



Obtaining Your Concealed Carry Permit for Minnesota

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

Is a Concealed Carry Permit Required in Minnesota?

Minnesota is a “shall issue” state. You need a Minnesota Permit to Carry a Pistol (PCP) or a concealed carry permit from a state Minnesota honors.

Steps to Acquire a Minnesota Concealed Carry Permit

To qualify you must:

- Be at least 21 years old.
- Be eligible to possess a firearm under Minnesota Statute [624.714](#).
- Not be listed in the state’s criminal gang investigation system.
- Be a resident of the county from which you are requesting a permit.
- Provide certificate of completed Minnesota-authorized firearms training. Training by a certified instructor must be completed within one year of original or renewal application. Click here to check (<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/bca-divisions/administrative/Pages/firearms-instructor-locator.aspx>).

Include the following documents:

- A current Minnesota driver’s license or Minnesota-issued ID or Passport (or a legible photocopy)
- A current certificate of completion of a [Minnesota Permit to Carry Class](#) taught by a BCA certified instructor click here to check: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/bca-divisions/administrative/Pages/firearms-instructor-locator.aspx>



- Download an application here <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/bca-divisions/administrative/Documents/Permit-to-Carry-a-Pistol-Application.pdf> or pick one up from your local sheriff's office. Check on sheriff's office locations here <https://mnfirearms.com/applications>.
- Completely fill out the application.
- Applications may take up to thirty days for approval.
- A Minnesota Permit to Carry is valid for 5 years.
- Payment in cash, credit card, money order or certified check. The fee will be determined by the local sheriff's office not to exceed \$100.

State Reciprocity

Acquiring a concealed carry permit allows you to every day carry a concealed weapon in Minnesota. Moreover, if another state you choose to visit has a reciprocity agreement under Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation with the state of Minnesota, your CCW permit will be accepted there; To find out which states recognize your Minnesota concealed carry permit, click on:

https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/resources/ccw_reciprocity_map/mn-gun-laws/#recStates.

Resident and Non-Resident Application

Some states have different requirements and guidelines for resident and non-resident concealed carry permits. In Minnesota, both resident and non-resident permits are available.

Residents

You must apply in person, in the county of your residence. Mailed applications are NOT accepted. You can download an application form here:

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/bca-divisions/administrative/Documents/Permit-to-Carry-a-Pistol-Application.pdf>.

1. Complete a weapons safety and training course in person or online at a Minnesota-approved facility or website.
2. Obtain a certificate of completion of the course.
3. Download application here (<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/bca-divisions/administrative/Documents/Permit-to-Carry-a-Pistol-Application.pdf>) or pick up an application form from your county sheriff's



office. To check the location of your county sheriff, click here:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/safety/driver-services/locations.html>.

4. Include the following documents:

- Current Minnesota driver's license, state issued ID or Passport (or a legible photo copy).
- Current certificate of completion of a [Minnesota Permit to Carry Class](#) taught by a BCA certified instructor (these certificates are valid for one year from the date it was issued).
- **Do not sign your application until you are at the Sheriff's office.**

5. Once the application process is complete, the examiner will provide written instructions on fingerprint registration. You may register online or by telephone and schedule your appointment time and location. You must be fingerprinted after your visit to the driver license station, even if you have been fingerprinted in the past and have top level security clearance. Completed, signed, and notarized application form

Non-Residents

Minnesota non-residents may apply for a non-resident concealed carry permit at any sheriff's office. The same rules apply as for residents. However, non-residents may also apply for the Virginia Non-Resident Concealed Handgun Permit to qualify for their CCW training.

How to Apply for a Virginia Non-Resident Permit

To apply for your Virginia non-resident permit visit:

http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Firearms_NonresidentConcealed.shtm

or go to www.vsp.state.va.us.

1. Complete firearms training course at an accredited sight like National Carry Academy (<http://nationalcarryacademy.com>).
2. Download and print a certificate of successful completion.
3. Apply to Virginia website. See (<http://nationalcarryacademy.com>). For details.
4. If you have questions, contact the state of Virginia (www.vsp.state.va.us).

Click on "firearms/concealed handguns".

Click on the "Nonresident Concealed Handgun Permits" link.

This will bring you to a page that details the application process.



Begin the application process immediately by downloading the checklist of all documents that need to be prepared to make your application.

For more information on Concealed Carry Permits in Minnesota, visit <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/bca-divisions/administrative/Pages/Permit-to-Carry-FAQ.aspx>.

Congratulations on your decision to get a Minnesota concealed carry permit. I hope this email has been informative. If we can be of further assistance please contact us at: <http://www.nationalcarryacademy.com> or give us a call at 612.839.1835. We're here to help.