

# What you need to know about Purchasing a HANDGUN

Effective November 30, 1998 as required under Public Law 103-159 (Brandy Handgun Violence Prevention Act) the procedures for applying for a handgun permit has changed. Issuance or denial of a permit can, in certain circumstances, take as long as 30 days depending on responses from references, background check inquires and other required applicant checks.

A copy of your driver's license and social security card will be submitted along with your completed application. The application will be completely filled out, including place of birth, references names, addresses and phone numbers.

Under this federal law, (The Gun Control Act of 1968 as amended) prohibits the transfer of a firearm to any person who:

1. Is under indictment or has been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year;
2. Is a fugitive from justice;
3. Is an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance;
4. Has been adjudicated as a mental defective or has been committed to a mental institution;
5. Is an alien who is illegally or unlawfully in the United States;
6. Has been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable condition;
7. Has renounced his/her United States citizenship;
8. Is subject to a court order that was issued after a hearing of which he/she received actual notice, and that restrains him/her from committing domestic violence;
9. Has been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.

**NOTE: THE NORTH CAROLINA LAW ALLOWS A SHERIFF TO REFUSE A PERMIT TO PURCHASE A HANDGUN TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT OF "GOOD MORAL CHARACTER".**

The above procedures will not be waived for any applicant who has recently received a permit to purchase a handgun as a result of the new procedures and requirements placed on this agency by the amended Gun Control Act.

The following pages are the application needed to obtain a purchase permit from the Currituck County Sheriff's Office the form will need to be completed in its entirety and delivered to the Currituck Sheriff's Office at 407 Maple Rd. Maple, NC 27956.

\*\*\*Do not send Payment - Payment will be due upon issuance only \*\*\*

**For additional information Contact the Sheriff's Office  
Mon- Fri 8ap – 5pm  
(252) 453-8204**

***Incomplete applications will not be accepted***



**CURRITUCK COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE  
GUN PERMIT APPLICATION**

407 Maple Rd  
Maple, NC 27956  
(252) 453-8204

**PROCESSING FEE OF \$5.00 FOR EACH PERMIT  
IN  
CASH, MONEY ORDER OR CERTIFIED CHECK**

<b>FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE USE ONLY</b>
Approved: Yes _____ No _____
If No, state reason: _____
Comments: _____
_____
_____
Initials _____
Date _____

**Applicant's Full Name:**  
(Mr., Mrs., Miss) \_\_\_\_\_

**Current**

\_\_\_\_\_ Street Address City State Zip

**Previous**

\_\_\_\_\_ Street Address City State Zip

With whom do you reside? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in Currituck County? \_\_\_\_\_ How Long have you Lived in North Carolina? \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone# \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ State Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. List three local references that can be contacted:**  
(Please no more than one family member)

Name	Address	Phone

I \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that I desire a handgun permit(s) to purchase \* \_\_\_\_\_ handgun(s) for the following reasons:

- The protection of home or business
- Collecting
- Target Shooting
- Hunting

and that if any of the statements on this application are false, or I am found to be of questionable moral character I may be denied a handgun permit by the Sheriff.

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: If you are considering applying for a permit to carry a concealed weapon, see Concealed Carry Requirements.*

\* May request up to 5 Purchase Permits on one application

**2. Confirmation of Application.**

An untruthful answer will subject the applicant to the denial of a pistol permit.  
Each question must be answered with a "yes" or "no"

Yes  No Have you ever received a citation, criminal summons, or been arrested?  
If "yes" list offense(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No Have you ever been convicted in any court of a traffic violation, crime, etc.?  
If "yes" list offense(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No Do you have any cases pending against you in court?  
If "yes" list offense(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No Are you under indictment or has a finding of probable cause been entered for a pending felony Charge?

Yes  No Have you been adjudicated guilty in any court of a felony?

Yes  No Are you a fugitive from justice?

Yes  No Are you an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance?

Yes  No Have you been adjudicated as mentally defective or been committed to a mental institution?

Yes  No Have you been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions?

Yes  No Having been a citizen of the United States have you renounced your citizenship?

Yes  No Are you an alien who is illegally or unlawfully in the United States?

Yes  No Have you been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence under federal or state law which has, as an element, the use or attempted use of physical force, or the threatened use of a deadly weapon, committed by a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian, or by a person similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim?

Yes  No Are you subject to a court order, that:  
a. Was issued after hearing of which the person received actual notice, and at which the person had an opportunity to participate;  
b. restrains the person from harassing, stalking or threatening an intimate partner of the person or child of the intimate partner of the person, or engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the partner or child; and  
c. includes a finding that the person represents a credible threat to the physical safety of the intimate partner or child; or by its terms explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the intimate partner or child that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury.

Yes  No Have you ever applied for or been issued a permit to purchase a weapon?  
If "yes", when \_\_\_\_\_ where \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No Have you ever been denied a permit to purchase a weapon?  
If "yes" when \_\_\_\_\_ where \_\_\_\_\_

**I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FALSIFICATION OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE REFUSAL OF MY APPLICATION FOR A PISTOL PERMIT.**

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**CAUTION: Federal Law and State Law on the possession of handguns and firearms differ. If you are prohibited by Federal Law from possessing a handgun or a firearm, you may be prosecuted in Federal Court. A State Permit is not a defense to a Federal Prosecution.**

**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANTS  
FOR A PERMIT TO PURCHASE A HANDGUN**

**Prohibitions applicable to certain aliens.** Federal law makes it unlawful for aliens who are illegally or unlawfully in the United States to receive or possess firearms. In addition, subject to certain exemptions, aliens who are in a non-immigrant status are prohibited from possessing or receiving firearms in the United States.

A non-immigrant alien is not subject to this prohibition if the alien:

1. is in possession of a valid hunting license or permit lawfully issued in the United States;
2. is an official representative of a foreign government who is accredited to the United States Government or his or her government's mission to an international organization having its headquarters in the United States; or
3. has received a waiver from the prohibition from the Attorney General of the United States.

See 18 USC 922(y)(2) for additional exceptions. In order to determine whether applicants who are not U.S. citizens are prohibited from possessing firearms under Federal law, it is necessary to obtain answers to the following questions.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you a citizen of the United States?  Yes  No  
*If the answer to Question 2 is "yes", there is no need to answer questions 3-8.  
Go directly to the certification statement in question 9.*

**Sheriff: If the answer to Question 2 is "yes", use "C" in the Citizenship (CTZ) field of the QN or QNP transaction form.**

3. What is your country of citizenship? List more than one if applicable.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your place of birth? \_\_\_\_\_

(City and Country)

5. What is your INS-issued alien number or admission number?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you an alien illegally in the United States?  Yes  No

7. Are you a non-immigrant alien?  Yes  No

**Sheriff: If the answer to Question 7 is "yes", use "UN" in the Citizenship (CTZ) field. If the answer to Question 7 is "no", use "F" in the Citizenship (CTZ) field of the QN or QNP transaction form.**

8a. Do you fall within any of the exemptions to the nonimmigrant alien prohibitions set forth in 18 use 922(y)?  Yes  No

8b. If you answered "yes" to question 8a, under which exemption do you fall? Please attach documentation to support your entitlement to the claimed exemption, if applicable.

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**Sheriff: If the answer to Question 8a is "yes", indicate the exemption indicated in 8b in the Exception Documentation (EXC) field a/the QN or QNP transaction/arm.**

9. I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FALSIFICATION OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE REFUSAL OF MY APPLICATION FOR A PISTOL PERMIT.

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_