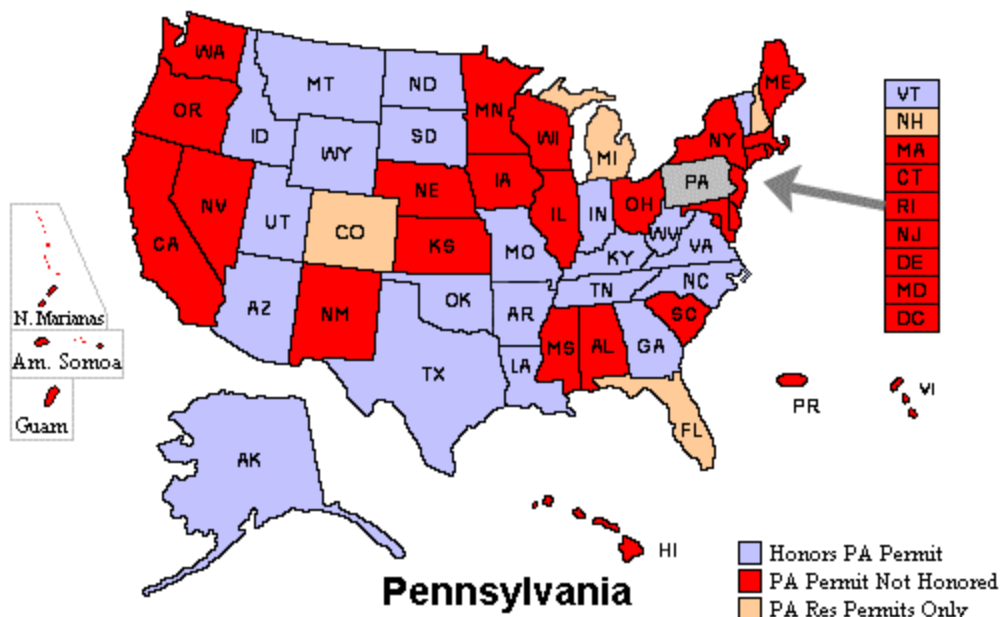


Pennsylvania

Shall Issue

Must Inform Officer: **NO**



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Permits/Licenses This State Honors

Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	Colorado	Florida
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Pennsylvania Honors Non-Resident Permits/Licenses

How to Apply for A Permit

It is very simple to obtain a Pennsylvania Concealed Carry Permit/License. Just take your Pennsylvania Drivers License or State ID. Names, Addresses and Phone numbers of two references and your check book and go to the Sheriff's Office in the county you reside. Tell them you wish to apply for a Permit/License to Carry a Concealed Weapon. Fill out the application and pay the fee which will be \$20 to \$30 dollars and you will have your Permit/License. You may have to wait a few hours to a few weeks to pick it up depending on the Sheriff.

Your Permit/License is valid for 5 years.

Non-Resident Permits

It is simple to get a PA Non-Resident Permit/License. You can do it all by mail. Just click on CCW Application at the top right of this page and print out the application. Then:

Completed and Signed Application must be accompanied by the following:

1. A photo copy of a license to carry a firearm (concealed carry permit) from your home state if that

- state has a concealed carry law.
2. A photo copy of your Driver's License.
 3. A self addressed stamped envelope.
 4. \$26.00 fee for five year license and out of state processing. (Check/money order made out to Centre County Sheriff.)

Mail to:

Centre County Sheriff's Office
213 East High Street I
Bellefonte, PA16823

Note: You have to have a permit from your home state if your home state issue permits. Unless you are from Illinois, Vermont or Wisconsin you have to have a permit from your home state. If your state is too restrictive and won't issue you a permit you can not obtain a Non-Resident Pennsylvania Permit/License.

Places Off-Limits Even With A Permit/License

- Court Houses
- Elementary and Secondary Education Schools

Title 18 Section 913 Possession of firearm or other dangerous weapon in court facility.

(a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if he:

1. knowingly possesses a firearm or other dangerous weapon in a court facility or knowingly causes a firearm or other dangerous weapon to be present in a court facility; or
2. knowingly possesses a firearm or other dangerous weapon in a court facility with the intent that the firearm or other dangerous weapon be used in the commission of a crime or knowingly causes a firearm or other dangerous weapon to be present in a court facility with the intent that the firearm or other dangerous weapon be used in the commission of a crime.

Title 18 § 912 Possession of weapon on school property.

(a) Definition.--Notwithstanding the definition of "weapon" in section 907 (relating to possessing instruments of crime), "weapon" for purposes of this section shall include but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nun-chuck stick, firearm, shotgun, rifle and any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury.

(b) Offense defined.--A person commits a misdemeanor of the first degree if he possesses a weapon in the buildings of, on the grounds of, or in any conveyance providing transportation to or from any elementary or secondary publicly-funded educational institution, any elementary or secondary private school licensed by the Department of Education or any elementary or secondary parochial school.

(c) Defense.--It shall be a defense that the weapon is possessed and used in conjunction with a lawful supervised school activity or course or is possessed for other lawful purpose.

§ 465.14. Firearms; Possession With In A Licensed Facility. (Casinos)

(d) Each slot machine licensee shall cause to be posted in a conspicuous location at each entrance to the licensed facility signs that may be easily read stating: The possession by any person of any firearm or handgun within this licensed facility without the express written permission of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is prohibited.

Per Capitol Police: No weapons, firearms, explosives, knives, mace, pepper spray, or hazardous materials allowed in the Capitol Complex. The Capitol Complex consists of the capitol and associated buildings and grounds.

Title 34 § 2525 Valid 2/1/07. Persons hunting, including Archery Hunting, can carry a defensive handgun if licensed to do so by the state of PA or have a permit that PA Honors.

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

Carry Allowed in these Areas:

State Parks: YES

State/National Forests: YES

WMA's: YES

Road Side Rest Areas: YES

RV/Car Carry Without A Permit/License

§6106. Firearms not to be carried without a license.

(a) Offense defined.

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), any person who carries a firearm in any vehicle or any person who carries a firearm concealed on or about his person, except in his place of abode or fixed place of business, without a valid and lawfully issued license under this chapter commits a felony of the third degree.

(2) A person who is otherwise eligible to possess a valid license under this chapter but carries a firearm in any vehicle or any person who carries a firearm concealed on or about his person, except in his place of abode or fixed place of business, without a valid and lawfully issued license and has not committed any other criminal violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(b) Exceptions.-The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to:

(11) Any person while carrying a firearm in any vehicle which, person possesses a valid and lawfully issued license for that firearm which has been issued under the laws of the United States or any other state.

State Preemption

Title 18 § 6120. Limitation on the Regulation of Firearms and Ammunition.

(a) General rule.--No county, municipality or township may in any manner regulate the lawful ownership, possession, transfer or transportation of firearms, ammunition or ammunition components when carried or transported for purposes not prohibited by the laws of this Commonwealth.

(a.1) No right of action.

1. No political subdivision may bring or maintain an action at law or in equity against any firearms or ammunition manufacturer, trade association or dealer for damages, abatement, injunctive relief or any other relief or remedy resulting from or relating to either the lawful design or manufacture of firearms or ammunition or the lawful marketing or sale of firearms or ammunition to the public.

2. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit a political subdivision from bringing or maintaining an action against a firearms or ammunition manufacturer or dealer for breach of contract or warranty as to firearms or ammunition purchased by the political subdivision.

Deadly Force Laws

Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes

Crimes and Offenses(TITLE 18)

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§ 510. Justification in property crimes.

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

Philadelphia - Ordinance. Statute 10-825 Stun Devices/Electric Weapons are illegal in Philadelphia.

LEOSA State Information

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Attorney General Opinions/Court Cases

- [Pennsylvania State Police - Clarification of PA residents carrying on out of state permits](#)
- [Pennsylvania Supreme Ct Ruling on Preemption](#)

Airport Carry/Misc. Information

Airport Carry: No state laws found.

Training Valid for: No set time period. No training required in PA.

Time Period to Establish Residency: Upon obtaining a Pennsylvania Drivers License/ID.

Minimum Age for Permit/License: 21

Permit/License Info Public Information: NO

State Fire arm Laws: 18-6101 thru 18-6142

State Deadly Force Laws: 18-501 thru 18-510

State Knife Laws: C.S.A. 18.908. & 24 P.S. 13-1317.2

Chemical/Electric Weapons Laws: 18.907

Body Armor Laws: 19-.907c

Does Your Permit Cover Other Weapons Besides Firearms? NO § 6109.

Updates to this Page

7/10/09 – Reciprocity Map changed to show that WV will honor non resident permit/licenses.

8/22/09 – All links checked and updated if needed.

10/2/09 – Vermont added to list of states in Non Resident permit section that you don't have to have a permit from to get a PA Non Resident Permit.

11/12/09 – Places off Limits Updated. Carry in Airports Updated. PA Supreme Ct decision on Preemption added.

12/30/09 – Carry while hunting, Word Concealed Removed. Broken Link Repaired.