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## Firearms Licensing Information

Includes changes to the laws effective 1/1/15

### 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 **FOR RENEWAL** applicants 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@chathampticema.com](mailto:andrew.goddard@chathampticema.com) Appointment time availability varies and appointments are available on weekdays, evenings and weekends. **Due to the high volume applications will be process by appointment only.** By making appointments I have found that your waiting time in the station lobby is drastically decreased in most cases. Please call or email.

*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.*)

At the time of application renewal applications will receive a printed receipt as proof of submission. This allows for the license to remain valid for the period of time after the expiration date and before the actual issuance of the new license.(Grace period)

Renewal applicants will also be required to sign an affidavit regarding the reporting of any lost or stolen firearms since the issuance of their last license. If you have had any lost or stolen firearms during that time period you will need to provide specific information regarding your proper reporting of the loss to complete this affidavit. The affidavit is provided as part of the application submission process.

## ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY:

If your FID or LTC is due to expire while you are on active duty the new law allows for this license to remain active for the duration of your active duty deployment and for a period of 180 days (or more) after release from active duty. If this exception applies to you please contact me via phone or email for more information so that the electronic records can reflect this extended status.

## NEW APPLICANTS:

Please review the following information on each of the licenses available. When arriving at the station for your application appointment you will be asked to complete an information sheet that will include biographical information and will request contact information for two personal references. Please have that information available including phones numbers. A copy of the application can be obtained from the state website by following the link at the bottom of this document. You may download and print this document and fill it out prior to coming in for your appointment. Renewal applicants do not have to complete an information sheet.

## LICENSE TYPES:

### [FID restricted \(mace, pepper spray only\) \(class D license\)](#)

As of 2014 adults aged 18 and older no longer need a permit to purchase or possess mace or pepper spray. As such there is no need to renew FID-D licenses for person over 18. Minors between ages 15 & 17 will still need a valid FID to possess mace or pepper spray. Mace and pepper spray can be purchased from any establishment licensed by the Commonwealth to sell ammunition.

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 (or other suitable form of ID) and written parental or guardian consent.
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 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. *ACTIVE DUTY members of the US Military are not required to take a Basic Firearms Safety Course. To qualify for this exemption you must present your valid US Military identification card at the time of application.*

**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 15-17 must bring the following:

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

Change effective 1/1/15 allows for minors to submit their application at age 14 so that the license can be issued / made effective on their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

### LTC class B

The changes in the law effective 2014 have eliminated the class B license. Current class B license holders will have their licenses converted to a class A at the time of renewal. Class B licenses will remain valid until their stated expiration date. Class B holders who will be over age 70 at the time of their renewal and otherwise entitled to a free renewal WILL NOT be required to pay an application fee for the change from a Class B to a Class A license.

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.

## LTC class A

The class A LTC allows the holder to possess and carry Mace and chemical sprays, both non-large and large capacity rifles and shotguns, and both 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. *ACTIVE DUTY members of the US Military are not required to take a Basic Firearms Safety Course. To qualify for this exemption you must present your valid US Military identification card at the time of application.*

***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.*

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 (Unless exempted)
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, 1<sup>st</sup> edition 2015)

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

### **Persons Eligible to Apply**

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- (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 the licensing authority an application for a firearm identification card, or renewal of the same, which the licensing authority shall issue if it appears that the applicant is not a prohibited person.

#### Prohibited Persons:

A prohibited person shall be a person who:

#### Statutory disqualifications for Massachusetts convictions

- (i) has ever, in a court of the commonwealth, been convicted or adjudicated a youthful offender or delinquent child, or 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 2 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;

(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; or

(F) a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(33);

Restoration of civil rights

provided, however, that, except for the commission of a felony, a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, 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 occurs last, for 5 or more years immediately preceding such application, then the 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 that conviction or adjudication shall not disqualify the applicant for a firearm identification card;

Statutory disqualifications of 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 2 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;

(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; or

(F) a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(33);

Restoration of civil rights:

provided, however, that, except for the commission of felony, a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, 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 occurs last, for 5 or more years immediately preceding such application and the applicant's right or ability to possess a rifle or shotgun has been fully restored in the jurisdiction wherein the conviction or adjudication was entered, then the conviction or adjudication shall not disqualify such applicant for a firearm identification card;

(iii) is or has been:

(A) except in the case of a commitment pursuant to sections 35 or 36C of chapter 123, committed to any hospital or institution for mental illness, alcohol or substance abuse, unless after 5 years from the date of the confinement, the applicant submits with the application an affidavit of a licensed physician or clinical psychologist attesting that such physician or psychologist is familiar with the applicant's mental illness, alcohol or substance abuse and that in the physician's or psychologist's opinion the applicant is not disabled by a mental illness, alcohol or substance abuse in a manner that should prevent the applicant from possessing a firearm, rifle or shotgun;

(B) committed by an order of a court to any hospital or institution for mental illness, unless the applicant was granted a petition for relief of the court's order pursuant to section 36C of chapter 123 and submits a copy of the order for relief with the application;

(C) subject to an order of the probate court appointing a guardian or conservator for an incapacitated person on the grounds that that applicant lacks the mental capacity to contract or manage affairs, unless the applicant was granted a petition for relief pursuant to section 56C of chapter 215 and submits a copy of the order for relief with the application; or

(D) found to be a person with an alcohol use disorder or substance use disorder or both and committed pursuant to section 35 of said chapter 123, unless the applicant was granted a petition for relief of the court's order pursuant to said section 35 of said chapter 123 and submits a copy of the order for relief with the application;

- (iv) is at the time of the application younger than 14 years of age; provided however that the applicant shall not be issued the card until the applicant reaches the age of 15.
- (v) is at the time of the application more than 14 but less than 18 years of age, unless the applicant submits with the application a certificate of a parent or guardian granting the applicant permission to apply for a card;
- (vi) is an alien who does not maintain lawful permanent residency;
- (vii) 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, a similar order issued by another jurisdiction, including an order described in 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(8);
- (viii) is currently the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant in any state or federal jurisdiction;
- (ix) has been discharged from the armed forces of the United States under dishonorable conditions;
- (x) is a fugitive from justice; or
- (xi) having been a citizen of the United States, has renounced that citizenship.

## **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 new issue Class A 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

*(CONVICTIONS for the possession of marijuana are still a disqualifier but recent court decisions may effect this restriction. Contact CPD with any specific questions. Civil citations for the possession of under one ounce of marijuana consistent with the changes in the law in accordance with Question 2 are not disqualifiers)*

- (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; Except for green card holders who are eligible to apply for resident licenses provide they are permanent residents of Chatham.

(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 more specific information type the link below into your internet browser to go to the Massachusetts state website. There are definitions of terms, up to date law references and general information sources.

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/firearms-reg-and-laws/>

## QUESTIONS?

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

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