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Handgun Permit Virtual Training

The COVID-19 pandemic has altered many processes and procedures associated with group gatherings. In an effort to better serve the citizens of Maryland, and taking into consideration the health and safety of our partner Qualified Handgun Instructors (QHIs) and customers, the Maryland Department of State Police, Licensing Division (MDSPLD), has re-evaluated the classroom instruction requirement for the handgun permit training. Effective immediately, the MDSPLD is approving handgun permit classroom training, via two-way virtual platforms. This change in policy does not alleviate any of the handgun permit training requirements set below.

QHIs electing to participate in virtual handgun permit training will require a real time, bi-directional audio and visual connection between the QHI and the students. Pre-recorded presentations of any form are not acceptable.

Wear and Carry Permit training consists of 16 hours of instruction for an original application and eight hours of instruction for a renewal application. The approved training is offered by a QHI and will include instruction on State firearm law, home firearm safety, handgun mechanisms and operation and a component that requires the applicant to demonstrate gun safety and proficiency, with a minimum score of 70% accuracy.

For further information on the handgun permits, please visit our website by clicking here: [Handgun Permit](#). You can also contact us, via email, at: msp.handgunpermits@maryland.gov.

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