



Maryland State Police
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**FIREARM PURCHASE APPLICANTS WITH
APPLICATIONS PENDING ON OCTOBER 1 WILL NOT
NEED TO OBTAIN A HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE**

The Maryland State Police (MSP) will not enforce the requirements of the new law with respect to applicants whose applications are pending as of October 1. In light of the number of currently pending applications—resulting from the unprecedented spike in new applications in recent months—it is a fair, reasoned, and appropriate result for those who are waiting for their pending purchase applications to be processed.

Persons who submit purchase applications on or after October 1, 2013, unless otherwise exempted by law, will be required to apply for and obtain a handgun qualification license before attempting to purchase a handgun.

The members of MSP's Licensing Division will continue to work diligently to process pending applications as quickly as possible. MSP greatly appreciates the patience of both the licensed firearms dealers holding the weapons, and Marylanders awaiting approval to receive their guns.