



# Hightstown Police Department

## PERMIT TO CARRY APPLICATIONS

**Permit to Carry Application Process** - Concealed Carry Permit Applications are accepted by online submission for both initial and renewal applications. For access to the portal to complete the Concealed Carry Permit Application, visit <https://www.njportal.com/NJSP/ConcealedCarry/>

**Hightstown ORI #** - NJ0110400. Before submitting the online application, ensure that you are a resident of Hightstown. If unsure, check Hightstown on Google Maps - <https://rb.gy/ro9c3>

**Renewal & Expiration** - Applications that are approved are due for renewal every two (2) years. Renewal applications can be submitted up to four (4) months before the expiration date.

**Fees**- Applicants are required to submit a fee of **\$150** to the municipality that is processing the application and a **\$50 Money Order** made out to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey". The municipal processing fee will be accepted by **Money Order only** and shall be made out to the "Borough of Hightstown".

**Fingerprinting** - Concealed Carry Permit Applicants need to have been fingerprinted for firearms purposes in New Jersey and have an SBI number before they can apply for a Concealed Carry Permit. If you have never been fingerprinted for firearms purposes in New Jersey before, start with an application for an Initial Firearms Purchaser Identification Card by submitting an application at <https://www.njportal.com/NJSP/FARS>.

**Training** - Applicants are required to have completed the Permit to Carry Safe Handling and Proficiency Certification, Use of Force Training, and successful completion of the Handgun Qualification Course #2.

**Permit to Carry Training Forms** - <https://nj.gov/njsp/firearms/forms.shtml>

**NJSP Approved Shooting Ranges** - <https://nj.gov/njsp/firearms/shooting-ranges.shtml>

**Additional Firearms Information** <https://nj.gov/njsp/firearms/index.shtml>

**\*All questions regarding the application process shall be made by E-mail only and directed to Det. Jerry Mecca at [jmecca@hightstownpd.org](mailto:jmecca@hightstownpd.org).**

### **What to expect during the Application Process & Answers to FAQ?**

1. The application must be approved or denied within 90 days of filing. **The 90 days will start after the police department has received all documents related to the application.** If the application is not approved or denied within 60 days of filing, it shall be deemed approved by the Chief or Superintendent unless the applicant agrees to an extension of time in writing.
2. If an application for a permit to carry a handgun is denied, per 2C:58-4e, the applicant may request a hearing in Superior Court, in the County in which the applicant resides. The request must be made in writing within **30** days of the denial. Copies of the request shall be served upon the Superintendent of the State Police, County Prosecutor, and Chief of Police of the municipality in which the applicant resides if the applicant is a resident of New Jersey. Per New Jersey law, the hearing shall be held within **60** days of the receipt of the request.
3. Revocation of permits. Any permit issued shall be void at such time as the holder thereof becomes subject to any of the disabilities set forth in section 2C:58-3c., and the holder of such a void permit shall immediately surrender the permit to the superintendent who shall give notice to the licensing authority.
  - a. Any permit may be revoked by the Superior Court, after hearing upon notice to the holder, if the court finds that the holder is no longer qualified for the issuance of such a permit. The county prosecutor of any county, the chief police officer of any municipality, the superintendent or any citizen may apply to the court at any time for the revocation of any permit issued pursuant to this section.
4. Any person who holds a valid permit to carry issued pursuant to 2C:58-4, shall be authorized to carry a handgun in all parts of this State, except as prohibited by law. Section 2C:58-4.6 contains a list of places where the carrying of a firearm or destructive device is prohibited.
5. One permit shall be sufficient for all handguns owned by the holder thereof, but the permit shall apply only to a handgun carried by the actual and legal holder of the permit.
6. All permits to carry handguns shall expire two (2) years from the date of issuance or, in the case of an employee of an armored car company, upon the

termination of employment by the company occurring prior thereto whichever is earlier in time, and they may thereafter be renewed every two (2) years in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as in the case of original applications.

### **What are the main requirements to obtain a permit to carry a handgun under New Jersey law now that the “need” requirement is eliminated?**

Under N.J.S. 2C:58-4d, a person must satisfy the following:

- Is not subject to the disabilities of N.J.S. 2C:58-3;
- Has not engaged in any acts or made any statements that suggest the applicant is likely to engage in conduct, other than lawful self-defense, that would pose a danger to the applicant or others;
- Is thoroughly familiar with the safe handling and use of handguns;
- Has completed the training requirements established pursuant to law
  - o In-person classroom instruction and target training administered by a certified firearm instructor on a firing range approved by the superintendent and on the list of approved ranges published on the NJ State Police website.
  - o The training shall include, demonstration of a level of proficiency in the use of a handgun in such manner as required by the superintendent and training, developed or approved in conjunction with the Police Training Commission, on justification in the use of deadly force under State law.

### **What are Other Disqualifiers in New Jersey law?**

Denials can also be based on subjective standards, such as “in the interest of public health, safety or welfare” or merely for being named on the Federal Terrorist Watchlist. In any case, disqualifications may include any person who:

- Known in the community as someone who has engaged in acts/made statements suggesting the person would pose a danger to self or others;
- Indictable/Felony Conviction
- Conviction of a crime or a disorderly persons offense involving an act of domestic violence;
- Is drug dependent or habitual drunkard/alcoholic;
- has been confined for a mental disorder to a hospital or mental institution;
- Is a habitual drunkard;
- Suffers from a physical defect or disease that would make it unsafe to handle firearms;
- Falsifies information on the application form;

- Is under the age of 21 and applies for a Permit to Carry/Permit to Purchase a Handgun;
- Is under the age of 18 and applies for a Firearm Purchasers Identification Card.
- Is a person where the issuance would not be in the interest of public health, safety, or welfare;
- Is a person subject to a court order under the Domestic Violence Act prohibiting firearm possession;
- Is a person who as a juvenile was adjudicated delinquent for an offense which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime and involved the unlawful use or possession of a weapon, explosive or destructive device or was one of the offenses enumerated under the No Early Release Act (NERA), which include murder, aggravated manslaughter, manslaughter, vehicular homicide, aggravated assault, disarming a law enforcement officer, kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, robbery, carjacking, aggravated arson, burglary, extortion, booby traps in CDS manufacturing or distribution facilities, strict liability for drug-induced deaths, terrorism, possessing chemical weapons, biological agents, or nuclear devices, and first-degree racketeering;
- Is a person whose firearm is seized pursuant to the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991," C.2C:25-17 et seq., and whose firearm has not been returned;
- Is named on the consolidated Terrorist Watchlist maintained by the Terrorist Screening Center administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- Any person who is subject to a court order prohibiting the custody, control, ownership, purchase, possession, or receipt of a firearm or ammunition issued pursuant to the "Extreme Risk Protective Order Act of 2018," P.L.2018, c.35 (C.2C:58-20 et al.);