

PISTOL PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Frequent Answers:

- **Directions are on page 5 and 6 (double-sided). Please read.**
- Complete application is the first 4 pages. All questions must be answered.
- Fingerprint hours are when the complete application is turned in. We do not hold on to your application beforehand.
- Application must be notarized.
- Fee is \$158.25 total – payable to Town of Wethersfield. We do not need separate checks/money orders.

Checklist for application

- 4 pages of application complete – write neat and legible
- Application notarized
- Proof of town residency - (driver's license or id card – not expired)
- Proof of birth certificate or passport (not expired)
- Naturalization certificate or Alien Registration Card (if applicable)
- Proof of training – NRA Certificate
- \$158.25 check or money order payable to Town of Wethersfield (price breakdown is as follows: \$70 town fee, \$75 State of CT fee, \$13.25 FBI fee)

If, after reading all of the information you still have questions, call 860.721.2905 Monday – Friday from 8am – 4pm.

Pistol Permit Applications are by Appointment Only

1. Go to Town of Wethersfield website (Wethersfieldct.gov)
2. Under Key Links (in blue on right of screen) select **Police**.
3. Under Additional Links (center of screen) select **Services**.
4. Under Services they go all the way to the bottom and read the information for fingerprints. The link for scheduling is in this information.



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
Special Licensing and Firearms Unit**



PISTOL PERMIT/ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

(Pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 29-28 et. seq., 29-36 et. seq., and 53a-217 et. seq.)

Before completing this application, it is suggested that you review the Connecticut General Statutes pertaining to firearms. These can be accessed on the Internet at www.cga.ct.gov. or through your local library.

Type of Permit Requested:

Check Box:

- 60 Day Temporary State Pistol Permit
- Non-Resident State Pistol Permit
- Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Pistols or Revolvers
- Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Long Guns

Instructions:

Instructions for State Pistol Permits:	Instructions for Non-Resident State Pistol Permits:	Instructions for Eligibility Certificates to Purchase Pistols or Revolvers and/or Eligibility Certificates to Purchase Long Guns:
<p>1. Complete this form (DPS-799-C) and submit to appropriate local authority (local police, resident state trooper or first select person, as applicable) along with all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Firearms Safety & Use Course Certificate; ▪ \$70.00, fee, payable to the local authority; and ▪ Proof you are legally and lawfully in the United States (e.g., certified copy of birth certificate, U.S. passport or documentation issued by I.C.E.). <p>2. Submit fingerprints for a criminal history check through a law enforcement agency. Fees include a \$75.00 fee and a \$13.25 fee, payable at the agency where the prints are taken. Fees must be paid by separate checks.</p> <p>3. Upon approval, the local authority will issue a Temporary State Permit to Carry Pistols and Revolvers (DPS-11-C), effective for 60 days.</p> <p>4. Within the 60 day period, go to a DESPP, Division of State Police, pistol permit location and submit the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Temporary State Permit to Carry Pistols and Revolvers (DPS-11-C) issued by the local authority; ▪ A completed Application for State Permit to Carry Pistols and Revolvers (DPS-46-C); ▪ \$70.00 fee, payable to Treasurer, State of Connecticut; ▪ Proof you are legally and lawfully in the United States (e.g., certified copy of birth certificate, U.S. passport or documentation issued by I.C.E.); and ▪ Proof of valid state issued photo identification card. <p>5. Upon approval, <i>your photograph will be taken at DESPP and you will be issued a state pistol permit.</i></p>	<p align="center">**CALL DESPP FOR PACKET** <i>You must hold a valid permit or license to carry a pistol or revolver issued by a recognized United States jurisdiction.</i></p> <p>Complete this form and submit to DESPP, Division of State Police, pistol permit location along with all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed State of CT and Federal fingerprint card with \$75.00 fee and \$13.25 fee, payable to Treasurer, State of Connecticut for criminal history background checks; ▪ Firearms Safety & Use Course Certificate; ▪ \$70.00 fee, payable to Treasurer, State of Connecticut; ▪ Completed Application for State Permit to Carry Pistols and Revolvers form (DPS-46-C); ▪ Completed DPS-129-C signed and notarized and 2x2 color photograph (passport style); ▪ Copy of the permit or license to carry a pistol or revolver issued to you by a recognized United States jurisdiction; ▪ Proof you are legally and lawfully in the United States (e.g., certified copy of birth certificate, U.S. passport or documentation issued by I.C.E.);and ▪ Proof of valid state issued photo identification card. <p>Out of State Pistol Permit Information: State of Issue: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Permit Number: _____</p>	<p>1. Complete this form and submit in person at DESPP Headquarters, Division of State Police, located at 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, Connecticut along with the below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Firearms Safety & Use Course Certificate; ▪ \$35.00 fee, payable to Treasurer, State of Connecticut; ▪ Application for a State Eligibility Certificate for a Pistol or Revolver or for Long Guns (DPS-164-C); ▪ Proof you are legally and lawfully in the United States (e.g., certified copy of birth certificate, U.S. passport or documentation issued by I.C.E.); and ▪ Proof of valid state issued photo identification card. <p>2. Submit fingerprints for a criminal history check through a law enforcement agency. Fees include a \$75.00 fee and a \$13.25 fee, payable at the agency where the prints are taken. Fees must be paid by separate checks.</p> <p>3. Upon approval, your photograph will be taken at DESPP and you will be issued an eligibility certificate.</p>

For Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), Division of State Police, pistol permit locations, access www.ct.gov/despp and follow the link to the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit or call (860) 685-8290. Note: All payments must be made with separate checks.

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Medical History:

Have you been confined in a hospital for mental illness in the past sixty (60) months by order of a Probate Court?

NO YES If "YES," explain: (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary)

Have you been discharged from custody within the past twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of a mental disease or defect? NO YES

If "YES," explain: (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary)

Have you been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for mental illness within the past six (6) months for reasons other than solely for alcohol or drug dependence? NO YES

If "YES," explain: (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary)

Notice: DESPP herein notifies the applicant that, pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 29-28 through 29-38b, DESPP will be notified by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services if the applicant has been confined to a hospital for psychiatric disabilities within the preceding sixty (60) months by order of Probate Court, or if the applicant has been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for mental illness within the past six (6) months for reasons other than solely for alcohol or drug dependence.

Criminal History:

Have you ever been ARRESTED for any crime, in any jurisdiction? NO YES If "YES," list all arrests, indicating charges, locations, dates of arrest and dispositions. (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary)

Notice: You are *not* required to disclose the existence of any arrest, criminal charge or conviction, the records of which have been erased pursuant to C.G.S. §§46b-146, 54-76o, or 54-142a. If your criminal records have been erased pursuant to one of these statutes, you may swear under oath that you have never been arrested. Criminal records that may be erased are records pertaining to a finding of delinquency or that a child was a member of a family with service needs (C.G.S. 46b-146), an adjudication as a youthful offender (C.G.S. 54-76o), a criminal charge that has been dismissed or nolle, a criminal charge for which the person has been found not guilty, or a conviction for which the person received an absolute pardon (C.G.S. 54-142a).

With regard to criminal history information arising from jurisdictions other than the State of Connecticut: You are not required to disclose the existence of any arrest, criminal charge or conviction, the records of which have been erased pursuant to the law of the other jurisdiction. Additionally, you are not required to disclose the existence of an arrest arising from another jurisdiction if you are permitted under the law of that jurisdiction to swear under oath that you have never been arrested.

Have you ever been CONVICTED under the laws of this state, federal law or the laws of another jurisdiction?

NO YES If "YES," list all convictions, include charges, location, date of arrest, and disposition. (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary)

Are you currently on probation, parole, work release, in an alcohol and/or drug treatment program or other pre-trial diversionary program or currently released on personal recognizance, a written promise to appear or a bail bond for a pending court case? NO YES If "YES," explain. (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary)

Within the past five (5) years, have you been the subject of a Protective Order or Restraining Order issued by a court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, regardless of the outcome or result of any related criminal case? NO YES

If "YES," which court issued the order?

Military History:

Were you ever a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? NO YES (If yes, please include a copy of your DD-214)

Were you ever discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States with a less than Honorable Discharge? NO YES

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Proof of Training:

**Attach a copy of the letter or certificate attesting that you have completed a course in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers or long guns (as appropriate, depending upon which permit or certificate you are requesting), signed by the instructor of the course.*

Instructor: (Check applicable box)

- National Rifle Association**
 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)
 Other: _____

State Instructor's Name and ID Number: _____

Declaration:

I understand that any false statement herein, which I do not believe to be true and which is intended to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official function, is punishable by law (See CGS § 53a-157b). I further understand that any statement in this application that is determined to be false or inaccurate shall constitute grounds for the denial of such application. If approved before the facts are known, such approval shall be void if based on a false or inaccurate statement. My signature below attests to the accuracy, completeness and to the truth of all information supplied on this application:

I declare, under the penalties of false statement, that the answers to the above are true and correct.

Date _____ Signed _____

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Print Name _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____

 Name:
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires:
 Commissioner of Superior Court

NOTICE: Appeal Process for Permits

In the event that your application for pistol permit or eligibility certificate is denied or revoked, you may notify the Board of Firearm Permit Examiners, at 20 Trinity St., 5th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106. Telephone: (860)256-2977 OR (860) 256-2947, in writing, within ninety (90) days, in order to begin your appeal process. At a hearing before the Board, you may request that your application be reconsidered or that your permit or eligibility certificate be reinstated.

For Official Use Only:

Application Received:

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 Month/Day/Year

FBI Sent: No Yes
 FBI Reply: No Yes
 ICE Response: No Yes
 DMHAS: No Yes
 SPBI: No Yes
 Number: _____

Application Status:

Approved Denied

 (Signature and title of issuing authority)

WETHERSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Pistol Permit Applicants
FROM: James Cetran, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Procedures Regarding Pistol Permit Applications
DATE: June 1, 2020

The guidelines for obtaining both a local and state pistol permit are contained in **C.G.S., sec. 29-28, 29-28a, and 28-29.**

Applicants must be at least 21 years old and a legal resident of the United States. Persons convicted of a felony or any one of 11 misdemeanor offenses detailed in the statute are ineligible to receive a permit. Persons convicted as a delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense. (as defined in section 46b-120); persons discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect (pursuant to section 53a-13); persons confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities (as defined in section 17a-495), within the preceding 12 months by order of a probate court; persons subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of a physical force against another person; persons subject to a firearms seizure order issued pursuant to C.G.S. 29-38c after notice and hearing; and any person who is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States, are prohibited from obtaining a pistol permit.

The permit is good for a period of five years. The application paperwork may be obtained from a local police department, city or town hall or first selectman's office in the case of a local permit, or any state police barracks in the case of a state pistol permit.

You are required to complete a handgun safety course, which must consist of no less than the NRA's "Basic Pistol Course," prior to submitting the application. The NRA's "Home Firearms Safety Course" and "First Steps Pistol Orientation Program" are not approved courses.

Live fire is also required. Computer-generated programs, dry-fire, other simulated shooting tools, plastic bullets, air guns or any other alternatives are not acceptable. Students must fire a semi-automatic pistol or revolver. Any questions should be referred to the "Special Licensing and Firearms Unit."

The NRA Home Firearm Safety Course is a 4 hour course designed to convey the skill, knowledge and attitude to safely unload and store guns in the home and does live fire is not a part of this course.

It is our intention to issue permits to carry a pistol or revolver only to persons fully qualified. Please aid us in this regard by following, carefully, the steps included below:

STEP NO.1: Fill out, completely and accurately, the application for the permit. Any falsehoods, misrepresentations, or material omissions may be cause for rejection of the application. The applicant should completely read and understand the portion of the application that enumerates the laws concerning pistol permits. The application must be notarized in the appropriate section. **(Include a working cell phone number on the application).**

STEP NO.2: When your application is completed, come to the Wethersfield Police Department to be fingerprinted on the specified dates and at the specified times (see attached sheet). At the time of your fingerprinting, you must submit (a) your completed application; (b) a check or money order in the amount of \$158.25 made payable to the 'Town of Wethersfield'; (c) proof of citizenship (i.e.: birth certificate, or passport); (d) resident alien card or naturalization certificate if applicable; (e) if you are a member of the military we need a copy of your DD-14 form showing discharge status (we cannot process your application without it); (f) Valid Connecticut Residence Identification (i.e.: driver's license). *Please Note: We do require proof of Residency in Town.*

STEP NO.3: You are required to furnish a letter or certificate attesting to your competence with a handgun, signed by one of the following:

- (a) NRA Certified Pistol Instructor
- (b) Police Firearms Instructor

STEP NO.4: Once your fingerprints, have been checked by the Wethersfield Police, the State Police, and the FBI, and your application file has been evaluated and it is determined that you are a suitable person, the Wethersfield Police Chief will issue you a Temporary State Pistol Permit. The permit is valid for sixty (60) days.

STEP NO.5: Once you have obtained the temporary permit, you must, within sixty (60) days personally submit that to Connecticut State Police Headquarters to obtain the regular State permit that is good for five (5) years.

NOTE:

Fingerprinting Hours Are Below. An appointment **MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE!**

Tuesday 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Thursday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

1. Go to Town of Wethersfield website (Wethersfieldct.gov)
2. Under Key Links (in blue on right of screen) select **Police**.
3. Under Additional Links (center of screen) select **Services**.
4. Under Services they go all the way to the bottom and read the information for fingerprints. The link for scheduling is in this information.

WETHERSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Public Fingerprinting Procedures

The Wethersfield Police Department will now have specific hours that all public fingerprinting will be done. The police department is making an effort to make it more convenient for citizens to get fingerprinted. Any town resident or employee will be allowed to walk in for fingerprinting on the following days at specified hours:

Tuesday 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Thursday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

WETHERSFIELD DIVISION OF POLICE

PISTOL INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE IN THE AREA

The following local Pistol Instructors have registered with us and are available to train you and certify your competence with a handgun as required in Step No. 3 of the Pistol Permit Application Procedures.

The listing here is in no way to be taken as an endorsement of their services by our department. They are listed here as they have formally requested to be included on the list of hands-on instruction available in the area and have shown Instructor Certification by an authorized agency.

Mr. Fred Valente

Telephone (860) 563-4326

Instructor: Capitol City Gun Club, Rocky Hill, CT

NRA Certified Instructor – Pistol/Personal Safety

Mr. Edward Peruta

Telephone (860) 978-5455

Rocky Hill, CT

NRA Certified Instructor

Mr. Thomas Minutelli

Telephone (860) 951-5071

Newington, CT

NRA Certified Instructor

Agency Privacy Requirements for Noncriminal Justice Applicants

Authorized governmental and non-governmental agencies/officials that conduct a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check on an applicant for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as a job or license, immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption) are obligated to ensure the applicant is provided certain notice and other information and that the results of the check are handled in a manner that protects the applicant's privacy.

- Officials must provide to the applicant written notice¹ that his/her fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI.
- Officials using the FBI criminal history record (if one exists) to make a determination of the applicant's suitability for the job, license, or other benefit must provide the applicant the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in the record.
- Officials must advise the applicant that procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of an FBI criminal history record are set forth at Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 16.34.
- Officials should not deny the job, license, or other benefit based on information in the criminal history record until the applicant has been afforded a reasonable time to correct or complete the record or has declined to do so.
- Officials must use the criminal history record solely for the purpose requested and cannot disseminate the record outside the receiving department, related agency, or other authorized entity.²

The FBI has no objection to officials providing a copy of the applicant's FBI criminal history record to the applicant for review and possible challenge when the record was obtained based on positive fingerprint identification. If agency policy permits, this courtesy will save the applicant the time and additional FBI fee to obtain his/her record directly from the FBI by following the procedures found at 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34. It will also allow the officials to make a more timely determination of the applicant's suitability.

Each agency should establish and document the process/procedures it utilizes for how/when it gives the applicant notice, what constitutes "a reasonable time" for the applicant to correct or complete the record, and any applicant appeal process that is afforded the applicant. Such documentation will assist State and/or FBI auditors during periodic compliance reviews on use of criminal history records for noncriminal justice purposes.

If you need additional information or assistance, contact:

<p>Connecticut Records: Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection State Police Bureau of Identification (SPBI) 1111 Country Club Road Middletown, CT 06457 860-685-8480</p>	<p>Out-of-State Records: Agency of Record OR FBI CJIS Division-Summary Request 1000 Custer Hollow Road Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306</p>
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¹ Written notification includes electronic notification, but excludes oral notification.

² See 5 U.S.C. 552a(b); 28 U.S.C. 534(b); 42 U.S.C. 14616, Article IV(c); 28 CFR 20.21(c), 20.33(d), 50.12(b) and 906.2(d).

Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights

As an applicant who is the subject of a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as an application for a job or license, an immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption), you have certain rights which are discussed below.

- You must be provided written notification³ by WETHERSFIELD PD, WETHERSFIELD, CT that your fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI.
- If you have a criminal history record, the officials making a determination of your suitability for the job, license, or other benefit must provide you the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in the record.
- The officials must advise you that the procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of your criminal history record are set forth at Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 16.34.
- If you have a criminal history record, you should be afforded a reasonable amount of time to correct or complete the record (or decline to do so) before the officials deny you the job, license, or other benefit based on information in the criminal history record.⁴
- You have the right to expect that officials receiving the results of the criminal history record check will use it only for authorized purposes and will not retain or disseminate it in violation of federal statute, regulation or executive order, or rule, procedure or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.⁵
- If agency policy permits, the officials may provide you with a copy of your FBI criminal history record for review and possible challenge. If agency policy does not permit it to provide you a copy of the record, you may obtain a copy of the record by submitting fingerprints and a fee to the FBI. Information regarding this process may be obtained at <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks>.
- If you decide to challenge the accuracy or completeness of your FBI criminal history record, you should send your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information to the FBI. Alternatively, you may send your challenge directly to the FBI at the same address as provided above. The FBI will then forward your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information and request the agency to verify or correct the challenged entry. Upon receipt of an official communication from that agency, the FBI will make any necessary changes/corrections to your record in accordance with the information supplied by that agency. (See 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34.)
- If you need additional information or assistance, please contact:

<p style="text-align: center;">Connecticut Records: Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection State Police Bureau of Identification (SPBI) 1111 Country Club Road Middletown, CT 06457 860-685-8480</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Out-of-State Records: Agency of Record OR FBI CJIS Division-Summary Request 1000 Custer Hollow Road Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306</p>
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⁴ See 28 CFR 50.12(b).

⁵ See 5 U.S.C. 552a(b); 28 U.S.C. 534(b); 42 U.S.C. 14616, Article IV(c); 28 CFR 20.21(c), 20.33(d) and 906.2(d).

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The FBI's acquisition, preservation, and exchange of fingerprints and associated information is generally authorized under 28 U.S.C. 534. Depending on the nature of your application, supplemental authorities include Federal statutes, State statutes pursuant to Pub. L. 92-544, Presidential Executive Orders, and federal. Providing your fingerprints and associated information is voluntary; however, failure to do so may affect completion or approval of your application.

Social Security Account Number (SSAN). Your SSAN is needed to keep records accurate because other people may have the same name and birth date. Pursuant to the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a), the requesting agency is responsible for informing you whether disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority your SSAN is solicited, and what uses will be made of it. Executive Order 9397 also asks Federal agencies to use this number to help identify individuals in agency records.

Principal Purpose: Certain determinations, such as employment, licensing, and security clearances, may be predicated on fingerprint-based background checks. Your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics may be provided to the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency, and/or the FBI for the purpose of comparing your fingerprints to other fingerprints in the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) system or its successor systems (including civil, criminal, and latent fingerprint repositories) or other available records of the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency. The FBI may retain your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics in NGI after the completion of this application and, while retained, your fingerprints may continue to be compared against other fingerprints submitted to or retained by NGI.

Routine Uses: During the processing of this application and for as long thereafter as your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics are retained in NGI, your information may be disclosed pursuant to your consent, and may be disclosed without your consent as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 and all applicable Routine Uses as may be published at any time in the Federal Register, including the Routine Uses for the NGI system and the FBI's Blanket Routine Uses. Routine uses include, but are not limited to, disclosures to: employing, governmental or authorized non-governmental agencies responsible for employment, contracting licensing, security clearances, and other suitability determinations; local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement agencies; criminal justice agencies; and agencies responsible for national security or public safety.

Additional Information: The requesting agency and/or the agency conducting the application-investigation will provide you additional information pertinent to the specific circumstances of this application, which may include identification of other authorities, purposes, uses, and consequences of not providing requested information. In addition, any such agency in the Federal Executive Branch has also published notice in the Federal Register describing any systems(s) of records in which that agency may also maintain your records, including the authorities, purposes, and routine uses for the system(s).