



Obtaining Your Concealed Carry Permit for Kentucky

Once you have earned a certificate of completion, there are a few more steps to obtain your permit to carry in Kentucky. This document will cover resident and non-resident applications, the materials you will need, where and how to apply, state reciprocity, and links to Kentucky laws and guidelines.

Is a Concealed Carry Permit Required in Kentucky?

Kentucky state laws previously required residents who wished to concealed carry to get a permit. Kentucky is now one of the states that does not require you to have a permit.

However, if you wish to concealed carry in another state, it is recommended that you apply for a Kentucky concealed carry permit. Several states including: Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming recognize your Kentucky concealed carry permit. Kentucky State Police recommend you contact local law enforcement before traveling to discover if their concealed carry laws differ.

Steps to Acquire a Kentucky Concealed Carry Permit

To qualify you must:

- Be at least 21
- Be a US citizen residing in Kentucky or a member of the armed forces stationed in Kentucky.
- Demonstrate competence with a firearm by successful completion of a firearms safety or training course offered or approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Training.



Next Steps

Having completed a firearms safety course, you can download an application for a Kentucky concealed carry license or obtain one from the local sheriff's office.

There is a \$60 application fee. Twenty dollars of that goes to the local sheriff's office. Forty dollars in a check made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer goes with your application for processing. The Kentucky State Police will receive the application including:

- Your name, address, Date of Birth, Gender, and Social Security Number.
- An acceptable color photograph not smaller than 3 ½" x 4".
- A copy of your certificate of successful completion of a state approved firearms training course.
- A signed affidavit attesting to the accuracy of the information you have submitted.

The processing of your application includes a background check.

If you apply by mail expect to wait sixty days for your concealed carry permit to be processed and mailed to you. If you apply online, processing occurs in fifteen days.

You will be mailed a renewal notice at least 120 days before your concealed carry permit expires.

What About Non-Residents?

Permits are not available to non-residents but since Kentucky is now a permitless state, non-residents may concealed carry there.

Documents Needed

- Completed, signed, and notarized application form
- Certificate of successful completion of firearms training certificate
- An acceptable color photograph not smaller than 3 ½" x 4".
- Current Kentucky driver's license, military card, or Nebraska-issued photo ID.
- Proof of citizenship (e.g., passport, birth certificate, certificate of citizenship from immigration authorities, or a current or expired U.S. passport).



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State Reciprocity

Acquiring a concealed carry permit allows you to every day carry a concealed weapon in Kentucky. Moreover, if another state you choose to visit has a reciprocity agreement under Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation with the state of Indiana, your Kentucky concealed carry weapon permit allows you to carry in those states as well. To find out which states recognize your Kentucky concealed carry permit, click on:

<https://kentuckystatepolice.org/ccdw/ccdw-home/ccdw-reciprocity/>.

Resident and Non-Resident Application

Some states have different requirements and guidelines for Resident and non-resident concealed carry permits.

Residents

Concealed weapons permits are processed at the state level by the Kentucky State Police.

1. Complete a weapons safety and training course in person or online at a Kentucky-approved facility or website.
2. Obtain a certificate of completion of the course.
3. Pick up an application form at your local office of the Kentucky State Police.
4. Fill out the two-page application form
5. Call to schedule an appointment **502-782-9781**.
6. Present the application and necessary documentation **in person** to the nearest Kentucky State Police office.
7. Include the following documents with your application:
 - Completed, signed, and notarized application form
 - Certificate of successful completion of firearms training certificate
 - Current Kentucky driver's license, military card, or Kentucky-issued photo ID.
 - Proof of citizenship (e.g., passport, birth certificate, certificate of citizenship from immigration authorities, or a current or expired U.S. passport).
 - Permit fee of \$60.



Non-Residents

Kentucky non-residents and residents can apply for the Virginia Non-resident Concealed Handgun Permit to qualify for their CCW training. Kentucky requires the course be a state-approved provider.

For more answers, click on: <http://kentuckystatepolice.org/ccdw/ccdw-home/ccdw-faqs/>