



HOLDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT
1370 MAIN STREET HOLDEN, MA 01520

APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR
LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS
OR
FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION CARD

Dear Applicant,

Contained herein is the basic information you will need in order to apply for a License to Carry Firearms (LTC) or a Firearms Identification Card (FID).

Please read the information sheets carefully, for there have been numerous changes in the law relative to the possession and use of firearms, rifles, and shotguns since 1998. Also, the Holden Police Department has made several procedural changes to accommodate the computerized processing of applications as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1. To apply, applicants must be:
 - For a License to Carry (LTC):
 - A citizen 21 years of age or older;
 - For a Firearms Identification Permit (FID):
 - A citizen 18 years of age or older (ages 15 to 18 with the parent's or guardian's written consent); or
 - A naturalized citizen within the above age restrictions (applicant must present proof of naturalization); and
 - A resident of Holden or proprietor of a place of business in Holden; and
 - Not subject to any exclusion as listed in sections 7 and 8 of this document.

2. Types of permits you can apply for:
 - LTC Class A: Allows the holder to carry large capacity rifles, shotguns, and firearms (handguns). Firearms may be concealed.
 - Large capacity means any weapon that can hold the number of rounds listed below in the weapon itself and/or in a magazine which can be attached to the weapon:
 - Shotguns: Five (5) or more rounds;
 - Rifles: Ten (10) or more rounds; and
 - Firearms (handguns): Ten (10) or more rounds.

 - LTC Class B: Allows the holder to carry non-large capacity rifles, shotguns, and firearms (handguns). Firearms may not be concealed.
 - Non-large capacity means any weapon that cannot hold the number of rounds listed as a large capacity weapon.
 - .22 caliber weapons, regardless of the number of rounds that can be held, will not be considered large capacity.

- FID Class C: Allows the holder to carry non-large capacity rifles and shotguns.
 - FID Class D: Allows the holder to carry chemical spray only.
3. Expiration dates:
- Look carefully at the expiration date on your permit. Laws have changed. Some permits are good for 4 years, more recent ones for 6.
 - There is no grace period on LTC or FID permits issued prior to the time the 6 year expiration law took effect.
 - Your new permit will be good for 6 (six) years, with a ninety (90) day grace period.
4. Costs:
- The application fee for each permit, be it an LTC or FID, is \$100.00. Exception: The fee for a Class C FID card for applicants who are under 18 years of age is \$25.00.
 - Permits for chemical spray only are \$25.00, with no class requirement.
 - There is no application fee for those over 70 years of age, per State law.
 - The cost for the required class for LTC and FIC Class C applicants is \$50.00 if taken in Holden.
 - The class fee is payable upon class attendance, and application fee is payable at your application appointment. Please make checks payable to: Town of Holden Police Department.
 - If your application is denied, all fees are forfeited.
5. Required course:
- The Basic Handgun Safety Course is required for all applicants applying for any LTC, or a Class C FID permit. Class diploma must be issued within 1 year of application.
 - You must pre-register for the class in order to be guaranteed an application appointment during the same month. Call 508-829-4444 to sign up.
 - Class D applicants should call 2 days prior to class date to make their appointment.
 - The course will be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM in the Community Room of the Holden Public Safety Building, 1370 Main Street.
 - At the end of the course there will be a written test.
 - This course, if taken at another location, will be honored, as long as it was completed within one (1) year.
6. New Applicants:
- Proof of no record, or a copy of the applicant's criminal history will be obtained from the Massachusetts Board of Probation by the police department.
 - If you are applying for a FID, there is no need for letters of recommendation
 - If you have no current LTC or have never had one, and are applying for one, you will need to obtain two (2) letters of recommendation.
 - The letters must be from a responsible person stating that, in their opinion, the applicant is a fit person to be licensed to carry a firearm;
 - The letters must be on letterhead; and
 - The letters must not be from a family member; and
 - The letters must state how long the person has known the applicant; and
 - The letters must contain the word "firearm".

7. Disqualifying factors:

- Applicants for a FID are disqualified from obtaining one:
 - For life, if they have been:
 - Convicted of a violent crime;
 - Convicted of any offense involving trafficking in weapons; or
 - Convicted of any crime involving trafficking in drugs.
 - For five (5) years following the termination of a sentence, parole, or probation for any:
 - Conviction of a felony;
 - Conviction of a misdemeanor punishable by two (2) or more years in a house of correction;
 - Conviction of any weapons or ammunition violation;
 - Conviction of any drug offense;
 - Confinement to any hospital/institution for mental illness; or
 - Confinement to any institution for drug addiction or habitual drunkenness.
- Applicants for a LTC are disqualified from obtaining one:
 - For life, if they have been:
 - Convicted of any offense which disqualifies them from obtaining a FID for life;
 - Convicted of any offense which disqualifies them from obtaining a FID for five (5) years;
 - Additional exclusions which will prevent one from obtaining a LTC include:
 - Being under twenty-one (21) years of age;
 - Not being a "suitable person" as determined by the Chief of Police.

8. Other exclusions:

- A person under 15 years of age cannot obtain a License to Carry under any circumstances;
- A person between 15 and 18 years of age must have a parent's written consent in order to be eligible for an FID card;
- Aliens are not eligible;
- A person currently subject to a Restraining Order is not eligible;
- A person currently subject to an outstanding Arrest Warrant is not eligible.

If you have any questions about the application process, please feel free to contact Sergeant Chris Noyes.

Sincerely yours,

George R. Sherrill
Chief of Police