



This letter will acquaint you with the Concealed Weapon Permit application process and the basic requirements for obtaining a concealed weapon permit.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Good Cause:

You must have good cause to obtain a concealed weapon permit. Good Cause is defined as:

A set of circumstances that distinguishes the applicant from the mainstream and causes him or her to be placed in harm's way. Simply fearing for one's personal safety alone is not considered good cause.

2. Residence and Age:

You must reside and maintain residency in the City of Fresno. You must be over 21 years of age.

3. Prohibited Persons:

Persons convicted of certain criminal offenses or with a history of certain mental problems are prohibited by law from obtaining a concealed weapon permit. These offenses are listed in the application attachments.

4. Good Moral Character:

You must be of good moral character. Applicants, at minimum, must have no criminal convictions within the past 10 years of a crime involving moral turpitude, have no history of alcohol or drug abuse and have no dishonorable discharge from military service.

5. Training and Qualifications:

- 1) Instruction on firearm handling and shooting technique and to include a demonstration by the applicant of the shooting proficiency and safe handling of each firearm the applicant will be licensed to carry and to include live-fire exercises conducted on a firing range.
- 2) The course of fire will be a minimum of 100 rounds fired from distances that include 3, 5, and 7 yards. The minimum passing score will be 75% within the target area of 12x16 inches.
- 3) The laws regarding the use of a firearm and the carrying of a concealed handgun.

Applicants must provide proof of having completed an approved handgun-training course with the Instructor prior to the issuance of a CCW permit. The Instructors D.O.J. certification number must be affixed to the certificate. An instructor certified by the State of California must complete the training course. *The Basic Safety Course involving a test or the viewing of a video does not meet the training requirement.*

Training requirements for new applicants are that the course of training include:

A course of fire with a minimum of 100 rounds, fired from distances that include 3, 5 and 7 yards. The passing score will be 75% within the target area of 12x16 inches.

6. Letter from Employer:

If the applicant states that good cause for obtaining a concealed weapon permit is related to his/her employment, the applicant must provide a letter from the employer authorizing the applicant to carry a concealed weapon during the course of his/her employment.

7. Conditions:

Certain conditions will be placed on the carrying of concealed weapons. These conditions are described in the attached Department Policy Statement.

8. Fees:

The Fresno Police Department will charge a non-refundable \$20.00 application fee at the time the initial application is received. Once a determination has been made that the applicant has met the good cause requirements, a non-refundable fee of \$93.00 will be due for processing the applicant's fingerprints as part of a criminal background investigation. A final non-refundable fee of \$80 is due at the time of issuance of a CCW permit by the Fresno Police Department. All fees are payable to the City of Fresno by cashier's check or money order.

9. Hold Harmless Agreement:

Applicants must complete a hold harmless agreement specifically naming the Chief of Police, the Fresno Police Department and the City of Fresno.

10. Renewals:

A concealed weapon permit is valid for two -year. The permit must be renewed bi-annually to remain valid. The applicant will show evidence of successful completion of the required course of training, (Minimum of four hours & 50 rounds fired), which involves a certified course of instruction by an instructor certified by the State of California. The Instructors D.O.J. certification number must be affixed to the certificate. The applicant must demonstrate good cause still exist.

A non-refundable fee of \$25.00, payable to the City of Fresno by cashier's check or money order, is due at the time of renewal. In addition, the State Department of Justice charges a non-refundable fee of \$52.00 for the concealed weapon permit renewal and payable to the California Department of Justice by cashier's check or money order at the time of renewal.

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Modification of License Form (Amendments):

A change of name, address, addition or deletion of a weapon, or other changes to the concealed weapon permit is considered a modification or amendment. A non-refundable fee of \$10.00 is payable by cashier's check or money order at the time of the modification or amendment.

PROCESS

1. Application:

Applicants are to complete the California Department of Justice Standard Application form. **WARNING: IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION ON AN APPLICATION TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON.**

The completed form must be returned in person to the Concealed Weapons Permit Office. Please call the CCW Coordinator at (559) 621-6562 for an appointment to return the form.

2. Good Cause Determination:

An investigation will be conducted into your statement of good cause. If a determination is made that you do not meet the good cause requirement, your application will be denied and you will be notified in writing. If you meet the good cause requirement, you will be requested to appear at the Concealed Weapon Permits Office to continue the application process.

3. Fingerprints:

You will be required to have your fingerprints Live Scanned at any business that processes Live Scan fingerprinting. At that time, you will be required to pay a fingerprint scanning fee to the business.

4. Criminal History:

Your fingerprints will be Live Scanned to the State of California Department of Justice where your background will be checked to determine if you are free from those criminal offenses that would prohibit you from acquiring a concealed weapon permit.

A permit cannot be issued until clearance from the Department of Justice is received.

5. Background Check:

The Fresno Police Department will conduct a background investigation to verify the information on your application and to determine if you meet the good moral character requirement.

6. Training and Qualification:

You must provide evidence of having met this requirement before a permit will be issued.

7. Handgun Requirements

Other than new handguns purchased through a State of California authorized licensed gun dealers, you must provide documented proof the weapon to be carried is a *safe handgun* and that you have qualified with the weapon to be carried.

The weapon must be checked by a California Department of Justice approved range master or armorer.

8. Permit Issuance:

If you have met all requirements for a concealed weapon permit, you will be asked to respond in person to the Concealed Weapon Permits Coordinator's in order to receive your permit.