

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

STATE OF MAINE CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS CUMBERLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Q: Do I still need to complete the entire application even though I am only renewing?

A: Yes.

2. Q: Do I need to complete the last 3 pages of the application?

A: Yes – see above. Also, these are statutorily required forms and everyone must fill them out completely whether they are NEW applicants or RENEWAL applicants. The pages that call for a Witness Signature and Date MUST have a witness signature and date. The witness can be anybody 18 years old or older who knows you.

3. Q: Can I still send copies of my permits from other states?

A: Yes.

4. Q: Can I send in a passport in lieu of a birth certificate?

A: Yes. Please ensure it is a current/valid passport.

5. Q: Do you need for a photo?

A: No. Should you choose to the hard plastic permit (\$10.00 additional fee), we will take the photo for you at the time of issuance.

6. Q: How can I find a handgun safety course?

A: Ask at your local firearms dealer, NRA association, local fish and game association or complete an internet search for your area.

The State website: http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/weapons_permits.html also has a link that may be of assistance to you: List of Safety Programs.

7. Q: When can I come to your office to receive assistance in person?

A: We are open to public walk-ins M-T 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to Noon, excluding holidays.

8. Q: How do I change my address?

A: In order to be a valid change of address, you must update your address with us in 30 days or less of moving. If you wait more than 30 days, your permit becomes invalid and you must start over as a new applicant at full cost. If you currently hold a valid permit issued through the State of Maine – Cumberland Police Department:

a) If you move to another address within Cumberland, you can call us and update your address over the phone; you do not need to send in any money and we will not send you a new permit; if you want a new permit reflecting your new address in end in page one of the application, filled out completely, and include a check/money order for \$2.00 payable to Town of Cumberland.

b) If your current valid permit has been issued from an Issuing Authority other than Cumberland Police Department – a police department or the town's selectmen – and you move to the Town of Cumberland, you must fill out the complete application packet, even the authority to release information pages at the back of the packet, and send it in to us with a check/money order for \$2.00. Note: a copy of your birth certificate, a copy of your current concealed carry permit and a copy of a certificate. Normally the handgun safety certificate must be less than 5 years old, nce only, it does not have to be; it can be more than 5 years old.

9. Q: If I have more questions that are not covered in this list, what number do I call?

A: You can call (207) 829-4085. You can also visit the State website:
http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/weapons_permits.html for more information.

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