

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I apply for a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or a Permit to Purchase a Handgun?

Application forms for applying for a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or a Permit to Purchase a Handgun can be obtained at the Franklin Township Police Department anytime or the forms can be downloaded by clicking on the *Firearms Applicants* link on the Franklin Township Police Department website.

Do I have to be a United States citizen to apply for a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or Permit to Purchase a Handgun?

No, however non U.S. citizens must provide a copy of their Permanent Resident Alien Card.

Once I submit my application for a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or Permit to Purchase a Handgun, how long will the process take?

The application process may take several weeks. Common reasons for delayed processing times are delays in receiving the required reference checks and/or State mandated background checks. The Police Department works diligently to ensure that all background investigations are completed within the State mandated 30 day period once the applicant's file is complete and all the necessary background checks have been received.

I have a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card issued by another jurisdiction other than Franklin Township (Somerset County). Am I required to get fingerprinted?

All initial applicants for a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card, including those applying for a change of address/name, must be fingerprinted by the Franklin Township Police Department the first time the applicant applies to this jurisdiction.

My Permit to Purchase a Handgun is about to expire. Can it be renewed?

Permits to Purchase a Handgun expire 90 days after being issued. Permits that have not been used and will expire can be extended only ONCE for an additional 90 days from the original date of expiration.

What is the fingerprint fee required for a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or a Permit to Purchase a Handgun?

The State of New Jersey mandates that all applicants for a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or a Permit to Purchase a Handgun pay a fee of \$60.25 for the processing of fingerprints by [MorphoTrak](#). The fees will be paid directly to [MorphoTrak](#) when the applicant is fingerprinted.

What is the cost for a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or a Permit to Purchase a Handgun?

The Franklin Township Police Department charges \$5.00 for a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and \$2.00 for every Permit to Purchase a Handgun. Payment is made by cash, check or money order when the applicant picks up his/her New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or a Permit to Purchase a Handgun.

My relative is deceased and I have inherited his firearms. Am I required to obtain a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or a Permit to Purchase a Handgun to take possession of them?

The State of New Jersey does not require you to possess or obtain a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and/or a Permit to Purchase a Handgun to take possession of inherited firearms; however, you cannot take possession if you would be disqualified from owning or possessing firearms subject to N.J.S.A. 2C-58-3. We highly recommend that you voluntarily register all the firearms with the State of New Jersey utilizing the [Voluntary Form for Firearms Registration](#).

Note: Although you are not required to possess a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card to inherit firearms, you WILL NOT be able to transport, purchase ammunition or fire the weapons at a qualified firearms range unless you possess a New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card.

I am seeking employment with a non law enforcement agency or employer that requires me to obtain a New Jersey Firearms Carry Permit for work. How do I apply for a New Jersey Firearms Carry Permit?

Applications for Permits to Carry a Handgun are made through the State of New Jersey and further information can be obtained by clicking on the link for the [New Jersey State Police Firearms Information](#).

I recently received my New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card and would like to purchase a handgun from friend and/or acquaintance. Do I need a Permit to Purchase a Handgun?

Yes. You are required to possess a valid Permit to Purchase a Handgun in order to purchase a handgun from a friend and/or acquaintance. The only circumstance not requiring a Permit to Purchase a Handgun is when the firearm(s) is inherited from a deceased individual.

I am a retired law enforcement officer and am interested in applying for a Retired Law Enforcement Permit to Carry a Handgun? How do I apply?

Applications for a Retired Law Enforcement Permit to Carry a Handgun are made through the State of New Jersey. More information can be obtained by visiting the [New Jersey State Police Firearms Information](#).

I am a private detective and would like to carry a handgun. What is the process?

Information for private detectives and permits to carry a handgun are available on the [New Jersey State Police Firearms Information](#) website.

Further information regarding Firearms can be obtained by visiting the

[New Jersey State Police Firearms Information](#)