to (ff) above will be used by this issuing authority, along with other information, in judging good moral character under Title 25 M.R.S.A. § 2003(4).
- C. Certify that you will, that at the request of this issuing authority, take whatever action is required of you by law to allow this issuing authority to obtain from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (limited to records of patient committals to Riverview Psychiatric Center and Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center), the courts, law enforcement agencies, the military, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and any prior issuing authority in this State or any other jurisdiction with which you have been involved, information relevant to the following:

- (1) The determination as to whether the information supplied on the application or any documents made apart of the application is true and correct;
- (2) The determination as to whether each of the additional requirements of Title 25 M.R.S.A. § 2003 has been met;
- (3) The determination as to whether, if you are currently a permit holder, such permit must be revoked under Title 25 M.R.S.A. § 2005; and
- (4) The determination as to whether, if you are otherwise eligible and reapplying following an earlier revocation of a permit, you are eligible to do so under Title 25 M.R.S.A. § 2005 or Title 17-A M.R.S.A. § 1057.

- D. Certify that you understand that if fingerprints are required by this issuing authority in order to resolve any questions as to your identity, you will submit to being fingerprinted.
- E. Certify that you understand that if a photograph is an integral part of the permit to carry concealed Handguns adopted by this issuing authority, you will submit to being photographed for that purpose.
- F. Certify that you understand that you must demonstrate to this issuing authority a knowledge of handgun safety as required by Title 25 M.R.S.A. § 2003 (1) (E) (5), unless you demonstrate that you are exempted under that same statute.
- G. Certify that you have received a copy of the pamphlet entitled “LAWS RELATING TO PERMITS TO CARRY CONCEALED HANDGUNS” (2016 edition).
- H. I understand that any false statements I make in this application or documents I make a part of this application may result in criminal prosecution pursuant to 25 M.R.S.A. § 2004 (1) and/or 17-A M.R.S.A. § 453, unsworn falsification.

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Your Signature as Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED COMPLETELY AND THE APPLICATION FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED.



**AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR A CONCEALED FIREARM PERMIT**

PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

ALIAS AND/OR PRIOR NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to 25 MRSA §2003 (1)(E)(1), I authorize the **Riverview Psychiatric Center** and the **Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center** of the Department of Health and Human Services to disclose any record of whether I have ever been committed to the Riverview Psychiatric Center or the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center to the issuing authority:

Issuing Authority (individual): Col. William G. Ross, c/o Lt. Mathew R. Casavant

Issuing Authority (organization): Maine State Police Weapons & Professional Licensing

Mailing Address: 164 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333

Issuing Authority Fax#: 207-287-3424; Telephone # to verify receipt of fax: 207-624-7210

**I understand that the information requested is protected by law and cannot be released without my written permission, unless otherwise specifically permitted by law. I understand that I have the right to review information and material prior to its release. I understand I have the right to revoke this authorization in writing at any time by contacting the issuing authority identified above. I understand that my refusal to sign this release will cause my application for a concealed firearm permit to be rejected. I understand that if the issuing authority receives an affirmative response to its inquiry, I may be asked to authorize the release of additional information to determine my eligibility for a concealed firearm permit. Information disclosed to the issuing authority pursuant to this release is confidential pursuant to 25 MRSA § 2006.**

This authorization is effective for ninety (90) days following the date of my signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT:**

**Return this form to the issuing authority with your permit application. Witness signature is anyone over the age of 18. DO NOT mail directly to Riverview or Dorothea Dix.**

**ISSUING AUTHORITY ONLY:** Send completed form to Riverview Psychiatric Center (RPC) **AND** to Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center (DDPC) by **one** of the following means:

1. Scan form and send via **e-mail** to: RPC: [RiverviewMedicalRecords@maine.gov](mailto:RiverviewMedicalRecords@maine.gov); and DDPC: [DorotheaDixMedicalRecords@maine.gov](mailto:DorotheaDixMedicalRecords@maine.gov)
2. **Fax** form to: RPC: (207) 287-7127; and DDPC: (207) 941-4029
3. **Mail** the form, with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: RPC: 250 Arsenal St., Augusta, ME 04330, Attn. Health Information; and DDPC: PO Box 926, Bangor, ME 04401, Attn. Medical Records.

**AUTHORITY TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO THE ISSUING AUTHORITY FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF EVALUATING INFORMATION SUPPLIED ON MY APPLICATION FOR A  
CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT UNDER 25 M.R.S., CHAPTER 252.**

**TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING COURTS, BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT  
THE STATE OF MAINE:**

**I hereby authorize and direct you to release to the issuing authority or its representative any information in  
your possession or control concerning me pertaining to the following:**

- (1) conviction data;**
- (2) any criminal matter in which a formal charging instrument is now pending;**
- (3) adjudication data relating to any juvenile offenses which involves conduct which, if committed by  
an adult, would be a crime;**
- (4) any juvenile matter in which a formal charging instrument is now pending involving any juvenile  
offense described in (3) above;**
- (5) fugitive from justice status;**
- (6) incidents of abuse of family or household members within the past five years;**
- (7) drug abuse, drug addiction or drug dependency;**
- (8) adjudication as an incapacitated person;**
- (9) any mental disorder that causes me to be potentially dangerous to myself or others;**
- (10) reckless or negligent conduct as defined by 25 M.R.S. § 2002(11) within the past five years;**
- (11) information of record indicating that I have been convicted of or adjudicated as having committed  
a violation of Title 17-A, chapter 45 or Title 22, section 2383, or adjudicated as having committed a  
juvenile crime that is a violation of Title 22, section 2383 or a juvenile crime that would be defined  
as a criminal violation under Title 17-A, chapter 45 if committed by an adult; and**
- (12) whether I am currently subject to an order of a Maine court or an order of a court of the United  
States or another state, territory, commonwealth or tribe that restrains me from harassing, stalking  
or threatening an intimate partner, as defined in 18 United States Code, Section 921(a), or a child of  
an intimate partner, or from engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner in  
reasonable fear of bodily injury to that intimate partner or the child.**

**TO ALL PRIOR ISSUING AUTHORITIES, BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE STATE OF MAINE:**

**I hereby authorize and direct you to release to the issuing authority or its representative any information of  
record in your possession or control concerning me pertaining to any previous refusal to issue or revocation of a  
permit to carry handguns or firearms, or other weapons.**

**TO ALL MILITARY FORCES, BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL:**

I hereby authorize and direct you to release to the issuing authority named below or its representative any information in your possession or control concerning me pertaining to a dishonorable discharge from the military forces within the past 5 years.

**TO THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES:**

I hereby authorize and direct you to release to the issuing authority or its representative any information in your possession or control concerning me pertaining to my status as an illegal alien.

**TO ALL ABOVE-ADDRESSED GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:**

I hereby authorize and direct you to release to the issuing authority named below or its representative any information in your possession or control concerning me pertaining to the following:

- (1) my full name;
- (2) my full current address and address for the prior 5 years;
- (3) the date and place of my birth and my physical description;
- (4) my signature.

Should there be any question to the validity of this release, you may contact me at the address and/or the telephone number listed below.

<b>DATE:</b>	
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<b>APPLICANT'S FULL NAME:</b> (Typed or printed)	
<b>APPLICANT'S FULL NAME:</b> (Signature)	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH OF APPLICANT:</b>	

<b>Mailing Address of Applicant:</b>	
<b>Telephone Number of Applicant:</b>	

Maine State Police Weapons and Professional Licensing <b>ISSUING AUTHORITY (Organization)</b>	Col. William G. Ross, c/o Lt. Mathew R. Casavant <b>ISSUING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE (Name)</b>
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**INFORMATION OBTAINED PURSUANT TO THIS RELEASE IS CONFIDENTIAL TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY 25 M.R.S. § 2006 AND MAY NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION OR COPYING BY THE ISSUING AUTHORITY UNLESS THE CONFIDENTIALITY IS WAIVED BY THIS APPLICANT BY WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE ISSUING AUTHORITY.**

**THIS ORIGINAL RELEASE, AND ANY COPIES, ARE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT.**