



**TOWN OF PRESTON**  
**389 Route 2 | Preston CT 06351**  
**860-887-5581**

## **PISTOL PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Instructions:** Complete the application. Have the application notarized and signed prior to fingerprinting and returning it to Resident Trooper. Notaries are available at the Preston Town Hall or any bank. The following three (3) document must accompany the application:

1. NRA Certificate
2. Copy of Birth Certificate
3. Copy of Drivers License, Photo Identification or Passport

The following fees will be due prior to fingerprinting. **NOTE: these must be three (3) individual certified checks, money orders or personal checks.**

1. **\$15.00 – payable to “Treasurer – State of CT” – Fingerprint fee**
2. **\$13.25 – payable to “Treasurer – State of CT” – FBI background**
3. **\$75.00 – payable to “Treasurer – State of CT” – Connecticut record/process fee**

When above is completed, contact Troop E in Montville (860-848-6500 ext. 5) and request Preston Resident Trooper (Bettini or Boehm) for a fingerprint appointment; OR you can go to Troop E at 8 AM, 4 PM or 12 AM to have your fingerprints taken.

The completed packet (along with money orders or checks) will then be reviewed by the Preston Resident Trooper’s office. Pending there are no problems, your fingerprints will be sent to the State for processing. Processing will take approximately 8-12 weeks from date of fingerprinting. After the process period, and upon our receipt of the background/record results, we will contact you. After a few months, in the event you do not hear from us, you may contact the Selectmen’s Office (Nancy Musa at 860-887-5581 ext. 101). Upon receipt and approval, you will next need to submit:

**\$70 – payable to Town of Preston (cash or personal check is acceptable) – this is for your Local Temporary Permit which is issued by the First Selectman’s Office**

Once your Local Temporary Permit is completed, you will need to apply for your State Permit. The fee for your State Permit is also **\$70 – exact cash or check made payable to “Treasurer – State of CT.”** You must apply for your State Permit within sixty (60) days from the date on your Local Temporary Permit or you will have to re-apply from the local level. For your State Pistol Permit, you can contact either DESPP in Middletown at 860-685-8290; or Troop E in Montville at 860-848-6539.



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



**Instructions to Applicants**

<b>Pistol Permits – New</b>	<b>Pistol Permits – Renewal In-Person</b>	<b>Pistol Permits – Renewal by Mail</b>
<p>1. A valid Temporary State Permit to Carry Pistols or Revolvers (DPS-11-C) must be presented in person at the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) Headquarters located at 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, Connecticut 06457-2389.</p> <p>2. Proof of legal and lawful presence in the United States is required. Acceptable forms of proof include a birth certificate, U.S. passport, or documentation of permanent residence from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.</p> <p>3. Payment of a \$70.00 fee is required, either by check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" or by exact cash payment.</p> <p>4. Your photograph and signature will be taken at DESPP.</p>	<p>1. All pistol permits may be renewed in person at DESPP Headquarters ninety (90) days prior to expiration or up to ninety (90) days after expiration. No permit can be renewed after the ninety (90) day grace period following the expiration date.</p> <p>2. Confirm the accuracy of the information on DPS-129-C. If corrections are required, draw a single line through any incorrect information and write in the correct information. Present the corrected form to DESPP.</p> <p>3. Bring a \$70.00 check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" or exact cash payment.</p> <p>4. Provide proof of being legally and lawfully in United States: U.S. Passport, Birth Certificate or Permanent Resident ID issued by I.C.E. or Naturalization Certificate; <b>NOTE:</b> If Place of Birth states, "VERIFIED",  you <u>do not</u> need to bring item # 4.</p> <p>5. Your photograph and signature will be taken at DESPP.</p>	<p>1. Out-of-state pistol permits may be renewed by mail. Effective 10/01/11, in-state renewals may also be completed by mail.</p> <p>2. Confirm the accuracy of the information on DPS-129-C. If corrections are required, draw a single line through any incorrect information and write in the correct information. Sign the corrected form in the presence of a notary prior to mailing.</p> <p>3. Using transparent tape, attach a 2" x 2" color passport photo, taken within the previous six (6) months, in the box provided.</p> <p>4. Include a \$70.00 check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." Do not send cash.</p> <p>4. Proof of legal and lawful presence in the United States is required. Acceptable forms of proof include a birth certificate, U.S. passport, or documentation of permanent residence from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Do not send originals.</p> <p>5. Include a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope.</p>

**Renewals for Armed Security Officers (Blue Cards/Class 1) and Bail Enforcement Agents (Gold Cards/Class2)**

1. Follow the instructions above for Pistol Permits – Renewal In-Person.
2. An additional check or money order for \$62.00 is required, made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut."
3. Include a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope.
4. Armed Security Officers must submit a DPS-1030-C annually as proof of completion of the handgun qualification refresher course.

**Eligibility Certificates (New & Renewals)**

1. New applicants must complete the DPS-799-C and DPS-164-C, and sign it in the presence of an official when your photo is taken.
2. Submit an affidavit signed by an instructor certified by the State, the National Rifle Association, or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection stating that the applicant successfully completed a safety or training course in the use of pistols or revolvers or long guns. Such statement shall specify that the instructor was so certified at the time that he taught the course, and shall include the full name of the applicant, and the date, location and duration of the course.
3. Submit fingerprints with two (2) separate checks or money orders to cover the federal processing fee of \$12.00 and the state fee of \$50.00, both made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut", for the required criminal background checks.
4. Submit an additional check or money order for \$35.00 made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" for the processing of the Eligibility Certificate. If you are appearing in person, exact cash payments will be accepted.
5. When applicable, criminal and/or mental health records must be submitted per Connecticut General Statutes Section 29-36g.
6. Renewal applicants must submit a DPS-129-C-2, with \$35.00 fee made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" and documentation of legal and lawful presence in the United States (see # 2 under "Pistol Permits New" for acceptable documents), if previously not verified. **Do not mail cash.**
7. Include a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope.

**Ammunition Certificates (New & Renewals):**

1. New applicants must complete DESPP-417-C, and sign it in the presence of an official when your photo is taken.
2. Submit check or money order for \$35.00 made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" or exact cash payment, for the processing of the Ammunition Certificate.
3. When applicable, criminal and/or mental health records must be submitted per Connecticut General Statutes Section 29-36g.
4. Renewal applicants must submit a DPS-129-C-2 with \$35.00 fee made payable to "Treasurer State of Connecticut." **Do not mail cash.**

**SEE IMPORTANT NOTICES – REVERSE SIDE**

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE  
NOTICE

Pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 29-28, 29-32, 29-36f 29-36l, and 18 U.S.C. § 922, *applications covered by these instructions will not be issued or be renewed, if:*

1. You have a **FELONY CONVICTION** in any jurisdiction.
2. You have a **MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION** in Connecticut for one of the following crimes: *After 10/01/1994*
  - a. Illegal possession of controlled or hallucinogenic substances, as specified under C.G.S. § 21a-279
  - b. Criminally negligent homicide as specified under C.G.S. § 53a-58
  - c. Assault in the third degree as specified under C.G.S. § 53a-61
  - d. Assault of an elderly, blind, disabled or pregnant person or a person with intellectual disability in the third degree as specified under C.G.S. § 53a-61a
  - e. Threatening in the second degree as specified under C.G.S. § 53a-62
  - f. Reckless endangerment in the first degree as specified under C.G.S. § 53a-63
  - g. Unlawful restraint in the second degree as specified under C.G.S. § 53a-96
  - h. Riot in the first degree as specified under C.G.S. § 53a-175
  - i. Riot in the second degree as specified under C.G.S. § 53a-176
  - j. Inciting to riot as specified under C.G.S. § 53a-178
  - k. Stalking in the second degree as specified under C.G.S. § 53a-181d
3. You are an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance (as defined in the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801, et. seq.).
4. You were **CONVICTED** of a **MISDEMEANOR CRIME of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**.  
This means an offense that (1) is a misdemeanor under federal or state law; and (2) 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, or by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, or by a person who is cohabiting with or who has cohabited with the victim or spouse, parent, or guardian, or by any person similarly situated to a spouse, parent or guardian of the victim.
5. You were discharged from custody within the preceding 20 years after having been found **NOT GUILTY OF A CRIME BY REASON OF MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT** pursuant to C.G.S. § 53a-13.
6. You were **CONFINED TO A HOSPITAL** for persons with psychiatric disabilities (C.G.S. § 17a-495) within the preceding sixty (60) months by order of a Probate Court.
7. You have been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, within the preceding six (6) months for reasons other than solely for alcohol or drug dependence.
8. You are subject to a **RESTRAINING ORDER** or **PROTECTIVE ORDER** issued by a court after notice and an opportunity to be heard has been provided to you in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person.
9. You are the subject of a court issued risk warrant to seize firearms pursuant to C.G.S. § 29-38c(d).
10. You are an **ILLEGAL ALIEN** in the United States.
11. You are **UNDER the AGE of 21 years**.
12. You have renounced your United States citizenship.
13. You have been discharged from the Armed Forces under a dishonorable condition.
14. You are prohibited by federal law, under 18 U.S.C. 922 (g) or (n).

Please direct any questions regarding your status in person at DESPP Headquarters, Special Licensing and Firearms Unit, located at 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, Connecticut 06457-2389 or by telephone at (860) 685-8290. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 4:15 pm. **Please note all locations will be closed on State and Federal holidays. Troop location may be closed during inclement weather. No appointments necessary.**

**Troop E** – Montville I-395 N (between exits 6 & 9) Montville, CT 06382, telephone 860-848-6539 – Tuesday and Saturday 8 am – 12 pm and 12:30- 3:45 pm; Thursday 11 am – 2 pm and 2:30 – 6:45 pm (Closed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

**Troop G** - Bridgeport, 149 Prospect Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 06604; telephone (203) 696-2532  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 8 am – 12 pm and 12:30- 3:45 pm; Thursday 11 am – 2 pm and 2:30 – 6:45 pm.

Current schedules, hours and directions can be found at [www.ct.gov/despp](http://www.ct.gov/despp) - click on Special Licensing and Firearms Unit link.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) herein notifies the applicant that DESPP will be notified by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services if the applicant has been confined in a hospital for persons with 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 persons with psychiatric disabilities within the preceding six (6) months for reasons other than solely for alcohol or drug dependence. DESPP will use this information in order to fulfill its statutory obligations under Connecticut General Statutes Sections 29-28, 29-36f.



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**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](http://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: (Call DESPP for packet)	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"> <li>▪ Firearms Safety &amp; Use Course Certificate;</li> <li>▪ \$70.00, fee, payable to the local authority; and</li> <li>▪ 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.).</li> </ul> <p>2. Submit fingerprints for a criminal history check through a law enforcement agency. Fees include a \$50.00 fee and a \$12.00 fee, payable to <b>Treasurer, State of Connecticut</b> 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"> <li>▪ The Temporary State Permit to Carry Pistols and Revolvers (DPS-11-C) issued by the local authority;</li> <li>▪ A completed Application for State Permit to Carry Pistols and Revolvers (DPS-46-C);</li> <li>▪ \$70.00 fee, payable to <b>Treasurer, State of Connecticut</b>;</li> <li>▪ 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</li> <li>▪ Proof of valid state issued photo identification card.</li> </ul> <p>5. Upon approval, <i>your photograph will be taken at DESPP and you will be issued a state pistol permit.</i></p>	<p><b><i>You must hold a valid permit or license to carry a pistol or revolver issued by a recognized United States jurisdiction.</i></b></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"> <li>▪ Completed State of CT and Federal fingerprint card with \$50.00 fee and \$12.00 fee, payable to <b>Treasurer, State of Connecticut</b> for criminal history background checks;</li> <li>▪ Firearms Safety &amp; Use Course Certificate;</li> <li>▪ \$70.00 fee, payable to <b>Treasurer, State of Connecticut</b>;</li> <li>▪ Completed Application for State Permit to Carry Pistols and Revolvers form (DPS-46-C);</li> <li>▪ Completed DPS-129-C signed and notarized and 2x2 color photograph (passport style);</li> <li>▪ Copy of the permit or license to carry a pistol or revolver issued to you by a recognized United States jurisdiction;</li> <li>▪ 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</li> <li>▪ Proof of valid state issued photo identification card.</li> </ul> <p><b>Out of State Pistol Permit Information:</b></p> <p>State of Issue: _____</p> <p>Expiration Date: _____</p> <p>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"> <li>▪ Firearms Safety &amp; Use Course Certificate;</li> <li>▪ \$35.00 fee, payable to <b>Treasurer, State of Connecticut</b>;</li> <li>▪ Application for a State Eligibility Certificate for a Pistol or Revolver or for Long Guns (DPS-164-C);</li> <li>▪ 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</li> <li>▪ Proof of valid state issued photo identification card.</li> </ul> <p>2. Submit fingerprints for a criminal history check through a law enforcement agency. Fees include a \$50.00 fee and a \$12.00 fee, payable to <b>Treasurer State of Connecticut</b> Fees must be paid by separate checks.</p> <p>3. Your photograph and signature will be captured at DESPP and you will be issued an eligibility certificate, once the fingerprint response is received and your application has been approved.</p>

**For Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), Division of State Police, pistol permit locations, access [www.ct.gov/despp](http://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., 5<sup>th</sup> 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:**

□□/□□/□□□□  
 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

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 (Signature and title of issuing authority)