

Tennessee Department of Safety is the issuing authority.
Handgun Carry Permit Issuance
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In October of 1996, the Department of Safety began issuing handgun carry permits pursuant to Public Chapter 905. Previous to this change, local sheriff's offices issued handgun carry permits. Since October 1996, the Department of Safety has issued more than 165,000 handgun carry permits. Everything you need to know about the process can be found at the following website:
<http://www.tn.gov/safety/handgunmain.shtml>

Steps to obtain a Hand Gun Permit with the State of Tennessee:

1. Complete an eight-hour training course approved by the state.
2. After completion of the training course you may complete the state application. This application can be downloaded from the website or go to the local driver testing station.
3. You will be given the information for your fingerprints when you pay the \$115.00 fee.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The citizens of the State of Tennessee have the right to keep and bear arms for their common defense; but the General Assembly has the power, by law, to regulate the wearing of arms with a view to prevent crime. Any resident of Tennessee who has reached twenty-one (21) years of age may apply to the Department of Safety for a handgun permit. If the applicant is not prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm in this state pursuant to T.C.A. Cod 39-17-316 or 39-17-1307(b), 18 U.S.C. 9 (g) or any other state or federal law and the applicant otherwise meets all of the requirements, the department shall issue a permit to the applicant.

- Permit will be valid for four (4) years from date of issue.
- The permit shall entitle the permittee to carry any handgun - which the permittee legally owns or possesses.
- The permittee shall have the permit in their immediate possession at all times when carrying a handgun and shall display the permit on demand of a law enforcement officer.

NOTE:

Applicant should consult Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 of the T.C.A. Codes for information on locations where handguns are prohibited. Even though a person is authorized to possess or carry a firearm pursuant to T.C.A. 39-17-1315 or 39-17-1351 and has a permit, there are some restrictions as to where firearms may be carried. For more information, visit the General Assembly's website at www.legislature.state.tn.us, click on legislation and then Tennessee Code.

PROCESSING:

- Applications are received and reviewed in the Handgun Carry Permit Office.
- Proper documentation is forwarded to three (3) different agencies: (TBI, FBI, County Sheriff).
- Upon a name search approval from TBI, the permit can be issued within ninety (90) days from date of application.

- Upon issuance, the handgun carry permit will be mailed to the applicant.
- Incomplete applications cannot be processed.
- FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.
- Original Application = \$115.00
- Renewal Application = \$50.00
- Duplicate Application = \$5.00
- Training Course = \$50.00

Effective July 1, 2005, all new handgun permit applicants must provide proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Permanent Residency unless such applicant has already provided this proof and it is documented on their driver license record.

Permit will be valid for four (4) years & covers any legal handgun(s).

The cost of the permit is \$115.00; payable to the Tennessee Department Of Safety at the time the application is processed. Permit must be in possession of the holder when carrying a handgun and to be displayed on demand of an Officer of the law.

Where to go and what to do:

You must complete a Tennessee Department of Safety Handgun Permit Application.

The application is available at any Tennessee Department of Safety Drivers License Testing Station or on the website at: <http://www.tennessee.gov/safety/handgunmain.htm>

You must complete a Tennessee Department of Safety approved course in firearms safety training, from a certified firearms instructor and school, approved and certified by the Tennessee Department of Safety to teach the Tennessee Department of Safety Handgun Permit Course.

Application must be made within six (6) months of the date of issuance of the Certificate of Training. After the six (6) month time period has passed without the handgun permit application process, the Certificate of Training is null and void. Another Handgun Permit Firearms Safety Training Course shall have to be taken to obtain a new Certificate of Training.

Dickson County Sheriff's Office Handgun Permit Firearms Safety School #1-22-1 is certified by the Tennessee Department of Safety. We have two Firearms Instructors certified by the Tennessee Department of Safety, Sergeant David Cook and Deputy Kenneth Monzon. These instructors are also certified firearms instructors through the Tennessee Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (P.O.S.T.). This course is conducted in one (1), eight (8) hour day beginning at 9am at the range in Dickson located at 198 Peeler Drive behind Buckner Park.

2015 Handgun Carry Permit: 8 Hours per class:

JAN 31, MAR 7, APR 18, MAY 23, JUL 4, AUG 8, SEP 12, OCT 24, NOV 28.

The class starts promptly at 9:00 AM will end at 6:00 PM the same day. The class is broken into two sessions, morning (classroom) & (range/practical). A written thirty question test will be administered and scored after completion of the morning session. A score of seventy percent or above is required to pass. There will be a one hour break for lunch and afterward the class will reassemble at the range for the range session. During the (practical) afternoon session the participants shall fire fifty rounds at one stationary, silhouette target (B-29) for qualification. The target will be scored and a score of seventy percent (70%) or above is required to pass. You will fire from the 3, 5 & 7 yard line.

The cost of the Dickson County Sheriff's Office Handgun Permit Firearms Safety School #1-22-1 class is \$50.00, to be paid prior to the day of class. No personal checks accepted. Payment may be made with: Cash, Cashier's Check or Money Order at the Dickson County Sheriff's Administration Office: 140 County Jail Road, Charlotte. The fee is non-refundable.

Items needed for the HGPT class:

Classroom Session: Pencil & paper,

DO NOT BRING YOUR WEAPON OR ANY AMMUNITION INTO THE CLASSROOM.

Leave your weapon and ammunition secured in your vehicle.

Range Session: Handgun - with the capability of firing five rounds without reloading. Fifty rounds of ammunition for your handgun. An additional fifty (50) or One-hundred (100) rounds Is Optional, in the event of failing.

NO RELOADS/ COMMERCIAL FACTORY AMMUNITION ONLY.

Eye protection may be prescription glasses, safety or shooting glasses. NO SUNGLASSES. Ear protection - muffs or plugs

Strong side (right or left-handed) belt holster only, used to secure the handgun.

For further information concerning the handgun permit application process and/or the Dickson County Sheriff's Office Handgun Permit Firearms Safety School Classes. Call (615) 740-4921 and talk to Sgt David Cook, he will be glad to answer your questions and schedule your training.

Frequently Asked Questions:

I've completed my Handgun Safety Class, What's my next step?

If you want a Handgun Carry Permit you must make application at any full service Driver License Station in Tennessee.

<http://www.tn.gov/safety/driverlicense/dllocationerv.shtml>

You will need the following documents at the Driver License Station

1. Certificate showing you have completed an eight (8) hour Handgun Safety Course, at an approved school.
2. Proof of United States Citizenship or Lawful Permanent Residency.
<http://www.tn.gov/safety/driverlicense/dlcitizen.shtml>
3. Payment of \$115.00 in cash, credit card, money order or certified check. (The Department of Safety will not take a personal check for an original Handgun Permit Application.)
4. You will have your picture taken.

Once the application process is complete the examiner will provide written instructions on fingerprint registration. You may either register on-line or by telephone, when registering you will be required to schedule your appointment time and location.

After fingerprint submittal, you simply wait for your permit to arrive in the mail. Please allow the State at least sixty (60) days before you check on the status of your application.

Do not carry a handgun until your permit is in your possession. The permit will be issued for four (4) years; it is your responsibility to keep your address current with the Department of Safety. Renewal notices are mailed as a courtesy; however you are responsible for renewal before your permit expires.

For more information on Handgun Carry Permits in Tennessee

<http://www.tn.gov/safety/handgunmain.shtml>

Warning:

CAUTION! Please understand if you choose to wear your handgun (exposed) on the outside of your clothing **YOU WILL BE STOPPED BY EVERY OFFICER THAT SEES YOU.** The officers are only doing their job, so be sure to have your I.D. ready to show that you are legal. I would recommend that you conceal the weapon to avoid being checked out every time an officer sees you.

Thank You

Sheriff Jeff Bledsoe

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