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## CHATHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Firearms Licensing Information

#### ALL APPLICANTS:

All applications for firearms licenses are done in person at the police station which is located at 249 George Ryder Rd. across from the rear of the airport by the parking lot of the skateboard park. There is no need to complete a written application prior to coming to the station. All photographs and fingerprints are done at the time of the application so there is no longer a need to provide your own photographs. You must be a resident of Chatham to apply for a firearms license.

To make an appointment to process your application contact Sgt. Goddard at 508-945-1213, or by email at [Andrew.goddard@chathampolice.com](mailto:Andrew.goddard@chathampolice.com) Firearms license applications are generally processed in the early afternoon during weekdays. Appointments may be made for evenings and weekends.

*For a list of convictions or incidents that may disqualify you from receiving a firearms license please scroll to the bottom of this document.*

#### RENEWAL APPLICANTS:

If you have a License to Carry Firearms (LTC) or a Firearms Identification Card (FID) and you need to renew you will need to bring the following:

1. Your current LTC or FID
2. Your Massachusetts drivers license with a Chatham address
3. \$100 cash or check made out to the town of Chatham (*Fee note: if you are applying for a renewal and you are over 70 years of age there is no charge for the renewal. If you are renewing a restricted FID for Mace and chemical sprays only there is no fee*)

#### NEW APPLICANTS:

*FID restricted (mace, pepper spray only) (class D license)*

There is no requirement to take a firearms safety course if you are applying for this type of license. This license allows you to purchase, possess and carry Mace, pepper spray or any other chemical spray which is designed for use on humans. The license is valid for up to six years.

There is no renewal fee for this license. This license does not allow you to possess or carry any type of rifle, shotgun or handgun. To apply for this license contact the station as directed above and bring the following with you to the station to apply:

1. Your Massachusetts drivers license with a Chatham address
2. A check or cash for \$25 for the application fee. (No credit or debit cards accepted)

### FID card (class C)

The FID (class C) allows you to possess non-large capacity rifles, shotguns, and Mace or chemical sprays. Weapons that exceed these limits require a Class B LTC or above to possess. See the link below for more information.

Prior to applying for new FID card you must have completed a firearms safety course. There are several courses available at local outdoors stores, gun clubs and from the Environmental Police. You must produce a certificate at the time of application as proof of course completion.

*Only the Massachusetts courses are accepted. There are several classes being given in other states that claim to be acceptable in Massachusetts but they are not. The Massachusetts Environmental Police issue a business card size certification card with their seal upon completion of the hunter safety course. All other Massachusetts approved courses issue a page size certificate with the words "Department of State Police" at the top. These are the only certificates accepted for applications.*

Ages 18 and over must bring the following:

1. Your Massachusetts drivers license with a Chatham address
2. Your firearms safety course certificate
3. A check or cash for \$100

Ages 15-18 must bring the following:

1. Written permission from a parent or guardian to apply for the license
2. Your firearms safety course certificate
3. A check or cash for \$25
4. Some sort of acceptable ID (passport, school ID etc.)

*It is preferred that the parent or guardian giving permission accompany the minor child to the station for the application.*

### LTC class B

The class B LTC allows the holder to possess Mace or chemical sprays, both large and non-large capacity rifles and shotguns, and non-large capacity handguns. See the link below for more information.

Prior to applying for a class B license you must have completed a firearms safety course. The course must be approved for Massachusetts. You will receive a page size certificate upon

completion of an approved course with the words “Department of State Police” at the top. The “valid for LTC” box must be checked off to apply for an LTC.

You must be age 21 or older to apply and must bring the following:

1. Your Massachusetts drivers license with a Chatham address
2. Your firearms safety course certificate
3. A check or cash for \$100

### LTC class A

The class A LTC allows the holder to possess and carry Mace and chemical sprays, non-large and large capacity rifles and shotguns, and non-large and large capacity handguns. See the link below for more information.

Prior to applying for a class A license you must have completed a firearms safety course. The course must be approved for Massachusetts. You will receive a page size certificate upon completion of an approved course with the words “Department of State Police” at the top. The “valid for LTC” box must be checked off to apply for an LTC.

You must be age 21 or older to apply and must bring the following:

1. Your Massachusetts drivers license with a Chatham address
2. Your firearms safety course certificate
3. A check or cash for \$100

## DISQUALIFIERS FOR ALL FIREARMS LICENSES:

(The information listed below has been obtained from the Law Enforcement Guide to Firearms Law, Written by Chief Ronald Glidden, 14<sup>th</sup> edition.)

A **firearm identification card** shall be issued and possessed subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

### **Persons Eligible to Apply**

(1) Any person residing or having a place of business within the jurisdiction of the licensing authority or any person residing in an area of exclusive federal jurisdiction located within a city or town may submit to the licensing authority an application for a **firearm identification card**, or renewal of the same, which the licensing authority shall issue, unless the applicant:

### **Statutory disqualification's for Massachusetts convictions**

(i) has ever, in a court of the commonwealth, been convicted or adjudicated a youthful offender or delinquent child, both as defined in section 52 of chapter 119, for the commission of:

- (a) a felony;
- (b) a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for more than two years;
- (c) a violent crime as defined in section 121;
- (d) a violation of any law regulating the use, possession, ownership, transfer, purchase, sale, lease, rental, receipt or transportation of weapons or ammunition for which a term of imprisonment may be imposed; or
- (e) a violation of any law regulating the use, possession or sale of controlled substances, as defined in section 1 of chapter 94C including, but not limited to, a violation under said chapter 94C;

### **Restoration of civil rights**

Provided however, that except for the commission of a violent crime or a crime involving the trafficking of controlled substances, if the applicant has been so convicted or adjudicated or released from confinement, probation or parole supervision for such conviction or adjudication, whichever is last occurring, not less than five years immediately preceding such application, such applicant's right or ability to possess a non-large capacity rifle or shotgun shall be deemed restored in the commonwealth with respect to such conviction or adjudication and such conviction or adjudication shall not disqualify such applicant for a firearm identification card;

### **Statutory disqualification's for out-of-state convictions**

(ii) has, in any other state or federal jurisdiction, been convicted or adjudicated a youthful offender or delinquent child for the commission of:

(a) a felony;

(b) a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for more than two years;

(c) a violent crime as defined in section 121;

(d) a violation of any law regulating the use, possession, ownership, transfer, purchase, sale, lease, rental, receipt or transportation of weapons or ammunition for which a term of imprisonment may be imposed; or

(e) a violation of any law regulating the use, possession or sale of controlled substances, as defined in section 1 of chapter 94C including, but not limited to, a violation under said chapter 94C;

### **Restoration of civil rights**

Provided however, that except for the commission of a violent crime or a crime involving the trafficking of weapons or controlled substances, if the applicant has been so convicted or adjudicated or released from confinement, probation or parole supervision for such conviction or adjudication, whichever is last occurring, not less than five years immediately preceding such application, and such applicant's right or ability to possess a rifle or shotgun has been fully restored in the jurisdiction wherein the subject conviction or adjudication was entered, such conviction or adjudication shall not disqualify such applicant for a firearm identification card;

(iii) has been confined to any hospital or institution for mental illness unless the applicant submits with his application an affidavit of a registered physician attesting that such physician is familiar with the applicant's mental illness and that in such physician's opinion the applicant is not disabled by such an illness in a manner that should prevent the applicant from possessing a firearm, rifle or shotgun;

(iv) is or has been under treatment for or confinement for drug addiction or habitual drunkenness, unless such applicant is deemed to be cured of such condition by a licensed physician, in which case he may make application for such card after the expiration of five years from the date of such confinement or treatment and upon presentation of an affidavit issued by such physician to the effect that such physician knows the applicant's history of treatment and that in such physician's opinion the applicant is deemed cured;

(v) is at the time of the application less than 15 years of age;

(vi) is at the time of the application more than 15 but less than 18 years of age, unless the applicant submits with his application a certificate of his parent or guardian granting the applicant permission to apply for a card;

(vii) is an alien;

(viii) is currently subject to (a) an order for suspension or surrender issued pursuant to section 3B or 3C of chapter 209A or a similar order issued by another jurisdiction; or (b) a permanent or temporary protection order issued pursuant to chapter 209A or a similar order issued by another jurisdiction; or

(ix) is currently the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant in any state or federal jurisdiction

### **License to carry firearms:**

## Persons Eligible To Apply

Any person residing or having a place of business within the jurisdiction of the licensing authority or any law enforcement officer employed by the licensing authority or any person residing in an area of exclusive federal jurisdiction located within a city or town may submit to such licensing authority or the colonel of state police, an application for a Class A or Class B license to carry firearms, or renewal of the same, which such licensing authority or said colonel may issue if it appears that the applicant is a suitable person to be issued such license, and that the applicant has good reason to fear injury to his person or property, or for any other reason, including the carrying of firearms for use in sport or target practice only, subject to such restrictions expressed or authorized under this section, unless the applicant:

### Statutory disqualification's

- (i) has, in any state or federal jurisdiction, been convicted or adjudicated a youthful offender or delinquent child for the commission of:
  - (a) a felony;
  - (b) a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for more than two years;
  - (c) a violent crime as defined in section 121;
  - (d) a violation of any law regulating the use, possession, ownership, transfer, purchase, sale, lease, rental, receipt or transportation of weapons or ammunition for which a term of imprisonment may be imposed; or
  - (e) a violation of any law regulating the use, possession or sale of controlled substances as defined in section 1 of chapter 94C
- (ii) has been confined to any hospital or institution for mental illness, unless the applicant submits with his application an affidavit of a registered physician attesting that such physician is familiar with the applicant's mental illness and that in such physician's opinion the applicant is not disabled by such an illness in a manner that should prevent such applicant from possessing a firearm;
- (iii) is or has been under treatment for or confinement for drug addiction or habitual drunkenness unless such applicant is deemed to be cured of such condition by a licensed physician, and such applicant may make application for such license after the expiration of five years from the date of such confinement or treatment and upon presentment of an affidavit issued by such physician stating that such physician knows the applicant's history of treatment and that in such physician's opinion the applicant is deemed cured;
- (iv) is at the time of the application less than 21 years of age;
- (v) is an alien;
- (vi) is currently subject to:
  - (A) an order for suspension or surrender issued pursuant to section 3B or 3C of chapter 209A or a similar order issued by another jurisdiction; or
  - (B) a permanent or temporary protection order issued pursuant to chapter 209A or a similar order issued by another jurisdiction; or
- (vii) is currently the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant in any state or federal jurisdiction

## MORE INFORMATION

For specific information follow the link below to the Massachusetts state website. There are definitions of terms, up to date law references and general information sources.

<http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopstopic&L=3&sid=Eeops&L0=Home&L1=Firearms+Registration+%26+Laws&L2=Firearms+Support+Services>

## QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions you can contact Sgt. Andrew B. Goddard by phone or email.

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