

Pistol and Revolver Licensing

In-State Resident/ Out-of-State Non-Resident

In-State Residents: Please contact your local law enforcement agency for a Resident Pistol/Revolver License or you may download and complete the fillable online application.

<https://www.nhsp.dos.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt461/files/inline-documents/sonh/dssp85.pdf>

NOTE: Pistol and Revolver licenses are only issued to NON-Residents by the New Hampshire State Police.

New Hampshire Pistol/Revolver Rules and RSAs:

- [RSA 159](#) (includes self-defense weapons and martial arts weapons)
- New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Saf-C 2100

Reciprocity:

The states listed below have indicated that they will recognize New Hampshire resident pistol revolver licenses. Anyone carrying a firearm in New Hampshire is subject to all other applicable laws including [RSA 159:3](#).

Alabama	Iowa	Ohio
Alaska	Kansas	Oklahoma
Arizona *	Kentucky	Pennsylvania
Arkansas	Louisiana	South Dakota
Colorado *	Maine	Tennessee
Florida *	Missouri	Utah
Georgia	Mississippi	Virginia
Idaho	North Carolina	West Virginia *
Indiana	North Dakota	Wyoming

* License holders must be 21 years of age or older.

PLEASE NOTE: Pistol/Revolver licenses issued by the State of New Hampshire to out-of-state residents are ONLY valid within the State of New Hampshire or within a state that recognizes a New Hampshire non-resident pistol/revolver license.

It is extremely important that all license holders be aware of the laws and requirements of all reciprocating states when visiting/traveling. Possession of a license does not supersede any other state's laws or license requirements. License holders are subject to the laws of the state they are visiting.

If you are a New Hampshire Pistol/Revolver License holder traveling to another state and wish to carry a concealed weapon using your New Hampshire license, contact that state directly to confirm their recognition status before carrying concealed weapons in that state. For example, some states only recognize a license if the person is 21 years of age or older.

Out-of-State Residents: Please download and complete the fillable online applications.

<https://www.nhsp.dos.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt461/files/inline-documents/sonh/dssp260.pdf>

Mail the completed form to:

Department of Safety
Division of State Police
Permits and Licensing Unit
33 Hazen Drive
Concord NH 03305

*****UPDATE 10/25/16***** Please be advised that due to the New Hampshire Supreme Court opinion Bach v. New Hampshire Department of Safety, ___ N.H. ___ (No. 2014-0721, decided June 2, 2016), Out-of-State Residents applying for a Non-Resident Pistol/Revolver License are NOT required to supply the Resident State License Number on Form DSSP 260 and are NOT required to supply either a copy of a valid concealed carry license issued by the state, county, or town in which they reside OR a letter from their local police department, as described in Saf-C 2102.03(c) and on the reverse of Form DSSP 260.

The above is being provided for informational purposes only. The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office does not make any warranty, express or implied, concerning the accuracy of the information. Every attempt is made to update the information periodically; however, it is everyone's responsibility to know the laws and requirements concerning possession of pistols/revolvers when traveling in New Hampshire or any other state.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Am I required to obtain a Resident or Non-Resident Concealed carry license within the State of New Hampshire if I choose to carry a handgun or revolver, loaded or unloaded, on my person or in my vehicle?

Effective February 22, 2017, NH RSA 159:6 License to Carry was amended to no longer require a resident or non-resident to obtain a license to carry a pistol or revolver concealed. A license to carry a pistol or revolver concealed is now voluntary.

Residents and non-residents who wish to continue participating in the concealed license system will continue to file applications with either their Town or City as previously required, or in the case of a non-resident seeking a license to carry, an application will need to be filed with the Division of State Police, Permits and Licensing Unit. Pursuant to RSA 159:6, I, licenses will be issued "...if it appears that the applicant has good reason to fear injury to the applicant's person or property or has any proper purpose unless the applicant is prohibited by New Hampshire or federal statute from possessing a firearm." Please refer to RSA 159 for additional information.

What is the benefit of obtaining a resident or non-resident concealed carry license?

Licenses issued from the State of New Hampshire may be required for residents and non-residents seeking to carry under a reciprocity agreement within another State.

If I choose to renew my Non-Resident Pistol License, do I still need to provide references?

Yes. The application needs to be completed in its entirety at each time of application. Incomplete applications will be returned.

How long does it take to process applications submitted to the Permits and Licensing Unit?

Applications are processed within 14 days of receipt. If the application is denied, the applicant will receive written notification of the reason for such denial. If you have not received a response within that time frame, please feel free to call us at permitsandlicensing@dos.nh.gov.

How can I receive a duplicate NH Non-Resident Pistol License?

Please forward a letter to NH State Police, Permits and Licensing Unit, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03305 explaining the reason for your request and include a fee of \$3.00 made out to *State of New Hampshire - Treasurer*.

How do I submit an address change on a NH Non-Resident Pistol License?

Please forward a letter to NH State Police, Permits and Licensing Unit, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03305 notifying us of the change of address, including the old and new address. If you would like to receive a license that reflects the new address, enclose a fee of \$3.00 made out to *State of New Hampshire - Treasurer*.

Instructions on filling-in a PDF form:

- To enter information on a PDF form, place the cursor on a blank line and type.
- Do not enter text longer than the line supplied.
- To move from one line to the next, press the Tab key. The Tab key is found on the keyboard, to the left of the letter Q.
- To move back through the form, hold down the Shift key while gently pressing the Tab key.

The information typed on the lines will print.