

Tennessee Department Of Safety is the issuing authority.

Handgun Carry Permit Issuance

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In October of 1996, the Department of Safety began issuing handgun carry permits pursuant to Public Chapter 905. Previous to this change, local sheriff's offices issued handgun carry permits. Since October 1996, the Department of Safety has issued more than 165,000 handgun carry permits.

Steps to obtain a Hand Gun Permit with the State of Tennessee.

1. Complete an eight-hour training course approved by the state.
2. After completion of the training course you may complete the state application. This application can be downloaded from the website or go to the local driver testing station.
3. You will be given the information for you fingerprints when you pay the \$115.00 fee.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The citizens of the State of Tennessee have the right to keep and bear arms for their common defense; but the General Assembly has the power, by law, to regulate the wearing of arms with a view to prevent crime. Any resident of Tennessee who has reached twenty-one (21) years of age may apply to the Department of Safety for a handgun permit. If the applicant is not prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm in this state pursuant to T.C.A. Cod 39-17-316 or 39-17-1307(b), 18 U.S.C. 9 (g) or any other state or federal law and the applicant otherwise meets all of the requirements, the department shall issue a permit to the applicant.

- Permit will be valid for four (4) years from date of issue.
- The permit shall entitle the permittee to carry any handgun - which the permittee legally owns or possesses.
- The permittee shall have the permit in their immediate possession at all times when carrying a handgun and shall display the permit on demand of a law enforcement officer.

NOTE: Applicant should consult Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 of the T.C.A. Codes for information on locations where handguns are prohibited. Even though a person is authorized to possess or carry a firearm pursuant to T.C.A. 39-17-1315 or 39-17-1351 and has a permit, there are some restrictions as to where firearms may be carried. For more information, visit the General Assembly's website at www.legislature.state.tn.us, click on legislation and then Tennessee Code.

PROCESSING

- Applications are received and reviewed in the Handgun Carry Permit Office.
- Proper documentation is forwarded to three (3) different agencies: (TBI, FBI, County Sheriff).
- Upon a name search approval from TBI, the permit can be issued within ninety (90) days from date of application.
- Upon issuance, the handgun carry permit will be mailed to the applicant.
- Incomplete applications cannot be processed.
- **FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Fees

- Original Application = \$115.00
- Renewal Application = \$50.00
- Duplicate Application = \$5.00
- Training Course = \$50.00

Effective July 1, 2005, all new handgun permit applicants must provide proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Permanent Residency unless such applicant has already provided this proof and it is documented on their driver license record.

Permit will be valid for four (4) years & covers any legal handgun(s).

The cost of the permit is \$115.00; payable to the Tennessee Department Of Safety at the time the application is processed. Permit must be in possession of the holder when carrying a handgun and to be displayed on demand of an Officer of the law.

Where to go and what to do.

You must complete a Tennessee Department of Safety Handgun Permit Application.

The application is available at any Tennessee Department of Safety Drivers License Testing Station or on the website at: <http://www.tennessee.gov/safety/handgunmain.htm>

You must complete a Tennessee Department of Safety approved course in firearms safety training, from a certified firearms instructor and school, approved and certified by the Tennessee Department of Safety to teach the Tennessee Department of Safety Handgun Permit Course.

Application must be made within six (6) months of the date of issuance of the Certificate of Training. After the six (6) month time period has passed without the handgun permit application process, the Certificate of Training is null and void. Another Handgun Permit Firearms Safety Training Course shall have to be taken to obtain a new Certificate of Training.

Dickson County Sheriff's Office Handgun Permit Firearms Safety School #1-22-1

is certified by the Tennessee Department of Safety. We have two (2) Firearms Instructors certified by the Tennessee Department of Safety, Captain Dwayne Hayes and Deputy Kenneth Monzon. These instructors are also certified firearms instructors through the Tennessee Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (P.O.S.T.). The Dickson County Sheriff's Office presents one (1) class per month on Thursday. This course is conducted in one (1), eight (8) hour day beginning at 8:00 am at the Training Division in Charlotte.

2012 Handgun Carry Permit: 8 Hours per class:

**March 1
September 6**

**May 3
October 4**

**June 7
November 1**

**August 2
December 6**

The class starts promptly at 8:00am will end at 4:00pm the same day. The class is broken into two sessions, morning (classroom) & afternoon (range/practical). A written thirty (30)-question test will be administered and scored after completion of the morning session. A score of seventy percent (70%) or above is required to pass. There will be a one (1) hour break for lunch and afterward the class will reassemble at the range for the afternoon session. During the (practical) afternoon session the participants shall fire fifty (50) rounds at one (1) stationary, full-sized, torso, silhouette target (B-27) for qualification. The target will be scored and a score of seventy percent (70%) or above is required to pass.

The cost of the Dickson County Sheriff's Office Handgun Permit Firearms Safety School #1-22-1 class is \$50.00, to be paid the morning of the class. **No personal checks accepted.** Payment may be made with: Cash, Cashier's Check or Money Order. The fee is non-refundable.

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Items needed for the HGPT class:

Morning Session: Pencil & paper, **DO NOT BRING YOUR WEAPON OR ANY AMMUNITION INTO THE CLASSROOM.**

Leave your weapon and ammunition secured in your vehicle.

2. Afternoon Session:

- a) Handgun - with the capability of firing five (5) rounds without reloading.
- b) Fifty (50) rounds of ammunition to match handgun's caliber. An additional fifty (50) or one-hundred (100) rounds is optional, in the event of failing

NO RELOADS / COMMERCIAL FACTORY AMMUNITION ONLY

- c) Eye protection - prescription glasses will suffice or safety or shooting glasses

NO SUNGLASSES.

- d) Ear protection - muffs or plugs
- e) Strong side (right or left-handed) belt holster - to secure the handgun.

Directions to the Dickson County Sheriff's Office Complex are as follows:

From Interstate I-40, Exit #172 & Dickson: - North on S.R. Highway 46 approximately four (4) miles to Dickson, At the intersection of Mathis Drive and Hwy 70 turn left and go through one red light. Approximately one eighth of a mile past the first traffic light bear right onto a entry ramp to S.R. Highway 48N. Travel north on S.R. Highway 48N towards Clarksville, approximately seven (7) miles to Charlotte. Turn right onto 49 East go to Tracy Academy, you will turn left onto Tracy Academy. The Sheriff's Office is on the right.

From U.S. Highway 70 East (White Bluff, Nashville): Take hwy 47 towards Charlotte. Turn right onto hwy 48 and at the 3-Way stop sign turn right onto 49 (toward Ashland City), You will turn left onto Tracy Academy. The Sheriff's Office is on the right.

From S.R. Highway 48 North (Clarksville): - Travel south on S.R. Highway 48N to the traffic light at the intersection of S.R. Highway 48, S.R. Highway 49 and Academy Street in Charlotte. Turn left at the traffic light onto Academy Street, at the stop sign turn right and at the bottom of hill turn left. You will be looking at Sheriff's Office Complex.

From S.R. Highway 49 East (Ashland City): - Travel west on S.R. Highway 49E. Turn right onto Tracy Academy (Just past Spring strret Apartments). The Sheriff's Office is on the right.

From S.R. Highway 49 West (Erin, Dover): - Travel east on S.R. Highway 49E to the traffic light at the intersection of S.R. Highway 48, S.R. Highway 49 and Academy Street in Charlotte. Proceed straight through the traffic light onto Academy Street, at the stop sign turn right. At the bottom of hill turn left. You will be looking at Sheriff's Office Complex.

For further information concerning the handgun permit application process and/or the [Dickson County Sheriff's Office Handgun Permit Firearms Safety School Classes](#) call (615) 740-4921 and talk to Captain Dwayne Hayes. Captain Hayes will be glad to answer your questions and schedule your training.

Handgun Permit Information Links:

<http://www.tennesseefirearms.com/default.asp>

<http://www.packing.org/state/tennessee/>

Warning:

CAUTION! Please understand if you choose to wear your handgun (exposed) on the outside of your clothing **YOU WILL BE STOPPED BY EVERY OFFICER THAT SEES YOU**. The officers are only doing their job, so be sure to have your I.D. ready to show that you are legal. I would recommend that you conceal the weapon to avoid being checked out every time an officer sees you.

Thank You

Sheriff Jeff Bledsoe