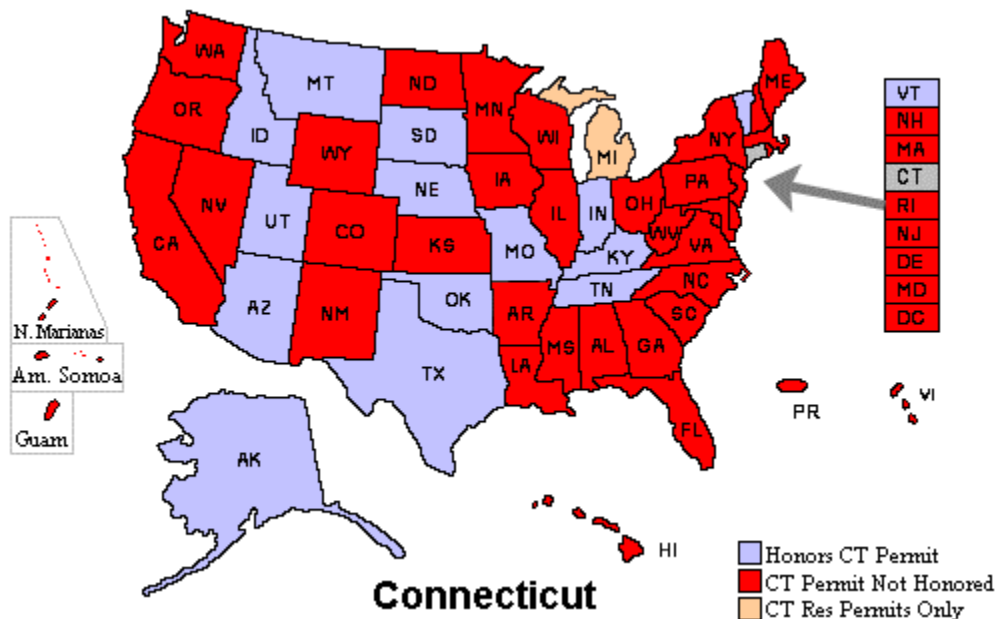


Connecticut

May Issue

Must Inform Officer: **NO**



Links

[State CCW Site](#)

State CCW Pamphlet

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Permits/Licenses This State Honors

Connecticut does not honor any other states permits

How to Apply for A Permit

Residents You must go to the Police Department or First Selectman of the town and get the application. The application has all the instructions necessary to obtain the permit. The cost of the permit is \$70.00, and it generally takes eight weeks to obtain. Then check [“Here”](#) on how to get your state Permit.

Permit is Valid for 5 years.

Cost is \$70.00 for the Temporary Permit. Then \$70.00 for the State Permit. Renewal is \$70.00

Sec. 29-28a. Application for permit. Notice of decision to applicant.

(a) Requests for temporary state permits under section 29-28 shall be submitted to the chief of police, or, where there is no chief of police, to the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the town, as the case may be, on application forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. Upon written request by any person for a temporary state permit not on a prescribed application form, or upon request by any person for such application form, the local authority shall supply such forms. When any such request is made in person at the office of the local authority, the local authority shall supply such application form immediately. When any such request is made in any other manner, the local authority shall supply such application form not later than one week after receiving such request. If such application form is not supplied within the time limits required by this section, the request there for shall constitute a sufficient application. If any local authority fails to supply an application form upon the request of any person, such person may request an application form from the Commissioner of Public Safety or any barracks of the Division of State Police, and the time limits and procedures set forth in this section for handling requests for such forms shall be applicable.

(b) The local authority shall, not later than eight weeks after a sufficient application for a temporary state permit has been made, inform the applicant that such applicant's request for a temporary state permit has

been approved or denied. The local authority shall forward a copy of the application indicating approval or denial of the temporary state permit to the Commissioner of Public Safety. If the local authority has denied the application for a temporary state permit, no state permit may be issued. The commissioner shall, not later than eight weeks after receiving an application indicating approval from the local authority, inform the applicant in writing that the applicant's application for a state permit has been approved or denied, or that the results of the national criminal history records check have not been received. If grounds for denial become known after a temporary state permit has been obtained, the temporary state permit shall be immediately revoked pursuant to section 29-32.

(1963, P.A. 115; P.A. 77-614, S. 486, 610; P.A. 81-342, S. 2; P.A. 84-60; P.A. 01-130, S. 5.)

History: P.A. 77-614 replaced commissioner of state police with commissioner of public safety, effective January 1, 1979; P.A. 81-342 amended Subsec. (a) by adding the provision that a person may request an application from the commissioner of public safety or a state police barracks if the issuing authority fails to supply an application upon request; P.A. 84-60 amended Subsec. (b), extending the notification period for the granting or denial of a permit from six to eight weeks; P.A. 01-130 amended Subsecs. (a) and (b) to substitute "local" authority for "issuing" authority to reflect change from local to state permit and make technical and conforming changes, added provisions re chief of police, warden and first selectman in Subsec. (a) and added provisions re forwarding of copy of application to and notice to applicant from Commissioner of Public Safety in Subsec. (b).

Cited. 193 C. 7, 8, 12, 13.

Cited. 9 CA 169, 171; judgment reversed, see 205 C. 370, 385. Cited. 25 CA 433, 445.

Cited. 42 CS 157, 159.

Subsec. (b):

Time limit is directory provision not mandatory. 42 CS 157, 159-161, 163.

Non-Resident Permits

Application for **State Permit to Carry Pistol and Revolvers** Can be obtained at one of the Pistol Permit locations listed on the instruction sheet DPS-769-C or you can call **(860) 685-8290 to have an application sent to you.** **This form is not available online.** You can also [Email](#) them and they will mail you the forms.

Non Residents Cost is \$70.00 + Approx. \$70.00 for Fingerprints and Back Ground Check.
DPS posts these [Instructions](#) for how to apply.

Connecticut State Pistol Permits Out of State Residents

A legal resident of the United States with a permit or license to carry a pistol or revolver in any state which meets or exceeds the requirements of Connecticut Statute may apply directly to the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit for a Connecticut State Pistol Permit.

The following is mandatory for all applicants:

1. Copy of permit(s) to carry a pistol or revolver (with all information clearly legible)
2. DPS 46 Application Card for State Permit to Carry Pistols and Revolvers
3. DPS 799-C Application Form for non-residents-notarized
4. DPS 129-C with an attached 2 x 2 color photo (passport)-notarized
5. Fingerprint cards-both the blue and green cards with a cashier's check or money order payable to the Department of Public Safety for \$19.25 .
6. Check or money order for \$70.00 payable to DPS 7.

7. Documentation of successfully completing a Firearms Safety course for pistols and revolvers. (The course of instruction required must be (or equivalent to) no less than the NRA "***Basic Pistol Course" which consists of a 10 hour course including at least 50 rounds of live fire, safe firearm handling, firearm parts and operation, ammunition and its function, shooting fundamentals, selection, cleaning and storage of a firearm, etc.)

*** For all courses taken other than "NRA Basic Pistol" Course, an official description of course MUST be included with application. .

8. A copy of citizenship (birth certificate, US passport, voter registration card)
9. Legal Alien Residents need to provide a copy of their Alien Registration card and 90-day proof of residency within their state. If applicable, a copy of naturalization papers should be sent with application.
10. If applicable, include a copy of form DD214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty from military which MUST specifically state "Honorable" discharge.
11. Authorization for Release of personal information (notarized) is optional but may be necessary in processing application.

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED. All documents must include full, legal signature of applicant as appears on citizenship (middle name/initials optional), abbreviations or initials only are not acceptable.

*****INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGES WILL BE RETURNED!!!!*****

Connecticut General Statute Sec 29-28a(b) allows 8 weeks to process an application. Upon receipt of the complete package, the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit will process the fingerprints and perform a background investigation consisting of verification of the application and criminal history check. Upon approval, the state permit will be mailed to the applicant.

Questions can be directed to the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit at the address or numbers below.

Department of Public Safety
Division of State Police
Special Licensing and Firearms Unit
1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, CT 06457
Telephone: (860)685-8494
Fax: (860)685-8496

Note: I found the instructions hard to understand. You will find phone numbers and email address to contact the Connecticut DPS by clicking on Instructions above.

Note: I have found Connecticut to be shall Issue though their law says they may issue. As long as you meet the criteria they will issue you a permit.

Places Off-Limits Even With A Permit/License

Sec. 53a-217b Possession of a weapon on school grounds: Class D felony.

- (a) A person is guilty of possession of a weapon on school grounds when, knowing that he is not licensed or privileged to do so, he possesses a firearm or deadly weapon, as defined in section 53a-3, (1) in or on the real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school or (2) at a school-sponsored activity as defined in subsection (h) of section 10-233a.

Sec. 2-1e (c) Interference with the legislative process; firearms; dangerous or deadly weapons; explosives; felony

Any building in which the chamber of either house of the General Assembly is located or in which the official office of any member, officer or employee of the General Assembly or the office of any committee of the General Assembly or either house thereof is located or any building in which a committee of the General Assembly is holding a public hearing,

Carry In State Parks/State & National Forests/WMA/Road Side Rest Areas

Carry Allowed in these Areas:

State Parks: YES Dept of Environmental Protection [Admin Rule 23-4-1](#)

State/National Forests: YES Dept of Environmental Protection [Admin Rule 23-4-1](#)

WMA's: Unknown NO State Preserves

Road Side Rest Areas: YES per CSP

RV/Car Carry Without A Permit/License

You must have a Permit/License to carry a loaded handgun in any vehicle.

State Preemption

Does not have a preemption law.

Deadly Force Laws

Chapter 951

Sec. 53a-16. Justification as defense.

Sec. 53a-16a. Affirmative defense in certain situations involving firearms; exceptions.

Sec. 53a-16b. Affirmative defense of co-participant to offense with firearm.

Sec. 53a-17. Conduct required or authorized by law or judicial decree.

Sec. 53a-18. Use of reasonable physical force or deadly physical force generally.

Sec. 53a-19. Use of physical force in defense of person.

Sec. 53a-20. Use of physical force in defense of premises.

Sec. 53a-21. Use of physical force in defense of property.

Sec. 53a-22. Use of physical force in making arrest or preventing escape.

Sec. 53a-23. Use of physical force to resist arrest not justified.

Knife Laws State/Cities

To access State/Local Knife Laws Click [“Here”](#)

Carry in Restaurants That Serve Alcohol

YES

Note: What is defined as carry in a restaurant that serves alcohol is a place like Friday's or Red Lobster. This does not mean a bar or the bar area of a restaurant. Handgunlaw.us believes you should never consume alcohol when carrying your firearm. In some states it is illegal to take even one drink while carrying a firearm.

Chemical Sprays/Stun Gun/Higher Capacity Magazine Laws

Stun Guns/Electric Weapons:

Title 53 Chapter 943 Sec. 53-206. Legal for home use, carrying prohibited.

LEOSA State Information

[CT LEOSA Information](#)

Attorney General Opinions/Court Cases

- [Connecticut AG - Castle Doctrine](#)
- [Connecticut AG - Weapons on school grounds](#)

Airport Carry/Misc. Information

Airport Carry: No laws found.

Training Valid for: No set time limit.

Time Period to Establish Residency: Law states: Reside in Jurisdiction

Minimum Age for Permit/License: 21

Permit/License Info Public Information: NO

State Fire arm Laws: 529-29-27 thru 529-29-38 & 943-53-202 thru 943-52-206d

State Deadly Force Laws: 951-53a-16 thru 53a-23

State Knife Laws: 943-53-206

Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws: 53-206

Body Armor Laws: 946-53-341b

Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms? NO Sec. 29-28

Updates to this Page

8/19/09 – All Links checked and repaired if broken.

8/31/09 - NE added as state that honors CT Permit.

9/14/09 – Permit costs updated.

9/23/09 – Note added for Non Residents that Application that still has a live link may no longer be valid.

11/11/09 – Non Resident Permit Section Updated.

11/24/09 - State Park and State/National Forest Carry Updated.