

Course information and what you need to bring:

- Course fee is \$95 per person.
- Course length is 6-8 hours. Class starts at 8am.
- Class consists of class room information; MN law covered by law enforcement office; range shooting; multiple choice test.
- Student is to provide handgun; up to 100 rounds of ammunition; and eye and hearing protection. Please bring two magazines for semi-auto pistol or speed loader for revolver.
- There will be breaks for you to eat your own food. Light snacks and bottled water will be provided.
- You may do your range shooting early during the week (Wednesday – Friday) if class is on a Saturday.
- **No firearms or ammunition is allowed in classroom.** Must check-in unloaded handgun or leave handgun locked in vehicle. Please leave your ammunition, eye and hearing protection in vehicle.

Questions to ask your instructor?

- Make sure your instructor has insurance and can provide you with proof of insurance.
- A law enforcement officer and/or attorney should cover the legal aspects of carrying a pistol in the state of Minnesota for your class. This is important if you are ever in the situation that you need to use deadly force.
- Ask if you need to travel to a range or if it's on the same premise as the classroom.
- Ask what their experience and/or background they have with handguns.

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Permit to Carry a Pistol in Minnesota Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements for getting a MN Permit to Carry a Pistol?

- Must be at least 21 years of age.
- Must complete an application form.
- Must not be listed in the criminal gang investigation system.
- Must be a resident of the county from which you are requesting a permit, if you reside in Minnesota. Non-residents may apply to any Minnesota county sheriff.
- Must provide certificate of completed authorized firearms training. Training by a certified instructor must be completed within one year of an original or renewal application. (624.714, Subd. 2a)

What would prevent me from getting a permit to carry?

Any applicant who does not meet the criteria as listed above is not eligible for a permit to carry a pistol. The sheriff may also deny the application if there is a substantial likelihood that the applicant is a danger to himself/herself or others if issued a permit to carry.

Are predatory offenders prohibited from obtaining a permit to carry?

Yes. It is a misdemeanor for a person required to register as a predatory offender to carry a pistol.

Where can I apply for a permit to carry?

For Minnesota residents, individuals may obtain permits to carry a pistol by submitting an application and other related documentation to the sheriff in the county where the applicant resides. Non-residents may apply to any Minnesota county sheriff.

How long do I have to wait to get my permit?

The county sheriff must either issue or deny a permit within 30 days of the application date.

What is the cost for a permit to carry?

The fee for a new permit to carry will be determined by the county sheriff, not to exceed \$100. A fee for a renewal permit (applied for before the expiration date of a current permit to carry) will be determined by the county sheriff, not to exceed \$75. An additional \$10.00 fee will be charged for those applying for a renewal after the expiration date on the previous permit, but within 30 days of that expiration date.

How long is my permit valid?

New and renewal permits are valid for five (5) years from the date of issuance.

When does my permit expire?

Any 5 year permit expires at 12:00am midnight on the date of expiration listed on the permit.

After my five-year permit to carry expires, do I need to retake the approved firearms training class before I apply for a renewal permit?

Yes. Applicants must present evidence that they have received training in the safe use of a pistol within one year of the date of an original or renewal application. (MN Statute 624.714 Subd. 2a)

When can I renew my permit?

Not prior to 90 days of the expiration date of the current permit. The maximum renewal gun permit fee will be \$75.00.

After the expiration date, but within 30 days after the expiration, you can renew your permit by paying an additional late fee of \$10.00. During this time your past permit is not valid, and you will not be able to carry until your renewal permit has been approved and issued. 31 days after expiration, you will no longer be able to renew your permit, but will have to apply for a new gun permit. The maximum gun permit fee will then be \$100.00.

Where is my Minnesota permit valid?

Minnesota permits are valid throughout the state of Minnesota and the following states.

AL, AK, AR, AZ, ID, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MI, MS, MO, MT, ND, NE, NC, NV, OH, OK, SC, SD, TN, UT, VT, VA, WI.

List from www.handgunlaw.us updated on 11/2020 of the states that Minnesota carry permit is valid in.*

*Please note list may change at any time due to state laws. Minnesota permit holders who plan to visit another state, and who also wish to carry a concealed firearm while visiting that state, are urged to contact that state before traveling. This will allow Minnesota permit holders to determine all restrictions or prohibitions regarding the carrying of concealed firearms in those states, as well as their laws regarding firearms and weapons in general. Most of these states have web pages dedicated to this subject. State firearm laws and reciprocal agreements may change frequently, and are also subject to court interpretation.

Do I need to have my permit with me when carrying my pistol?

Yes, the permit holder must have the permit card and a valid driver's license, state identification card, or other government-issued photo identification in immediate possession at all times when carrying a pistol and must display the permit card and identification document when requested by a peace officer.

Do I need to notify the sheriff's office when I move?

Yes, a permit holder is required to notify the issuing sheriff's office within 30 days of a permanent address change. Failure to do so is a petty misdemeanor.