

## Firearms FAQ, facts and requirements.

- What are the requirements to purchase a rifle?
  - o Persons wanting to purchase rifles (including black powder, BB and pellet) and shotguns need to apply for a Firearms Identification card. Must be 18 years old.
- What are the requirements to purchase a handgun?
  - o Persons wanting to purchase a handgun (including bb gun) or handgun frame must apply for a Permit to Purchase a Handgun. Must be 21 years old.
- What are the requirements to apply for all applicants?
  - o Can never have been convicted of any degree crime in NJ or the equivalent of such crimes in any other state that has not been expunged or sealed.
  - o Must not be a habitual drunkard, cannot be an alcoholic, must not be drug dependant, must not currently - or have ever been - confined for a mental disorder.
  - o Must not falsify any information on application, must not be prohibited from possessing weapons or ID card from a court order, must not have any physical defect that would make it unsafe to handle a firearm,
- Can I get a permit to carry a weapon?
  - o Anyone wishing to apply for a Permit to Carry needs to call or email the firearms investigator for details regarding the same.
- Can I apply for a NJ Firearms ID Card or permit to purchase a handgun if I live out of state?
  - o If you live outside of New Jersey and want a Firearms ID card you may apply at your closest NJ State Police barracks. You may NOT apply for a permit to purchase a handgun in New Jersey.
  - o If you have dual-residence, refer to where you pay income tax and/or vote for home state.
- Can I apply for a NJ Firearms ID Card or permit to purchase a handgun if I am not a US citizen?
  - o If you are not a citizen of the United States you may still apply for an ID card or permit to purchase a handgun.
- Where can I purchase a weapon?
  - o You may purchase weapons at any federally or state licensed gun shop within New Jersey or any private citizen.
- Can I purchase a weapon outside of NJ?

- You may not purchase any weapons from any person or shop outside of New Jersey. If you desire a weapon for sale out of state, that weapon would have to be transferred or sold to a federally licensed dealer in NJ for you to then purchase from them.
- What do I need to do if I purchase or am given/willed a long-arm from a private citizen?
  - If you purchase a long-arm from a private citizen you will need to complete a Certificate of Eligibility which can be found on the State Police website or at your local PD.
- What do I need to do if I purchase or am given/willed a handgun from a private citizen
  - To purchase a handgun from a business or person you need a Permit to Purchase Handgun
- Can I borrow a gun?
  - In NJ you may borrow a gun for hunting from the owner of that weapon for a period of no more than 8 consecutive hours in a 24 hour period, you must not be restricted by any of the requirements that would not allow you to purchase a weapon yourself, the owner must remain in close proximity to you and the weapon at all times.
- What are the laws regarding assault weapons?
  - Assault weapons as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1w are prohibited in New Jersey at all times. You must apply to your County Prosecutor's Office for a permit to obtain assault weapons. For more details as to what is an assault weapon you may call or email the firearms investigator, check the NJSP website, or review the aforementioned statute available online.
- What are the laws regarding high capacity magazines?
  - High-capacity magazines are illegal unless there is a permanent block welded or similar to comply with the law, high-capacity is a magazine that holds 16 or more rounds.
- Not all requirements are detailed here and not all questions answered, if you have any concerns or questions feel free to call or email the firearms investigator who will get back to you in a timely manner.