



Maryland State Police
Licensing Division
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L.E.O.S.A SELF-CERTIFICATION AND RENEWAL PROGRAM CHANGE

The Maryland State Police Licensing Division has implemented specific program changes which will impact the way in which it issues the Maryland State Police Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act (L.E.O.S.A) identification card.

The L.E.O.S.A identification card is issued by the Maryland State Police to an individual who has been qualified as separating from the Maryland Department of State Police. This includes Maryland State Troopers and Maryland Deputy State Fire Marshals. It is recommended that this L.E.O.S.A identification card be carried by the separated law enforcement officer, along with his/her retired Maryland State Police credentials whenever the separated officer is wearing, carrying or transporting a handgun. The separated officer may carry a copy of his qualification score sheet signed by the M.P.C.T.C. certified firearm's instructor in lieu of the L.E.O.S.A identification card to be in compliance with Federal Law HR 218.

The Maryland State Police Licensing Division will be offering qualified employees the ability to renew their L.E.O.S.A identification card using our on-line licensing services. This ability is expected to be operational by January 1, 2014. In addition, both the initial and renewal application processes have been modified to allow for a self-certification. This modification requires the applicant to attest, under penalties of perjury, that he/she meets the Federal and State's requirements to possess a firearm, in addition to meeting the requirements outlined in the Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act.

All pertinent information, to include links to the applicable Federal and State's laws, are available and should be referred to our website located at www.mdsp.org and clicking on the Licensing Division's link on the left of the page.

Any questions regarding the changes to the L.E.O.S.A program or regarding your eligibility should be referred to our Handgun Permit Unit by emailing them at the following address:

msp.handgunpermits@maryland.gov.