

CONCEALED HANDGUN APPLICATION FAQ

GENERAL QUESTIONS

How much does a license cost?

New Application	\$65.00
Renewal License	\$50.00
Transfer Fee	\$30.00
Transfer and Renewal	\$65.00
Address Change and Replacement	\$15.00

Fees are non-refundable. Only exact cash, check, money order, VISA/MASTERCARD, Debit/Credit.

Walk in hours for Renewals, Reinstatements, Transfer/Renewals, and Address Changes:

- Monday 8:00 am - 11:00 am
- Tuesday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Thursday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Does Oregon recognize any other state's permits?

You cannot carry a concealed handgun in Oregon unless you have an Oregon CHL, which you can obtain only in the county of your residence. No other state's permit is recognized or acknowledged.

Can I get an Oregon permit if I do not reside in Oregon?

Multnomah County issues permits to residents of Multnomah County and Washington State.

Do I have to be a citizen of the United States to get a CHL?

Yes, you must be a citizen of the United States. The only exception is if you are a legal resident alien, have continuously lived in the US a minimum of six months and have proof in writing, and/or you have declared to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services your intention to become a citizen. You must show the accepted form of proof of your declaration, from INS, with the court date, at the time of application. If you do not follow through to obtain citizenship within one year you will lose your right to have a CHL and it will be revoked.

Where can I carry my concealed handgun with a permit?

A concealed handgun license does not authorize you to carry a firearm on many private and public properties. We cannot give specific advice for individual sites, but it is in the CHL holder's best interest, to investigate and obtain the correct information before taking your concealed handgun to any of the following locations:

- Many private businesses have conditions regarding the possession of firearms on their premises. If you violate these conditions you could, under certain circumstances, be subject to arrest under Oregon trespass laws, in which case, if convicted, your concealed handgun license would be seized and/or revoked.
- Any federal facility
- Federal Court Houses
- Post Offices
- Social Security Offices
- National Forests
- Indian Reservations or Indian property (without the written permission of the tribal judge. This also applies to certain casinos that are on Indian lands.)
- In any courtroom, jury room, judge's chambers or areas adjacent thereto that the presiding judge determines.

For information regarding the Portland airports please contact the Port of Portland. Please see the Oregon Revised Statutes for any updated Oregon State restrictions. There are other websites available, which can be viewed online, as well as reference materials at your local library. If in doubt, contact the facility directly for their policy.

How old do I have to be to apply for a concealed handgun license?

You must be at least 21 years of age prior to making application for a concealed handgun license.

How long are licenses valid?

Oregon concealed handgun licenses are valid for four years unless otherwise revoked or denied. If you are transferring your permit from another county the expiration date will remain the same as your current permit.

***NEW APPLICATIONS* How do I obtain an application?**

Applications are available online or at the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Concealed Handgun License Unit, 4735 E Burnside St., Portland, OR 97215. The building is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications are also available in Room 134 at the Multnomah County

Courthouse, 1021 SW 4th, Portland, OR 97204, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed from noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

Do I have to be a resident of Multnomah County to apply? You must apply through the Sheriff's Office of the county where you reside. If your driver's license has another address, outside of Multnomah County, as your primary address, you must contact the County of residence. If a Multnomah County address is the mailing address on your driver's license, it is still not the primary address. Your Oregon driver's license or see the application for other proof of residency accepted.

How do I satisfy the competency requirement? Complete a Handgun Safety Class and received certification or be otherwise able to demonstrate competence with a handgun per ORS 166.291(f) (A-G). Contact community colleges, local gun dealers, or gun clubs for class referrals. There are also some online courses available. We do not have a list of all of the available courses but they must be NRA approved.

- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office offers a Handgun Safety Class once a month on a Tuesday night from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
 - **DO NOT BRING GUNS TO CLASS**
 - Class is conducted at the Sheriff's Office (234 SW Kendall Ct, Troutdale OR 97060)
 - Class size is limited to 30 students. To reserve a spot, send an email to chl.class@mcsos.us. Please include your name, contact phone number, and your first and second class date preferences. You will receive a confirmation email with your scheduled class date and time.
 - Fee: \$40.00 Cash or Check only
 - In order to get everyone checked in and to allow class to start on time, please arrive before 6:15 PM. Students arriving after 6:30 PM may be turned away.

However you satisfy the competency requirement, you must bring proof to your appointment (when your fingerprints and photograph are taken). Be sure to bring your actual certificate and not just the receipt as the receipt does not have the required information.

After I have met the competency requirement what do I do next?

Turn in your application. They may be mailed or brought into the Sheriff's Office at 4735 E Burnside Street, Portland OR 97215. After we receive your application we will mail you a letter with your appointment date and time. All new applicants are processed by appointment only.

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS How do I renew my concealed handgun license?

Renewal applications are accepted up to six months prior to the expiration date shown on your license. Unused time is not credited. It is 4 years from issue date. Drop in times available for renewal are posted above.

Will I receive notification that my license will expire?

It is up to the CHL holder to know their expiration date and renew before it expires.

Do I make an appointment to renew my license?

NO. At this time, renewal applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis at 4735 E Burnside St, Portland, Oregon during the following times.

- Monday 8:00 am - 11:00 am
- Tuesday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Thursday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Renewal applications are accepted in person only. DO NOT mail the renewal application.

If I am in the military and deployed overseas how do I renew if I cannot come in?

Active military personnel who are deployed are no longer expected to renew in person. You may mail your application with a copy of your orders and deployment papers and we will mail your permit to either your Multnomah County address of record, or your military mailing address. Your CHL must be valid at the time you renew – it cannot be expired.

Do I have to take another handgun safety class to renew my license?

No. Your valid or expired concealed handgun license is proof that you attended a handgun safety course.

How do I change my address?

If you moved within Multnomah County or Washington State, you must first change your address with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Once that is completed, you may submit an application for an address change and pay the \$15 fee. You can come in during renewal hours (listed above) and you will be given a new permit at that time. Or you can send in the application, along with a check for \$15 and a copy of your driver's license with the new address. The address change will be processed and a new card will be sent to you in the mail.

What if I just moved into Multnomah County and I have a Concealed Handgun License from another County?

The Concealed Handgun License is an Oregon Permit, but it is administered in the county you reside in. When you change your DMV license you need to change your CHL so that both addresses are the same. This is a Transfer and Renewal. You may come in during renewal drop in times and bring a completed application. You will also need your concealed permit from the other county and your driver's license (if you have changed your DMV online and don't have your sticker yet, we can still process your application as the change of address in DMV is immediate, when done online).