

# Handgun Permit Unit

*How to apply for a Wear and Carry Permit*

To apply, go to the Maryland State Police [website](#). Click on the Licensing Division tab...

The screenshot displays the Maryland State Police website. At the top left is the Maryland.gov logo. The main header features the State Police logo and the text "State Police" on a background image of a uniformed officer. In the top right corner, there are links for "State Directory", "State Agencies", and "Translate", along with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

A left-hand navigation menu lists the following items:

- About MDSP
- Citizen Services
  - Obtain Police Reports
  - Maryland Center for Missing and Unidentified Persons
  - Public Information Act (PIA) Requests
  - Property Auctions
  - Complaints Against MSP and Personnel
  - Compliments for MSP and Personnel
  - Documents, Forms, Publications and Proactive Releases
  - Maryland Vehicle Inspection Program
  - Licensing Division** (highlighted with a red arrow)
  - Federal Military Surplus Program

The main content area features a large image of a police band in a hall with a large "MARYLAND STATE POLICE" logo on the floor. To the right, the "Featured News" section includes:

- Maryland State Police**
  - Jan 24, 2023 Police Seek Public Assistance In Identifying Suspect Allegedly Involved In Three Commercial Burglaries
  - Jan 24, 2023 Maryland State Police Investigating Crash That Killed One, Injured Another In Calvert County
  - Jan 24, 2023 Maryland State Police Investigating Fatal Single-Vehicle Crash In Calvert County
- Get news updates by email or text.
- A banner for "Regulated Firearm Applications, Licenses and Permits" with a "LOG IN" button and a link to "Apply for Firearm Purchases, Licenses & Permits".

Scroll down and click on the Licensing Division portal...

Application to Purchase a Regulated Firearm

Handgun Qualification License (HQL) Application

Application for Handgun Wear/Carry Permit

LEOSA

Qualified Handgun Instructor

Intercept Devices & K9 (LE Only)

Machine Gun Registration

Licensing Portal



CLICK HERE

Welcome to the Maryland Department of State Police  
(eMDSP) Online Services Login Page

User ID:

Password:

Login

[Click here to create an account.](#)  
(Personal accounts ONLY. Law enforcement agencies please see the bottom of this page)

[Click here if you have forgotten your password.](#)

CLICK HERE

Or, click one of the links below to proceed to your area of interest.

FIREARM PURCHASE, CARRY, OR REGISTER



Purchase a Regulated Firearm  
Handgun Qualification License (HQL)  
Wear and Carry Handgun Permit


Firearms Collectors  
Firearms Dealers

For more permit information click here


This will also take you to the portal






The Wear & Carry Permit information page, also with a link to the portal...


Enter search term  

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# State Police




Organization 

## Handgun Wear and Carry Permit

Effective immediately, all Handgun Permit/Wear and Carry application fees are being electronically collected at the time of application submission in the Licensing Portal.

**ATTENTION:** Before you may legally wear and carry a regulated firearm, you must possess and maintain on your person the MSP-issued Handgun Wear and Carry Permit. Submission of the application does not authorize you to wear, carry, or transport a handgun.

To access the Wear and Carry Application click below:



Training must be successfully completed prior to submitting the application, unless you are exempt from training. Please click [here](#) for information on Wear and Carry Permit Training

### Firearms Information

- [Firearms Collectors](#)
- [Firearms Dealers](#)
- [Handgun Qualification License](#)
- [Wear and Carry Permit](#)
- [Regulated Firearm Purchases](#)
- [Transfer Permit](#)
- [Bullet Proof Body Armor](#)
- [Firearm Search](#)
- [NICS Request for Pawn](#)
- [Untracable Firearms](#)

### Licensing Division

- [Licensing Division Home](#)
- [Application Fees](#)
- [Licensing Portal](#)
- [Handgun Roster Board](#)

Welcome to the Maryland State Police Licensing Division Portal. The 77R and Handgun Permit applications are completed in the portal.

You must have a portal account to submit any application. Click “Create My Account” to set up your portal account.

Regulated Firearm Applications, Licenses and Permits

[CREATE MY ACCOUNT](#) [LOG IN](#)

### Handgun Roster

The Handgun Roster is a list of handguns manufactured after January 1, 1985 that have received final approval for purchase in Maryland by the Handgun Roster Board and that are not otherwise prohibited by law.

Select a manufacturer from the list to see models, model numbers, and calibers associated to the chosen manufacturer.

Filter by Manufacturer

### Information

#### FAQ

Have questions about firearms, licenses, purchases, and permits in Maryland? Visit the Maryland State Police Licensing Division FAQ for answers to common questions.

[VISIT MDSP FAQ PAGE](#)

#### License Types

The **77R** and **Handgun Permit** applications are available on the Maryland State Police Licensing Portal.

More options will be available in the future. You can find news about upcoming applications at the [Maryland State Police Licensing Division Automation page](#).

Click “Log In” to access your account.

**EACH INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT MUST HAVE A PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS TO REGISTER FOR THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL PORTAL ACCOUNT. SHARED PORTAL ACCOUNTS ARE NOT PERMITTED AND WILL DELAY PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS**

# “Create My Account” looks like this... YOU MUST HAVE A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS

## Account Registration

Please complete the registration form below to set up your account. The account is free, and all information entered into your account is kept secure and confidential.

Please note that you must have an email address to create an account.

Required fields marked with an asterisk (\*)

First Name \* | Middle Name | Last Name \* | Suffix ▾

First Name is required

The email address used here must be one that you have access to. You will need to access it immediately after account creation to confirm/verify ownership of the email address before you can begin your application process.

Email \* | Confirm Email \*

Password \* | Confirm Password \*

Date of Birth \* | Gender ▾ | Social Security Number | Driver's License State\* ▾ | Driver's License # \*

Home Phone | Work Phone | Mobile Phone

**Password Requirements**  
Minimum 12 Characters.  
Contains both letters and numbers.  
Contains at least one upper case letter.  
Is not all numbers, all special characters, or all alphabetic characters.  
Does not contain leading or trailing blanks.  
Does not contain 3 or more consecutive identical characters.

REGISTER

When finished, click the blue “Register” button



# Completing your registration

- 1) Check your personal email inbox/spam folder for message from [MSP.Licensing@maryland.gov](mailto:MSP.Licensing@maryland.gov)
- 2) Open email message then click blue Activate My Account
- 3) After clicking Activate My Account, applicant will be directed back to the Licensing Portal.
- 4) Message will be as follows; Your Account Has Been Activated. Congratulations, please log in below to access your personal Account Page.

“Account Log In” looks like this...

Maryland State Police Licensing Portal

Account Log In

User Name/Email \*

User Name/Email is required

Password \*

LOG IN

No account yet? [Click here to register!](#)

[FORGOT PASSWORD?](#)

[RETURN HOME](#)

For forgotten passwords, click here...

If you no longer have access to the email address you used to initially create your portal account, **DO NOT** create a new account. Email the Handgun Permit Unit, include your name, Drivers License Number, and new email address, and they will change your email address.



# Forgot Password?

1. Click the forgot password link
2. Enter your email (associated with your Portal account)
3. Check your email Inbox/spam folder for an email containing a link (the links should be considered one time use only)
4. Click the link and change your password (12 characters, Capital letter, numbers, special characters)
5. A cell phone can be used, in desktop mode, to change your password

Forgot Password

Please enter the user name associated with your account below. This is your email address if you are an Applicant. Dealers, you must enter your User Name. An email will be sent with a link to reset your password.

Email/User Name \*

Email is required

SUBMIT

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Once logged into your portal account, this is the screen you see.

All wear and carry permit applications, regardless of type, begin here...

The screenshot shows a dashboard with a grid of four application cards. Each card has a blue header with the application name, a blue 'START' button, and a brief description. A red arrow points from the text above to the 'START HGP' button. In the top right corner, there is a blue button labeled 'CONTINUE TO DASHBOARD'.

Application Type	Description	Action Button
77R - Purchase of Regulated Firearms	The 77R is the Maryland State Police Application and Affidavit to Purchase a Regulated Firearm.	START 77R
HGP - Application for Wear & Carry Permit (Handgun Permit)	Issued to an individual who demonstrates a good and substantial reason to wear and carry a firearm. Examples include, but are not limited to: business owners and employees, correctional officers, former police officers, and individuals requiring a firearm for personal protection.	START HGP
MG - Machine Gun Registration	Registration is required for Initial Registration, Renewal Registration, or any Modification to existing registrations.	START MG
HQL - Handgun Qualification License	Unless otherwise exempt, a Maryland resident must possess a valid Handgun Qualification License (HQL) before they may purchase, rent, or receive a handgun.	START HQL

# Start completing your wear & carry application.

Maryland State Police Licensing Portal

[Maryland.gov](#) [Phone Directory](#) [State Agencies](#) [Online Services](#)

SAVE & EXIT APPLICATION

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

LOG OUT

Applicant Information

Application Information

Questionnaire

Employment

Domestic Relationship

References

Documents

Summary

Signature

This account should be used by one person only. Do not share your login information with anyone.

### Basic Information

#### Applicant Information

Last Name \*

Last name is required

First Name \*

First name is required

Middle Name \*

I have no middle name  
Middle name is required

Suffix \*

NONE

#### Current Residential Address

Street Address (P.O.Box's will not be accepted) \*

Town/City \*

State \*

Zip Code \*

Home Phone \*

Work Phone \*

Mobile Phone \*

Fax

At least one phone number is required.



# REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

## **LIVE-SCAN FINGERPRINTS, MSP 29-14 LIVE FIRE SCORE SHEET, PASSPORT SIZE PHOTO**

You must follow the instructions and submit the required documentation or your application can not be accepted for processing. When you attach your score sheet, you will choose your Qualified Handgun Instructor from a drop down list.

### Required for Submission

Document Type	Description	File Name
FINGERPRINTS	ALL "ORIGINAL" AND "SUBSEQUENT" APPLICATIONS REQUIRE FBI AND CJIS FINGERPRINT SUBMISSIONS. PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR LIVE-SCAN FINGERPRINT RECEIPT.	<a href="#">16690452077446932386332610503481.JPG</a>
CERTIFICATE OF HANDGUN TRAINING OR DOCUMENTATION OF EXEMPTION	SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION OF TRAINING EXEMPTION OR A QUALIFICATION SCORE SHEET (MSP 29-14) SIGNED BY A QUALIFIED HANDGUN INSTRUCTOR CERTIFIED BY THE MD STATE POLICE.  Qualified Handgun Instructor: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> <input type="checkbox"/> I am exempt from the training requirement	<a href="#">16690451104576207628878600038151.JPG</a>
PASSPORT SIZE PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE 2"X2" HEAD AND SHOULDER PASSPORT TYPE WITH A WHITE BACKGROUND, FULL FACE, NO HAT, NO DARK GLASSES.	<a href="#">16690445853231462323587092612224.JPG</a>

## Types of Applications

### Application Type

Please select one.

- Original (\$75.00)  Renewal (\$50.00)  Subsequent (\$50.00)  Replacement (\$10.00)  Modification (\$10.00)

If you click DASHBOARD...



[CONTINUE TO DASHBOARD](#)

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[START 77R](#)

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[START HGP](#)

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[START MG](#)

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### HQL - Handgun Qualification License

[START HQL](#)

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# This is your Dashboard

Click here to review all emails associated with your application.

Click here to update your account information.



Use the dashboard below to start or continue an application, get status updates and other messages, manage your existing applications, or update your account settings and information.

BACK TO HOME PAGE

77R APPLICATIONS

HGP APPLICATIONS

MG APPLICATIONS

MESSAGES

ACCOUNT

START NEW 77R APPLICATION

Application #	Date Forwarded ▾	Status	Expiration
20220[REDACTED]	06/11/2022	INITIAL REVIEW NOT DISAPPROVED	--

PRINT APPLICATION

Your application status is displayed here

There is a User Guide available on the website to walk you through the process:



# MARYLAND STATE POLICE

## WEAR AND CARRY PORTAL

### USERS GUIDE



MARYLAND STATE POLICE – WEAR AND CARRY PORTAL USER’S GUIDE

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# How do I check the status of my Handgun Permit Application

- Your current application status can be obtained by logging in to your Licensing Portal account
- Wear and carry permit applications can take up to 90 days to process. If it has been more than 90 days since your application was accepted for processing, please email the Handgun Permit Unit for further instructions: [msp.handgunpermits@maryland.gov](mailto:msp.handgunpermits@maryland.gov)
- To check what date your application was accepted for processing, login to your Licensing Portal Account and go to your Dashboard. The email with the date your application was accepted for processing is available for review under the “Messages” tab. This email was also sent to your email address associated with your portal account.



## Frequently Asked Questions

*If my permit has expired, can I still submit my application as a Renewal?*

No. All expired wear and carry permit applications must be submitted as an Original application; to include all application fees, fingerprints, training, and documentation requirements.

*If my handgun permit should expire before I receive my renewed handgun permit card, can I still carry a handgun?*

As long as the renewal application has been submitted in the Licensing Portal at least two (2) weeks prior to the expiration date of the current handgun permit, you are still allowed to carry on the expired permit until you receive your renewed permit. If the application is returned to you for incompleteness and you resubmit it after the two (2) weeks, you will not be allowed to carry your handgun.

*What documentation do I need to submit with my renewal application?*

You need to submit the same documentation as when you first applied, minus the fingerprints and references.

*How do I obtain a replacement if my Handgun Permit is lost or stolen?*

Wear and Carry card "Replacement" requests are submitted in your online portal account. If you do not have an existing portal account, you will need to create one to submit this request. You must attach a notarized letter to your online request, explaining the circumstances of the loss/theft. There is a \$10 fee, which is paid via credit card upon the submission of your request. If you are a security guard, private detective, armored car driver or special police officer, please attach an updated company sponsorship to your request.

*Can a handgun instructor that is not on the list qualify me?*

No. The handgun instructor must be registered with the Maryland State Police on-line registration.

*How can I find an approved certified handgun instructor?*

A list of Qualified Handgun Instructors is available by following the link below [HERE](#).

*Who is exempt from the training requirement?*

Click [HERE](#) for training exemptions.

*Can an out-of-state LiveScan provider print me?*

No. Out-of-state providers are not approved by the Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

*Can a LiveScan provider that is not on this list print me?*

No. They must be approved by the Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

*Where can I go to be LiveScan fingerprinted?*

To find a fingerprinting service provider, click [HERE](#).

*I have a permit/CCW from my state. Is this valid in Maryland?*

No. Maryland does not recognize permits/CCWs from any other state.

### *Can I legally transport firearms interstate?*

Yes, under Title 18, Section 926A, of the United States Code, a person who is not prohibited from possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm shall be entitled to transport a firearm for any lawful purpose from any place where he may lawfully possess and carry such firearm to any place where he may lawfully possess and carry such firearm if, during such transportation the firearm is unloaded, neither the firearm nor any ammunition being transported is readily accessible or is directly accessible from the passenger compartment. In the case the vehicle does not have a compartment separate from the driver's compartment the firearm or ammunition shall be contained in a locked compartment other than the glove compartment or console.

### *Can I legally transport my regulated firearm to the range?*

Yes, however, Maryland and Federal laws require specific conditions be met while transporting a handgun. Please refer to Maryland Annotated Code, Criminal Law, Title 4, Section 203 for a detailed account of wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun. You may access the Maryland General Assembly website at <http://mlis.state.md.us/> You can access the Federal requirements through [www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov) and conduct a search for "27 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 178" and then look for "Transportation of Firearms." The basic requirement during transport is the handgun must be unloaded and in an enclosed case or enclosed holster with the ammunition separate from the handgun AND you must be transporting the handgun to or from the locations listed in the statute.

### *What do I do if I no longer have access to the email account I used to register for my portal account?*

If you no longer have access to the email address you used to initially create your portal account, DO NOT create a new account. Send an email to the Handgun Permit Unit at [msp.handgunpermits@maryland.gov](mailto:msp.handgunpermits@maryland.gov); include your name, Drivers License Number, and new email address, and we will change your email address. You will receive a confirmation email that your email address has been updated. You can then use the "Forgotten Password" function to reset your account.



# Permits and Firearms Transportation

- Maryland does not recognize Permit or CCW's from any other state
- Can I legally transport my firearm without a Handgun Permit?
  - Maryland Criminal Law Section 4-203
    - ❖ Allows lawful transportation to or from a legal purchase or sale, to or from a bona fide repair shop, to or from a target shoot, formal or informal target practice, hunting, Department of Natural Resources sponsored firearms and hunter safety classes.
    - ❖ Allows lawful transportation and the moving by a bona fide collector of part or all of the collector's gun collection from place to place for public or private exhibition if the handgun is unloaded and carried in an enclosed case
- Can I legally transport firearms interstate?
  - 18 U.S. Code 926A
    - ❖ A person who is not prohibited from possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm shall be entitled to transport a firearm for any lawful purpose from any place where he may lawfully possess or carry such firearm IF, during such transportation the firearm is UNLOADED, neither the firearm nor any ammunition being transported is readily accessible or is directly accessible from the passenger compartment

# Where are Firearms Prohibited?

Restriction on the wear, carry and transport of handguns and firearms in certain places appear throughout Maryland law and regulations. Below are statutes and regulations detailing the handgun and firearm restrictions. This list should not be considered all-inclusive.

1. On school property (CR 4-102)
2. Within 1,000 feet of a demonstration in a public place (CR 4-208)
3. In legislative buildings (SG 2-1702)
4. Aboard aircraft (TR 5-1008)
5. In lodging establishments where the innkeeper reasonably believes individuals possess property that may be dangerous to other individuals, such as firearms or explosives (BR 15-203)
6. On dredge boats, other than two 10 gauge shotguns (NR 4-1013)
7. In or around State-owned public buildings and grounds (COMAR 04.05.01.03)
8. On Chesapeake Forest Lands (COMAR 08.01.07.14)
9. In State Forests (COMAR 08.07.01.04)
10. In State Parks (COMAR 08.07.06.04)
11. In State Highway Rest Areas, unless properly secured within vehicle (COMAR 11.04.07.12)
12. In community adult rehabilitation centers (COMAR 12.02.03.10)
13. In child care centers, except for small centers located in residences, firearms may not be kept on the premises (COMAR 13A.16.10.04)

For questions, please send an email to the Handgun Permit Unit

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