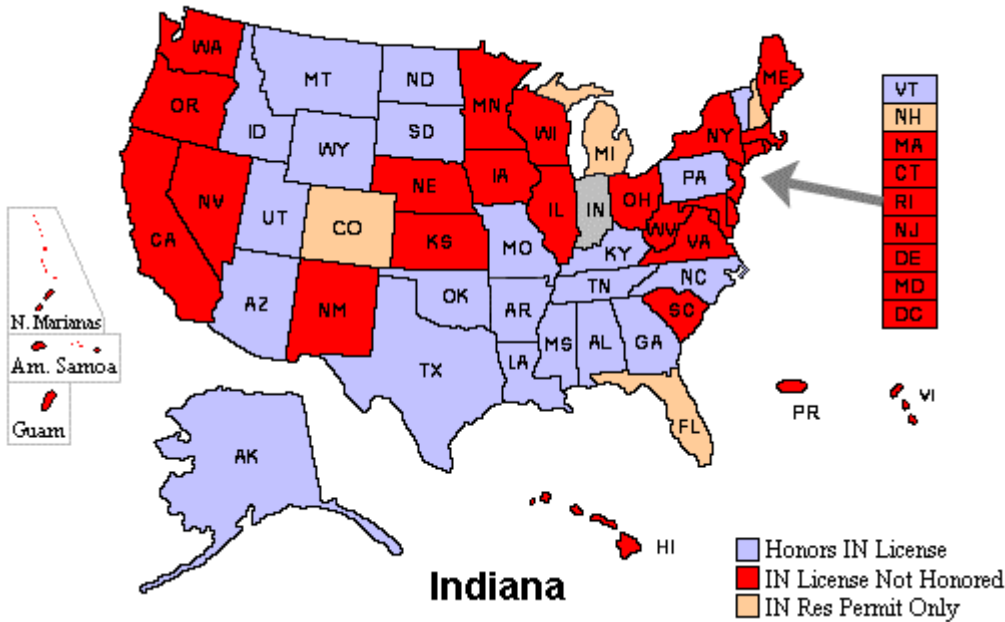


Indiana

Shall Issue

Must Inform Officer: **NO**



Links

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Permits/Licenses This State Honors

Indiana Honors all other states Permit/Licenses.

Note: The Indiana State Police web site is reporting a 404 error when clicking on FAQ's and Reciprocity Info. I have contacted them about this error. I will update those links above when their site is working properly.

Indiana Honors Non-Resident Permits/Licenses

How to Apply for A Permit

You can apply on line by clicking on "CCW Application" in the right column above.

Application Process. From the ISP

The relevant statute is **IC 35-47-2-3**. <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>

The application is really a two part process beginning with a recommendation from your local law enforcement agency and then the application is sent to the Indiana State Police. The Indiana State Police Superintendent is charged with the responsibility of actually issuing the license and administering the licensing program.

If you live in a city or town, then you must begin the application process with the police department in that city or town. If you do not live in a city or town, then you must begin the process with the sheriff of the county in which you reside. The local department will charge a fee at that time; however, another fee will have to be provided to the state when it is forwarded to the State Police. Please see the fee schedule at the bottom of the FAQ page. Please understand that if someone else types your application for you, you are responsible for reviewing and verifying that the information on the application is correct before you sign the application.

Some local departments will mail the application to the Indiana State Police for you and others will have you mail it.

An application is currently composed of three separate documents: 1) the original application, 2) the supplemental application, and 3) a blue FBI applicant fingerprint card.

The first is the application itself, which is composed of three carbonless sheets. The white copy is sent to the state after being completed and signed by the chief of police, town marshal, or sheriff over the jurisdiction in which you reside. The yellow copy is retained by the local agency and the pink copy is your receipt. The class of license you are applying for will actually be selected on the supplemental application.

The supplemental form is one sheet and contains the lifetime handgun license selections and the fee schedule that began July 1, 2006.

Finally a fingerprint card must be completed. Please make sure that all identifiers on the fingerprint card are completed or the application packet will be returned to you.

A money order or certified check made payable to the state of Indiana for the proper amount must be included.

IC 35-47-2-3

Application for license to carry handgun; procedure

Sec. 3. (a) A person desiring a license to carry a handgun shall apply:

(1) to the chief of police or corresponding law enforcement officer of the municipality in which the applicant resides;

(2) if that municipality has no such officer, or if the applicant does not reside in a municipality, to the sheriff of the county in which the applicant resides after the applicant has obtained an application form prescribed by the superintendent; or

(3) if the applicant is a resident of another state and has a regular place of business or employment in Indiana, to the sheriff of the county in which the applicant has a regular place of business or employment. The superintendent and local law enforcement agencies shall allow an applicant desiring to obtain or renew a license to carry a handgun to submit an application electronically under this chapter if funds are available to establish and maintain an electronic application system.

(b) The law enforcement agency which accepts an application for a handgun license shall collect the following application fees:

(1) From a person applying for a four (4) year handgun license, a ten dollar (\$10) application fee, five dollars (\$5) of which shall be refunded if the license is not issued.

(2) From a person applying for a lifetime handgun license who does not currently possess a valid Indiana handgun license, a fifty dollar (\$50) application fee, thirty dollars (\$30) of which shall be refunded if the license is not issued.

(3) From a person applying for a lifetime handgun license who currently possesses a valid Indiana handgun license, a forty dollar (\$40) application fee, thirty dollars (\$30) of which shall be refunded if the license is not issued.

Except as provided in subsection (h), the fee shall be deposited into the law enforcement agency's firearms training fund or other appropriate training activities fund and used by the agency to train law enforcement officers in the proper use of firearms or in other law enforcement duties, or to purchase firearms or firearm related equipment, or both for the law enforcement officers employed by the law enforcement agency. The state board of accounts shall establish rules for the proper accounting and expenditure of funds collected under this subsection.

(c) The officer to whom the application is made shall ascertain the applicant's name, full address, length of residence in the community, whether the applicant's residence is located within the limits of any city or town, the applicant's occupation, place of business or employment, criminal record, if any, and convictions (minor traffic offenses excepted), age, race, sex, nationality, date of birth, citizenship, height, weight, build, color of

hair, color of eyes, scars and marks, whether the applicant has previously held an Indiana license to carry a handgun and, if so, the serial number of the license and year issued, whether the applicant's license has ever been suspended or revoked, and if so, the year and reason for the suspension or revocation, and the applicant's reason for desiring a license. The officer to whom the application is made shall conduct an investigation into the applicant's official records and verify thereby the applicant's character and reputation, and shall in addition verify for accuracy the information contained in the application, and shall forward this information together with the officer's recommendation for approval or disapproval and one (1) set of legible and classifiable fingerprints of the applicant to the superintendent.

(d) The superintendent may make whatever further investigation the superintendent deems necessary. Whenever disapproval is recommended, the officer to whom the application is made shall provide the superintendent and the applicant with the officer's complete and specific reasons, in writing, for the recommendation of disapproval.

(e) If it appears to the superintendent that the applicant:

- (1) has a proper reason for carrying a handgun;
- (2) is of good character and reputation;
- (3) is a proper person to be licensed; and
- (4) is:

(A) a citizen of the United States; or

(B) not a citizen of the United States but is allowed to carry a firearm in the United States under federal law; the superintendent shall issue to the applicant a qualified or an unlimited license to carry any handgun lawfully possessed by the applicant. The original license shall be delivered to the licensee. A copy shall be delivered to the officer to whom the application for license was made. A copy shall be retained by the superintendent for at least four (4) years in the case of a four (4) year license. The superintendent may adopt guidelines to establish a records retention policy for a lifetime license. A four (4) year license shall be valid for a period of four (4) years from the date of issue. A lifetime license is valid for the life of the individual receiving the license. The license of police officers, sheriffs or their deputies, and law enforcement officers of the United States government who have been honorably retired by a lawfully created pension board or its equivalent after twenty (20) or more years of service, shall be valid for the life of these individuals. However, a lifetime license is automatically revoked if the license holder does not remain a proper person.

IC 35-47-2-4

Qualified or unlimited licenses to carry handguns; fees; exemptions from payment of fees

Sec. 4. (a) Licenses to carry handguns shall be either qualified or unlimited, and are valid for:

- (1) four (4) years from the date of issue in the case of a four (4) year license; or
- (2) the life of the individual receiving the license in the case of a lifetime license.

A qualified license shall be issued for hunting and target practice. The superintendent may adopt rules imposing limitations on the use and carrying of handguns under a license when handguns are carried by a licensee as a condition of employment. Unlimited licenses shall be issued for the purpose of the protection of life and property.

(b) In addition to the application fee, the fee for:

(1) a qualified license shall be:

(A) five dollars (\$5) for a four (4) year qualified license;

(B) twenty-five dollars (\$25) for a lifetime qualified license from a person who does not currently possess a valid Indiana handgun license; or

(C) twenty dollars (\$20) for a lifetime qualified license from a person who currently possesses a valid Indiana handgun license; and

(2) an unlimited license shall be:

(A) thirty dollars (\$30) for a four (4) year unlimited license;

(B) seventy-five dollars (\$75) for a lifetime unlimited license from a person who does not currently possess a valid Indiana handgun license; or

(C) sixty dollars (\$60) for a lifetime unlimited license from a person who currently possesses a valid Indiana handgun license.

The superintendent shall charge a twenty dollar (\$20) fee for the issuance of a duplicate license to replace a lost or damaged license. These fees shall be deposited in accordance with subsection (e).

(c) Licensed dealers are exempt from the payment of fees specified in subsection (b) for a qualified license or an unlimited license.

(d) The following officers of this state or the United States who have been honorably retired by a lawfully created pension board or its equivalent after at least twenty (20) years of service or because of a disability are exempt from the payment of fees specified in subsection (b):

- (1) Police officers.
- (2) Sheriffs or their deputies.
- (3) Law enforcement officers.
- (4) Correctional officers

Non-Resident Permits

IC 35-47-2-4

(f) The superintendent may not issue a lifetime qualified license or a lifetime unlimited license to a person who is a resident of another state. The superintendent may issue a four (4) year qualified license or a four (4) year unlimited license to a person who is a resident of another state and who has a regular place of business or employment in Indiana as described in section 3(a)(3) of this chapter.

Note: Apply as directed for Residents. You will have to supply supporting evidence that you have a business or employment in Indiana.

Places Off-Limits Even With A Permit/License

- In or On [School Property](#).
- On A [School Bus](#).
- In or On Property That Is Being Used By a School for [a School Function](#).
- [Private School](#) (IC 20-9.1-1-3) & (IC 35-41-1-24.7).
- [Head Start](#) (IC 35-41-1-24.7)
- [Preschool](#) (IC 35-41-1-24.7).
- [IC 35-47-9-1](#) Allows the carry of firearms by persons permitted to possess and who are transporting a person to or from school or a school function.
- On an [Aircraft](#).
- Controlled Access Areas Of An [Airport](#)
- During Annual [State Fair](#) 80 IAC 4-4-4 (Must lock in Vehicle.)
- [Shipping Port](#) 130 IAC 4-1-8 (Controlled by the Indiana Port Commission)
- A [Riverboat Casino](#).

[68 IAC 1-7-1](#) Weapons on the Riverboat

(d) The riverboat licensee shall provide a secure place to which patrons do not have access to store weapons checked by patrons, off duty law enforcement officers, or off duty federal enforcement officers.

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

Carry Allowed in these Areas:

State Parks: YES DNR Regs

State/National Forests: YES DNR Regs

WMA's: YES DNR Regs

Road Side Rest Areas: YES

RV/Car Carry Without A Permit/License

You can not carry a loaded firearm in any vehicle without a Permit/License.

State Preemption

IC 35-47-11

Chapter 11. Local Regulation of Firearms

IC 35-47-11-1 Applicability of chapter

Sec. 1. (a) Section 2 of this chapter applies to all units (as defined in IC 36-1-2-23). All other sections of this chapter apply to all units other than townships.

(b) This chapter applies only if a statute expressly grants a legislative body the authority to adopt an emergency ordinance under this chapter.

(c) This chapter does not affect the validity of an ordinance adopted before, and in effect on, January 1, 1994.

As added by P.L.140-1994, SEC.13.

IC 35-47-11-2 Regulation of firearms by units other than townships

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding IC 36-1-3, a unit may not regulate in any manner the ownership, possession, sale, transfer, or transportation of firearms (as defined in IC 35-47-1-5) or ammunition except as follows:

(1) This chapter does not apply to land, buildings, or other real property owned or administered by a unit, except highways (as defined in IC 8-23-1-23) or public highways (as defined in IC 8-2.1-17-14).

(2) Notwithstanding the limitation in this section, a unit may use the unit's planning and zoning powers under IC 36-7-4 to prohibit the sale of firearms within two hundred (200) feet of a school by a person having a business that did not sell firearms within two hundred (200) feet of a school before April 1, 1994.

(3) Notwithstanding the limitation in this section, a legislative body of a unit other than a township may adopt an emergency ordinance or a unit other than a township may take other action allowed under section 6 of this chapter to regulate the sale of firearms anywhere within the unit for a period of not more than seventy-two (72) hours after the regulatory action takes effect.

As added by P.L.140-1994, SEC.13.

IC 35-47-11-3 Emergency ordinances; adoption; conditions warranting

Sec. 3. The legislative body of a unit may adopt an emergency ordinance under this chapter if:

(1) a disaster (as defined in IC 10-14-3-1) has occurred or is likely to occur in the unit; and

(2) a local disaster emergency has been declared in the unit under IC 10-14-3-29.

As added by P.L.140-1994, SEC.13. Amended by P.L.2-2003, SEC.98.

IC 35-47-11-4 Emergency ordinances; procedures for adoption

Sec. 4. Notwithstanding any other law, if the conditions described under section 3 of this chapter are present within a unit, the legislative body of the unit may adopt an emergency ordinance under this chapter:

- (1) without complying with the public notice and public meeting provisions of:
 - (A) IC 5-14-1.5; or
 - (B) any other statute;
- (2) on the same day that the ordinance is presented to the legislative body; and
- (3) by a majority vote of the members of the legislative body.

As added by P.L.140-1994, SEC.13.

IC 35-47-11-5 Emergency ordinances; effective date; expiration

Sec. 5. An emergency ordinance adopted under section 4 of this chapter:

- (1) takes effect on the date and at the time of the adoption of the ordinance; and
- (2) expires the earlier of:
 - (A) seventy-two (72) hours after the time of the adoption of the ordinance; or
 - (B) a time specified in the emergency ordinance.

As added by P.L.140-1994, SEC.13.

IC 35-47-11-6 Restrictions on sale of firearms during emergency; declaration by executive or presiding officer

Sec. 6. If:

- (1) the conditions described under section 3 of this chapter are present within a unit;
 - (2) an unsuccessful attempt is made to convene the legislative body for the purpose of adopting an emergency ordinance under this chapter; and
 - (3) in the case of a municipality, an unsuccessful attempt is made to convene the works board to act under this chapter as if the works board were the legislative body;
- the executive of a municipality or the presiding officer of a county executive may declare a restriction on the sale of firearms anywhere within the unit for a period of not more than seventy-two (72) hours after the restriction is declared. A declaration under this section has the same effect as an ordinance adopted under section 4 of this chapter and becomes effective and expires as provided in section 5 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.140-1994, SEC.13.

Deadly Force Laws

Title 35

Article 41. Substantive Criminal Provisions

Chapter 3. Defenses Relating to Culpability

35-41-3-2 Use of force to protect person or property

35-41-3-3 Use of force relating to arrest or escape

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

IC 35-41-1-8 Handgun provisions applies to an electronic stun weapon or taser.

LEOSA State Information

[LEOSA in Indiana Statutes](#)

Attorney General Opinions/Court Cases

Handgunlaw.us can find no AG Opinions or Court Cases concerning the carrying of firearms. This does not mean there are no AG Opinions or Court Cases. We could just not find any.

Airport Carry/Misc. Information

Airport Carry: Parking Lots and Terminal OK IC 35-47-6-1 & IC 35-47-6-1.3 Unless Posted.

Training Valid for: No time limit specified in law.

Time Period to Establish Residency: Law just states "Resident"

Minimum Age for Permit/License: 18

Permit/License Info Public Information: Yes

State Fire arm Laws: IC 35-47-1-1 thru 47-11-6

State Deadly Force Laws: IC 35-41-3-2 & 3-3

State Knife Laws: IC 35-47-5-2.

Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws: IC 35-41-1-6.6/41-1-8/47-8

Body Armor Laws: IC 35-47-5-13

Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms? NO IC 35-47-2-3

Updates to this Page

1/22/09 LEOSA and Links updated

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