

# CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSE GUIDE

The information within the guide is required to be provided to Concealed Pistol License applicants. The applicants must complete the Concealed Pistol License Application and return the unsigned form, a passport-quality photograph, and documentation of the required training to the county clerk's office.

To view a complete copy of the Michigan Concealed Pistol License law, visit a local library or the Michigan State Police Web site at [www.michigan.gov/msp](http://www.michigan.gov/msp). A complete copy of the firearms laws of this state shall be furnished upon filing an application.

## Concealed Pistol License Requirements

### A. State Requirements

Applicants for a Michigan Concealed Pistol License must:

1. Be at least 21 years of age
2. Be a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted into the United States
3. Be a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 6 months prior to application. An applicant is a state resident if one of the following applies:

- The applicant possesses a valid, lawfully obtained Michigan driver's license or state identification card
- The applicant is lawfully registered to vote in Michigan
- The applicant is on active duty status with the United States Armed Forces and stationed outside of Michigan, but Michigan is the home of record
- The applicant is on active duty status with the United States Armed Forces and is permanently stationed in Michigan, but the home of record is another state

**Note: The 6-month residency requirement may be waived by the concealed pistol licensing board for new residents licensed by another state.**

4. Have successfully completed a pistol safety training course
5. Not be subject to any of the following:
  - An order requiring involuntary hospitalization of alternative treatment
  - An order finding legal incapacitation
  - A finding of not guilty by reason of insanity
6. Not be subject to a conditional bond release prohibiting purchase or possession of a firearm
7. Not be subject to a Personal Protection Order (PPO)
8. Not be prohibited from possessing, using, transporting, selling, purchasing, carrying, shipping, receiving, or distributing a firearm under MCL 750.224f
9. Have never been convicted of a felony in Michigan or elsewhere
10. Have no felony charge pending in Michigan or elsewhere
11. Have not been dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces

12. Have not been convicted of one of the following misdemeanors in the 8 years immediately preceding the date of application:
- Failing to stop when involved in a personal injury accident, MCL 257.617a
  - Operating while intoxicated, second offense, MCL 257.625(9)(b)
  - Drunk Driving, commercial vehicle, MCL 257.625m(4)
  - Reckless driving, MCL 257.626
  - Driving while license suspended or revoked, second or subsequent offense, MCL 257.90
  - Operating aircraft while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance with prior conviction, MCL 259.185
  - Hindering or obstructing certain persons performing official weights and measures duties, MCL 290.629
  - Hindering, obstructing, assaulting, or committing bodily injury upon director or authorized representative, MCL 290.650
  - Operating an ORV under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, second or subsequent offense, MCL 324.81134(5)-(6)
  - Operating a snowmobile under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, second or subsequent offense, MCL 324.82127 punishable under section MCL 324.82128(1)(b)or (c)
  - Operating a vessel under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, second or subsequent offense, MCL 324.80176 punishable under MCL 324.80177(b)
  - Possessing a controlled substance, controlled substance analogue, pr prescription form, MCL 333.7403
  - Operating a locomotive under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or while visibly impaired, MCL 462.353(4)
  - Displaying sexually explicit matter to minors, MCL 722.677
  - Assault or domestic assault, MCL 750.81
  - Aggravated assault or aggravated domestic assault, MCL 750.81a
  - Breaking and entering or entering without breaking, MCL 750.115
  - Fourth-degree child abuse, MCL 750.136b
  - Accosting, enticing, or soliciting a child or immoral purposes, MCL 750.145a
  - Vulnerable adult abuse, MCL 750.145n
  - Solicitation to commit a felony, MCL 750.157b
  - Impersonating a peace officer or medical examiner, MCL 750.215
  - Illegal sale of a firearm or ammunition, MCL 750.223
  - Illegal use or sale of a self-defense spray, MCL 750.224d
  - Sale or possession of a switchblade, MCL 750.226a
  - Improper transportation of a loaded firearm, MCL 750.227c
  - Failure to have a pistol inspected, MCL 750.228
  - Accepting a pistol in pawn, MCL 750.229
  - Failure to register the purchase of a firearm or a firearm component, MCL 750.232

- Improperly obtaining a pistol, making a false statement on an application to purchase a pistol, or using false identification to purchase a pistol, MCL 750.232a
- Intentionally aiming a firearm without malice, MCL 750.233
- Intentionally discharging a firearm aimed without malice, MCL 750.234
- Possessing a firearm on prohibited premises, MCL 750.234d
- Brandishing a firearm in public, MCL 750.234e
- Possession of a firearm by an individual less than 18 years of age, MCL 750.234f
- Intentionally discharging a firearm aimed without malice causing injury, MCL 750.235
- Parent of a minor who possessed a firearm in a weapon-free school zone, MCL 750.235a
- Setting a spring gun or other device, MCL 750.236
- Possessing a firearm while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a drug, MCL 750.237
- Weapon-free school zone violation, MCL 750.237a
- Indecent exposure, MCL 750.335a
- Stalking, MCL 750.411h
- Fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, MCL 750.520e
- Reckless, careless, or negligent use of a firearm resulting in injury or death, MCL 752.861
- Careless, reckless, or negligent use of a firearm resulting in property damage, MCL 752.862
- Reckless discharge of a firearm, MCL 752.863a

**Note: The applicant must not have violated a law of the United States, another state, or a local unit of government of this state or another state substantially corresponding to a violation described above.**

13. Have not been convicted of one of the following misdemeanors in the 3 years immediately preceding the date of application:
  - Operating under the influence, MCL 257.625 (includes operating while intoxicated or visibly impaired.)
  - Refusal of commercial vehicle operator to submit to a chemical test, MCL 257.625a
  - Ignition interlock device reporting violation, MCL 257.625k
  - Circumventing an ignition interlocking device, MCL 257.625l
  - Operation a commercial vehicle with alcohol content, MCL 257.625m(3)
  - Operating an aircraft under the influence, MCL 259.185
  - Operating an ORV under the influence, MCL 324.81134
  - Operating an ORV while visibly impaired, MCL 324.81135
  - Operating a snowmobile under the influence, MCL 324.82127
  - Controlled substances, MCL 333.7401 to 333.7461
  - Operating a locomotive under the influence, MCL 462.353(3)
  - Disorderly person, MCL 750.167
  - Embezzlement, MCL 750.174
  - False pretenses with intent to defraud, MCL 750.218
  - Larceny, MCL 750.356

- Second-degree retail fraud, MCL 750.356d
- Larceny, vacant building, MCL 750.359
- Larceny, by conversion, MCL 750.362
- Larceny, defrauding lessor, MCL 750.362a
- Malicious destruction of property, MCL 750.377a
- Malicious destruction of real property, MCL 750.380
- Receiving stolen property, MCL 750.535
- Malicious use of telephones, MCL 750.540e

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14. Have not been found guilty but mentally ill of any crime and has not offered a plea of not guilty of, or been acquitted of, any crime by reason of insanity.
15. Have never been subject to an order of involuntary commitment in an inpatient or outpatient setting due to a mental illness.
16. Not have a diagnosed mental illness at the time the application is made, regardless of whether he or she is receiving treatment.
17. Not be under a court order of legal incapacity in this state or elsewhere
18. Not be detrimental to the safety of his or her self or any other person if issued a Concealed Pistol License.

## **B. Federal Requirements**

Pursuant to MCL 28.426, a Concealed Pistol License may not be issued to a person prohibited under federal law from possessing or transporting a firearm. The federal requirements to possess or transport a firearm include that the applicant:

1. Not have been convicted in any court of, or under indictment for, a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year (e.g. felony or misdemeanor punishable by 2 years)
2. Not be a fugitive of justice
3. Not be an unlawful user of, or addicted to, any controlled substance, as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802)
4. Not be adjudicated as a mental defective or been committed to a mental institution
5. Not be an alien who is illegally or unlawfully in the United States
6. Not be discharged from the United States Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions
7. Not have renounced his or her citizenship
8. Not be subject to a court order prohibiting harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of such intimate partner or from engaging in other conduct that would place the partner or child in reasonable fear of bodily injury
9. Not be convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence

## **Application Process**

1. The applicant must file his or her application with the county clerk in the county in which he or she resides.

The applicant must also:

- Present the original certificate of completion of the pistol safety training course. The county clerk will make a copy of the certificate at the time the application is submitted. Certificates must contain the statement: “This course complies with section 5j of 1927 PA 372.”
  - For a renewal of a license issued after July 1, 2001, the applicant must sign a statement certifying that he or she has completed at least 3 hours of review of the required training and has had at least 1 hour of firing range time in the last 6 months preceding the application. This statement appears on the Concealed Pistol License Application.
  - Include a passport-quality photograph or we can take one for \$10.00.
  - Pay all applicable fees. For all applications there is a \$105 fee payable to the county clerk. The county clerk will provide a receipt for payment of fees.
2. The applicant shall bring the receipt for payment to the sheriff’s department for fingerprinting. An applicant may have his or her fingerprints taken at a local police agency; however, an additional charge may be assessed by the local agency. If the sheriff’s department participates with a vendor for fingerprinting, the county clerk will provide additional instructions.
  3. The county sheriff or local law enforcement agency will fingerprint the applicant and forward the fingerprints to the Michigan State Police for processing.
  4. Once the concealed weapons licensing board receives the fingerprint comparison report, they shall issue or deny the license within 45 days. Please note, however, that the entire application process may take several months.
  5. The county clerk may require that all licenses be signed in their presence prior to receiving the license.

## **Pistol Safety Training Course**

1. Those required to take a pistol safety training course include:
  - ✓ All new applicants.
  - ✓ Persons who had a Concealed Pistol License, general or restricted, prior to July 1, 2001, and are renewing for the first time.
2. The educational requirements are waived for an applicant who is a retired police officer or a retired law enforcement officer. The concealed weapon licensing board may require a letter from the employer that the applicant retired from his or her employment in good standing as a police officer or law enforcement officer. The terms “retired police officer” or “law enforcement officer” mean an individual who was a certified police officer or certified law enforcement officer as those terms are defined under section 2 (k) of the commission on the Law Enforcement Standards Act, Public Act 203 of 1965, MCL 28.602, and retired in good standing from his or her employment as a police officer or law enforcement officer.