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Application for Non-Resident Temporary License to Carry Firearms – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All firearms licenses in Massachusetts are issued through the Massachusetts Instant Record Check System (MIRCS). MIRCS is a computer-based application used to manage, process, and monitor firearms licensing statewide.

Every applicant is required to appear in-person at the Firearms Records Bureau (FRB) for the first non-resident license to carry (LTC) application and every six years thereafter. **You will still need to renew your LTC annually**, however the application will be processed by mail until the next required in-person appearance.

If an in-person appearance is required, you will receive a notice by mail or email with your scheduled date and time to appear at this office. Appointments will be scheduled in the order that completed applications are received.

Applicants should apply for renewal a minimum of 90 days in advance.

Pay close attention to the application instructions, as a mistake on the application or omission of required documentation will result in a delay in issuance or a denial of the application. *Please take note of the enclosed explanation of applicable license restrictions.*



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The Firearms Records Bureau (FRB) may apply certain restrictions on a non-resident temporary license to carry (LTC) firearms. These restrictions detail the terms and conditions that govern the possession of a firearm under the license pursuant to G.L. c. 140, §131F.

The following restrictions may be applied to a non-resident LTC:

NONE – the LTC is issued for all lawful purposes with no restrictions. Applicant must show good reason to fear injury to his person or property.

EMPLOYMENT – restricts possession to a business owner engaged in business activities or to an employee while engaged in work related activities, and maintaining proficiency, where the employer requires carry of a firearm (i.e. armored car, security guard, etc.). Includes travel to and from activity location.

TARGET & HUNTING – restricts possession to the purpose of lawful recreational shooting or competition; for use in the lawful pursuit of game animals and birds; for personal protection in the home; and for the purpose of collecting (other than machine guns). Includes travel to and from activity location.

SPORTING – restricts possession to the purpose of lawful recreational shooting or competition; for use in the lawful pursuit of game animals and birds; for personal protection in the home; for the purpose of collecting (other than machine guns); and for outdoor recreational activities such as hiking, camping, cross country skiing, or similar activities. Includes travel to and from activity location.

Restrictions are based upon the information provided in the license application. You must provide a detailed reason for requesting the issuance of a license in Massachusetts. Include information regarding how and where you intend to possess or use a firearm, your knowledge of Massachusetts firearms laws, and information about your firearms training.

A LTC may ONLY be issued to a non-resident, non-citizen (alien) for the purpose of firearms competition.

Non-Resident Application Instructions

Non-Refundable Application Fee: \$100.00

Valid: 1 year, unless issued for employment (see #5)

The following items must be received and applications must be complete to be processed:

1. **Fee:** The **non-refundable** application fee is \$100.00. Only bank or postal money orders and certified bank checks made payable to "Commonwealth of Massachusetts" will be accepted as payment. *Cash, personal checks, or business checks are not accepted.*
2. **Firearms Safety Course:** First time applicants must submit a copy of a certificate showing completion of a Massachusetts Basic Firearms Safety Course. ***This course must have been taken with an instructor who is certified by the Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police*** (ask your instructor prior to taking the course if he is certified in Massachusetts).

A current list of acceptable courses and a roster of certified instructors are available by searching here:

<https://www.mass.gov/firearms-services>

A Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife hunter education course is a valid substitute for the Firearms Safety Certificate.

A safety course or certificate is **not** required if you

- 1) Held a Massachusetts non-resident LTC or Massachusetts resident LTC on or after June 1, 1998, or
- 2) Are a current member of the United States Military or the Massachusetts National Guard. You must submit a copy of your most current military identification.

3. **Immigration Documentation:**

Permanent residents (green card holders) or those in the United States on a lawful, temporary status: enclose a photocopy of your immigration card or VISA (containing the alien registration number) and passport (containing passport number). *A LTC may ONLY be issued to a non-resident, non-citizen (alien) for the purpose of firearms competition.*

Naturalized citizens: include your alien registration number (ARN) *and* the number on the naturalization certificate (or a copy of your naturalization certificate) or a copy of your US Passport.

4. **Home Address:** All applicants must complete the information for street, city/town, state, and zip code. *P.O. Box numbers are not accepted for residential address.*
5. **Applications Submitted for Employment Purposes, valid for two years:** Military personnel who are stationed within the territorial boundaries of the Commonwealth or persons employed by a bank, public utility corporation, a firm engaged in the business of transferring money, or a firm licensed as a private detective agency may apply for a license which may be valid for two years. To qualify:
 - Military personnel must submit a photocopy of their military ID, and have written consent from their commanding officer.

- Private detective agencies must be licensed in the Commonwealth under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 147, as a private detective agency, guard or patrol. A photocopy of the company's Massachusetts license must accompany the application.
- Persons employed by a bank, public utility corporation, a firm engaged in the business of transferring money, or a firm licensed in Massachusetts as a private detective agency, must have the application endorsed by his/her employer by submitting a letter from their employer *on company letterhead* indicating his or her current employment.

6. **Self-addressed, stamped envelope:** Used to mail the completed license.

Applications must be complete and accurate

Inaccurate or false information will result in a denial of the application

Mail the completed package to:

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Important:

- All applications are processed through the mail; walk-in service is *not* available.
- If you are a first-time or renewal applicant that requires an in-person appearance, you will be contacted by mail or email within 2-3 weeks of receipt of your application with your scheduled appointment date.
- If you are a renewal applicant and do not require an in-person appearance, your application will be processed solely through the mail.
- A LTC may **ONLY** be issued to a non-resident, non-citizen (alien) for the purpose of firearms competition.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS COMPLETELY AND ACCURATELY:

1. Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO

If lawful permanent resident alien, give green card number and resident date

_____ Green Card Number

_____ Resident Since (date)

If naturalized, give date, place and naturalization number

_____ Date

_____ Place

_____ Naturalization No.

2. Have you ever renounced your U.S. citizenship? YES NO

3. What is your age? _____ (You must be 21 to apply for a LTC)

4. Have you ever been arrested or appeared in court as a defendant for any criminal offense? YES NO

5. Are you the subject of any pending criminal charges? YES NO

6. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO

7. Have you ever been convicted of the unlawful use, possession, or sale of controlled substances as defined in M.G.L. c. 94C, § 1? YES NO

8. Have you ever been convicted of a violent crime or a crime of domestic violence? YES NO

9. Have you ever been convicted as an adult or adjudicated a youthful offender or delinquent child in any state or federal jurisdiction? YES NO

10. Are you now, or have you ever been the subject of a restraining order issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 209A, or a similar order issued by another jurisdiction? YES NO

11. Are you currently the subject of any outstanding arrest warrant in any state or federal jurisdiction? YES NO

12. Have you ever been committed to any hospital or institution for mental illness, or alcohol or substance abuse? YES NO

13. Has any firearms license issued under the laws of any state or territory ever been suspended, revoked, or denied? YES NO

14. Have you been discharged from the armed forces of the United States under dishonorable conditions? YES NO

15. Have you been the subject of an order of the probate court appointing a guardian or conservator? YES NO

If you answered "YES" to any of the questions 2-15, give details which must include dates, circumstances and location; use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.
