

Weapon's Carry License

GEORGIA WEAPONS CARRY LICENSE CAN ONLY BE ISSUED **AFTER APPEARING IN PERSON** AT THE PROBATE COURT.

NO PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT THE APPLICANT **APPEARING IN PERSON** AND PAYING THE REQUIRED FEES.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

You must now electronically submit the preliminary gun permit application securely online at www.georgiaprobaterecords.com. (click on weapons carry application – scroll down to Terrell County not Dawson). A staff member will call and schedule an appointment to finalize the application, pay the required fees and have fingerprints done and photo. Payment cannot be made online or over the phone.

The turnaround time to receive your permit is 7 to 10 days, if there are no issues with your background check. Once your permit is issued, it is valid for 5 years.

FEES:

- NEW PERMITS-\$81.50 (NON-REFUNDABLE)
- RENEWAL PERMITS \$30.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)
- REPLACEMENT PERMITS-\$8.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)
- RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT PERMITS-\$8.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)

We Accept Cash, Money Orders, and local Terrell County Checks, Mastercard and Visa Debit/Credit Cards (Card Processing Fee will apply.)

NEW APPLICANTS

*NOTE: If Applicant still holds a Driver's License from another state, Applicant must get a Georgia Driver's License or Georgia State-Issued Identification Card before applying.

1. Applicant must be at least 21 years of age.

>Applicants under the age of 21 are eligible for a permit if:

they are at least 18 years of age,

they have proof that he/she have completed basic training in the United States armed forces, **and**

> they are currently serving **or** have been honorably discharged from the United States armed forces (documentation will be required.)

2. Applicant must reside in Terrell County. The applicant must present proof of their residence in Terrell County which can be accomplished in one of two ways:

>Produce a valid Georgia Driver's License or state-issued identification card that reflects a Terrell County, Georgia physical address; **or**

>Prove that the applicant is domiciled in Terrell County, which can be achieved by providing two documents linking the Applicant's name with a Terrell County physical address.

>At least 1 of the documents provided must be a current (within the last 2 months) utility bill associated with a residence or a property tax bill, real estate deed, lease agreement, voter's registration, car registration, etc.

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Requirements for applicants born OUTSIDE the United States

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3. Applicant must provide a secondary form of identification. Acceptable documents are:

- Certificate of Naturalization
- U.S. Passport (NOTE: If Applicant is using a U.S. Passport as a secondary form of identification, Applicant must provide their Alien Registration Number at the time of applying.)
- Permanent Resident Card, **or**
- Birth Certificate of U.S. Citizen Born Abroad

Requirements for applicants who are active duty military.

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RENEWAL APPLICANTS

In order to keep your permit current, it will be necessary for you to apply for a new permit every 5 years. You may apply for a renewal permit up to within 30 days after expiration for a reduced fee. If your license is expired by more than 30 days, you will have to apply for a new permit and will not receive the reduced fee.

If you have a permit issued in another county in Georgia, please call our office for more information.

Replacement Permits

In order to request a replacement permit, you will be required to provide your Driver's License and fill out an affidavit explaining what happened to your permit (ex.: lost, stolen). The replacement license will be an exact duplicate of the original license, unless changes are requested.

If an address change is needed, your Driver's License must be updated or proofs of address must be provided if within 60 days of move. If name change is needed, you must have your updated Driver's License with your new name or provide a marriage certificate or a name change court order. If other changes are needed, please speak with a vital records clerk.

Licenses for Former Law Enforcement Officers

Georgia law provides that you can receive a Weapons Carry License at the discounted rate of \$7.00 if you meet certain requirements. Applicants who are retired law enforcement officers must bring in documentation showing their retired status as well as documents which indicate that they served as a law enforcement officer for **10 of the 12 years immediately preceding the retirement** of such person as a law enforcement officer. These requirements are pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129 (h)(1), which specifically states:

A. IF RETIRED, have served as a law enforcement officer for at least ten of the twelve years immediately preceding retirement; OR

B. IF DISABLED, have served as a law enforcement officer for 10 years and left employment as a law enforcement officer as a result of a disability arising in the line of duty

- C. Be included in one of the following classes of officers:
 - 1.) Peace officer employed by the United States government;
 - 2.) Peace officer employed by the State of Georgia;
 - 3.) Peace officer employed by a political subdivision of the State of Georgia; or
 - 4.) Conservation rangers.
- C. Whether by election or appointment, have given your full time to:
 - 1.) The preservation of public order;
 - 2.) The protection of life and property; or
 - 3.) The prevention of crime.

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