



WATERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Detective Division, Telephone (617) 972-6545



License To Carry Firearms Application Procedures

According To Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 140, section 131, the Chief of Police "may issue to a person residing within their respective jurisdiction, a license to carry firearms in the commonwealth, if it appears that the applicant is a suitable person to be so licensed, and the applicant has good reason to fear injury to his or her person or property, or for any other proper purpose."

1. No application will be approved for any person who is ineligible in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140 Section 131: i.e., is an alien; has been convicted (or adjudicated delinquent or as a youthful offender) of a felony, a misdemeanor punishable by more than two years imprisonment, a violent crime, or a weapons or drug offense; is under 21 years of age; has been confined to a hospital or institution for mental illness; is or has been under treatment for or confinement for drug addiction or habitual drunkenness; is subject to a suspension or surrender order or a protection order issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 209A; is subject to an outstanding arrest warrant.
2. Applicants must submit a letter to the Chief of Police detailing all the particulars for wanting to carry a firearm.
3. Applicants must submit proof of citizenship. i.e., Birth or Naturalization Certificate.
4. Applicants must submit proof of residency i.e. copy of utility statement.
5. Applicants must submit verification that he/she has recently completed an approved firearms safety course taught by a certified instructor, both approved by the Colonel of State Police.
6. An applicant for a "Target Shooting Only" license must submit written verification of his/her membership in a bona fide gun club.
7. An applicant for an "Employment Purposes Only" license must submit a letter (in a format provided by the WPD) from his/her employer stating all the reasons that the possession of a firearm is necessary.
8. Applicants must submit two letters of reference.
9. Interviews may be required.
10. **Fee: \$100 (non-refundable)** check or money order made payable to:
 - **Town of Watertown**
 - There is no license fee for persons over the age of 70.
11. Applicants must contact Detective Campbell (tel. 617-972-6545) to arrange for processing of application.
12. Applicants who are denied a License to Carry Firearms will be notified in writing.