RE: Application for Non-resident Temporary License to Carry Firearms

Dear Applicant:

All new and renewal non-resident temporary licenses to carry firearms (LTC) 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.

To complete the application process, you must appear in person at the following address:

Massachusetts Department of
Criminal Justice Information Services
Firearms Records Bureau
200 Arlington Street
Chelsea, MA 02150

You will receive a notice by mail or email with your scheduled date and time to appear for final LTC processing in Chelsea, MA. Appointments will be scheduled in the order that completed applications are received. The Firearms Records Bureau recommends that all applicants apply for renewal at least 90 days before their current license expires to allow time for processing.

Pay close attention to the enclosed updated application instructions and complete the application accurately. A mistake on the application or omission of required documentation will result in a delay in the application process or a denial of the application. Additionally, please take note of the enclosed explanation of applicable license restrictions.

Thank you,

Michaela Dunne
Manager of Law Enforcement & Justice Services
TO: Applicant  

RE: Restrictions for Non-resident Temporary License to Carry Firearms

The Firearms Records Bureau (FRB) may apply certain restrictions on a non-resident temporary license to carry 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 temporary license to carry firearms:

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. Please ensure that you 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, as well as your knowledge of Massachusetts firearms laws and information about your firearms training.

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

If you have any further questions please contact the FRB at (617) 660-4782.
Non-Resident Application Instructions

Non-Refundable Application Fee: $100.00

Valid: 1 year, unless issued for employment (see #7)

The following items must be received and applications must be complete before you will be contacted by FRB staff to set up an appointment for final LTC processing in Chelsea, MA:

1. **Fee:** Only bank or postal money orders and certified checks made payable to "Commonwealth of Massachusetts" will be accepted as payment. The **non-refundable** application fee is one hundred dollars ($100). **Cash, personal checks, or business check(s) are not accepted and, if received, the application package will be returned to you.**

2. **Photocopy of Home State License to Carry Firearms:** All applicants must submit a photocopy of both sides of their home state license to carry firearms. If your home state does not issue firearms licenses, you must submit documentation confirming this fact.

3. **Report of Home State Criminal History Record:** All applicants from Louisiana, Washington D.C., and any American Territory (American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) must provide a home state record check.

4. **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** (please ask your instructor prior to taking the course if he is certified in Massachusetts).


A certificate issued by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, showing completion of a 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 authorized by a competent authority to carry or possess a weapon, and are acting within the scope of your duties. Specifically this applies to any officer, agent or employee of the Commonwealth or any state of the United States; any member of the military or other service of any state or of the United States; and any duly authorized law enforcement officer, agent or employee of any municipality of the Commonwealth. This exemption does not cover the carrying of a firearm while not on duty.

5. **Photocopy of Immigration Documentation:** Permanent residents (green card holders) residing outside the Commonwealth, naturalized non-resident citizens, or those in the United States on a lawful, temporary status must enclose a photocopy of their immigration card or visa (containing the alien registration number), or if applicable, a photocopy of other documents allowing lawful entry and residency in the United States. If you have been naturalized, please provide your alien registration number (ARN) and the number on your naturalization certificate (or a copy of your naturalization certificate).

6. **Home Address:** All applicants must complete the information for street, city/town, state, and zip code. **P.O. Box numbers will not be accepted for the residential mailing address and, if received, the application package will be returned to you.**
7. **Applications Submitted for Employment Purposes:** 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.

9. **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:

**Massachusetts Department of**
**Criminal Justice Information Services**
**Firearms Records Bureau**
**200 Arlington Street**
**Chelsea, MA 02150**

**Note:**
- All applications are initially processed through the mail; walk-in service is not available.
- You will be contacted by mail or email in 2-3 weeks with your scheduled appointment to appear in person at the Firearms Records Bureau to complete your license application.
MASSACHUSETTS NON-RESIDENT TEMPORARY LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS APPLICATION
(M.G.L. c. 140, § 131F)

CHECK ONE:
☐ New Applicant (you must attach a copy of your Massachusetts Basic Firearms Safety Course certificate or previous Massachusetts LTC or FID)

☐ Renewal - Previous License to Carry Number: ____________________________

INDICATE IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR APPOINTMENT DATE EMAILED:
☐ YES (email address): ________________________________________________

☐ NO (you will receive a notice in the mail)

IMPORTANT:
- A LTC may be issued with restrictions. Please refer to the information that accompanied your application. A non-resident LTC issued by Massachusetts may be subject to the same restrictions as the home state license.
- A LTC may ONLY be issued to a lawful permanent resident (green card holder) residing outside of Massachusetts for the purpose of firearms competition.

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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)

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.
Have you ever used or been known by another name? □ YES □ NO
If “YES”, provide name and explain: ________________________________________________________________

Other than your home state, in what state(s), territory(ies), or jurisdiction(s) have you lived? □ NONE
______________________________________________________________

Have you ever held a firearms license in any other state, territory or jurisdiction? □ YES □ NO
If “YES”, when, where, and license number? ______________________________________________________

Reason(s) for requesting the issuance of a card or license:
□ Unrestricted      □ Target & Hunting      □ Sporting      □ Employment
Use lines below to indicate the detailed reason(s) you are requesting an unrestricted LTC; use a separate sheet of paper if necessary

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“WARNING” Any person who knowingly files an application containing false information shall be punished by a fine of not less than $500 nor more than $1,000 or by imprisonment for not less than 6 months nor more than 2 years in a house of correction, or by both such fine and imprisonment (M.G.L c.140, §§ 129B(8), 131(h)).

I declare the above facts are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and I understand that any false answer(s) will be just cause for denial or revocation of my license to carry firearms. I understand that filing an application that contains false information is a criminal offense.

Signed under the penalties of perjury this _______ day of _______ month _______ year

Signature of Applicant: ________________________________________________

Employment or Military Use Only:

Signature/Endorsement of Employer or Commanding Officer

Rank or Title

NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS REQUIREMENT: FAILURE BY A HOLDER OF A LTC TO NOTIFY THIS OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE IN HIS/HER ADDRESS, BY CERTIFIED MAIL, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF ITS OCCURRENCE MAY RESULT IN REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.