

# **PISTOL LICENSE & REGISTRATION FAQ**

**Q: I just moved to Ann Arbor from another city in Michigan. Do I need to re-license my guns?**

A: No. Once your handgun is licensed in the state of Michigan, you are not required to re-license the gun, provided you are still a resident of the state.

**Q: I just moved to Ann Arbor from another state. Do I need to license my guns?**

A: Yes. You will need to license all firearms under 26 inches in overall length. Long guns and shotguns over 26 inches in length do not require licenses. In order to license your gun(s), you will need one of the following: A Michigan Driver's License, a Michigan Personal ID card, a Michigan Voter Registration card, or for military personnel, a government issued photo ID along with a copy of orders or letter from your CO that Michigan is your permanent duty assignment as well as proof of your home of record. One of these MUST be obtained prior to licensing the gun(s).

**Q: I have a concealed carry permit from another state and just moved to Michigan. Is it still valid?**

A: Michigan does have reciprocity with all other states, so your concealed carry permit is valid...until you become a Michigan resident. Once you establish residency (obtain a Michigan driver's license, state ID card, or voter registration card), your out of state concealed carry permit is no longer valid. Once you have established Michigan residency, you will be required to obtain a Michigan CPL prior to carrying concealed, as your out of state concealed carry permit will be considered void.

**Q: A relative/friend has passed away and left me their gun. What do I need to do to make it legal?**

A: If you are the executor of the estate, you will need to obtain a License to Purchase for each firearm under 26 inches in length. Be prepared to provide a death certificate and documentation naming you the executor of the deceased's estate. If you are the person who inherited the gun(s), you will need to obtain a License to Purchase prior to taking possession of the gun(s) from the executor if you do not have a CPL. If you do have a CPL, the executor needs to fill out a PSR form.

**Q: I am purchasing my gun from a gun store. Do I need to obtain a License to Purchase from the police department first?**

A: No. You can go directly to the gun store (or FFL), make the purchase, and will be given two copies of a Pistol Sales Record (PSR). One copy will be a "purchaser" copy, the other a "registry (MSP on older forms)" copy. You will need to turn in the registry copy to your local police department. Please verify that you are an Ann Arbor city resident prior to turning in your PSR, as non-resident PSRs will not be accepted.

**Q: I have heard that a pistol safety inspection is required. Should I bring my handgun in for inspection?**

A: No. The law has changed several years ago regarding the pistol safety inspection and is no longer required. DO NOT bring your firearm to the police department, as security will not allow you past the checkpoint.

**Q: I am interested in obtaining my Concealed Pistol License (CPL). Where do I go for that?**

A: You will need to go to the county clerk's office for the Michigan county you reside in. For Washtenaw county residents, including residents for the City of Ann Arbor, you will need to pick up a Concealed Pistol License application packet at 200 N. Main St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. You may obtain further information on their website:

<https://www.washtenaw.org/262/Clerk-Register-of-Deeds>

**Q: Where can I find out more about Michigan's gun laws?**

A: The most comprehensive resource about Michigan's gun laws can be found at the Michigan State Police website, which is: [http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1591\\_3503\\_4654---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1591_3503_4654---,00.html)



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