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**PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A  
FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION CARD  
OR LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS  
(New or Renewal)**

1. Completely fill out application (for new or renewal).
2. Write a letter to the Licensing Authority stating the reason you wish to have a Firearms Identification Card or a License to Carry Firearms (for new).
3. Applicant must submit three (3) letters of recommendation. The letters must state that the applicant is being recommended for a Firearms Identification Card or a License to Carry Firearms. The letters are **not** to be written by the applicant.
4. An applicant for a Firearms Identification Card is required to complete and pass a Hunter Safety Course at a facility which has been approved by the Massachusetts State Police. The original certificate must be submitted with application (for new).  
Exception: Application for a Firearms Identification Card for Mace or Pepper Spray only is not required to complete a Hunter Safety Course.
5. An applicant for a Firearms Identification Card under the age of 16 must have a notarized letter of permission from their parent or legal guardian and must be accompanied by that parent or legal guardian at time of appointment.
6. An applicant for a License to Carry Firearms is required to complete and pass a Basic Firearms Safety Course at a facility which has been approved by the Massachusetts State Police. The original certificate must be submitted with application.
7. By signing the application, you are indicating that you have read and understand the attached rules and regulations for a Firearms Identification Card or License to Carry Firearms.

**Upon completion of all of the above, the applicant must contact the Licensing Authority at 781-294-8713 to set up an appointment.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** No applications or paperwork will be accepted until the date and time of your scheduled appointment. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Any questions are to be directed to the Licensing Authority.**



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Criminal History Systems Board**

Firearms Record Bureau  
200 Arlington Street, Suite 2200  
Chelsea, MA 02150

FTN: \_\_\_\_\_

LIC #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application**

**FOR NEW/RENEWAL OF A FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION CARD OR  
LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS OR LICENSE TO POSSESS A MACHINE GUN  
(MGL C.140, s.129B AND s.131)**

**Please Check One**

☐ New Applicant

☐ Renewal - Most Recent License to Carry/FID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Issued from Which City/Town? \_\_\_\_\_ MA Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE: If application is for first firearms identification card or license to carry firearms, a copy of the Firearms Safety Certificate or Hunter Safety Course Certificate must be attached to this application.

**Please Check the Type of License for Which You are Applying**  
(Please Check Only One)

☐ Firearms Identification Card - Restricted (mace and pepper spray)

☐ Firearms Identification Card

☐ Class B License to Carry - Non-Large Capacity

☐ Class A License to Carry - Large Capacity

☐ License to Possess a Machine Gun

☐ Check if a Class A Gun Club License \*NOTE: Only the Colonel of the State Police can issue a club license.

**Except for Signature, Print or Type all Requested Information**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Name Suffix

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residential Address City State Zip Code Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gun Club Address (If Applicable) City State Zip Code Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth Place of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's First Name Mother's Maiden Name Father's First Name Father's Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Height Weight Build Complexion Hair Color Eye Color

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation Social Security Number (Optional) Drivers License Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employed By Business Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town State Zip Telephone Number

**Please Answer the Following Questions Completely and Accurately**

1. Are you a citizen of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

If naturalized give date, place  
and naturalization number

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Place

\_\_\_\_\_

Naturalization No.

2. Have you ever used or been known by another name? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, provide name and explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What is your age? \*You must be 21 years of age to apply for a License To Carry Firearms, 18 years of age to apply for a Firearms Identification Card, 15 years of age but less than 18 years of age with submission of a certificate of parent or guardian granting permission to apply for a Firearms Identification Card. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you ever been convicted of the unlawful use, possession, or sale of narcotic or harmful drugs as defined in M.G.L. c. 94C sec. 1? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been convicted of a crime punishable by incarceration by more than one (1) year? \_\_\_\_\_

7. In any state or federal jurisdiction have you ever been convicted as an adult or adjudicated a youthful offender or delinquent child for the commission of (a) a felony; (b) a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for more than 2 years; (c) a violent crime as defined in MGL C140.s.121; (d) a violation of any law regulating the use, possession, ownership, sale, transfer, rental, receipt or transportation of weapons or ammunition for which a term of imprisonment may be imposed; or (e) a violation of any law regulating the use, possession or sale of controlled substances as defined in section 1 of MGL 94C? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you ever been confined to any hospital or institution for mental illness? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you or have you ever been under treatment for or confinement for drug addiction or habitual drunkenness? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Have you ever appeared in any court as a defendant for any criminal offense (excluding non-criminal traffic offenses)? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Are you now under any charge(s) for any offense(s) against the law? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Are you now or have you ever been the subject of a M.G.L. C209A restraining order or involved in a domestic violence charge? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Has any License to Carry Firearms, Permit to Possess Firearms, or Firearms Identification Card issued under the laws of any state or territory ever been suspended, revoked, or denied? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Are you currently the subject of any outstanding arrest warrant in any state or federal jurisdiction? \_\_\_\_\_



**If You Answered "YES" to any of the Questions 4-14, Give Details Which Must Include Dates, Circumstances and Location**

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Other than Massachusetts, in what state, territory or jurisdiction have you resided? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever held a License to Carry in any other state, territory or jurisdiction? \_\_\_\_\_

If "YES", when, where and license number? \_\_\_\_\_

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**List the Name and Addresses of Two References**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City/Town State Zip

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City/Town State Zip

Reason(s) for requesting the issuance of a card or license: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*WARNING\*** Any person who knowingly files an application containing false information shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not less than 6 months nor more than 2 years in a house of correction, or by both such fine and imprisonment (MGL c.140, §§ 129B(8) and 131(h)).

I declare the above facts are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and I understand that any false answer(s) will be just cause for denial or revocation of my license to carry firearms.

Signed under the penalties of perjury this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ year

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Resident/Non-Resident Advisory

### General Information Pertaining To The Massachusetts Gun Control Act Of 1998

**"Large capacity weapon"**: Any firearm, rifle or shotgun: (i) that is semiautomatic with a fixed large capacity feeding device; (ii) that is semiautomatic and capable of accepting, or readily modifiable to accept, any detachable large capacity feeding device; (iii) that employs a rotating cylinder capable of accepting more than ten rounds of ammunition in a rifle or firearm and more than five shotgun shells in the case of a shotgun or firearm; or (iv) that is an assault weapon. (MGL c.140 §121)

**The term "large capacity weapon"**: Shall be a secondary designation and shall apply to a weapon in addition to its primary designation as a firearm, rifle or shotgun and shall not include: (i) any weapon that was manufactured in or prior to the year 1899; (ii) any weapon that operates by manual bolt, pump, lever or slide action; (iii) any weapon that is a single-shot weapon; (iv) any weapon that has been modified so as to render it permanently inoperable or otherwise rendered permanently unable to be designated a large capacity weapon; or (v) any weapon that is an antique or relic, theatrical prop or other weapon that is not capable of firing a projectile and which is not intended for use as a functional weapon and cannot be readily modified through a combination of available parts into an operable large capacity weapon. (MGL c.140 §121)

**"Large capacity feeding device"**: (i) A fixed or detachable magazine, box, drum, feed strip or similar device capable of accepting, or that can be readily converted to accept, more than ten rounds of ammunition or more than five shotgun shells; or (ii) a large capacity ammunition feeding device as defined in the federal Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(31). The term "large capacity feeding device" shall not include an attached tubular device designed to accept, and capable of operating only with, .22 caliber ammunition. (MGL c.140 §121)

### GENERAL RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT LICENSING INFORMATION

**"Class A Resident or Class A Temporary Non-Resident License To Carry Firearms"**: Shall entitle a holder thereof to possess and carry firearms, including large capacity firearms and feeding devices and ammunition therefore, for all lawful purposes subject to restrictions relative to possession, use or carrying of firearms as the licensing authority deems proper. (MGL c.140 §131)

**"Class B Resident or Class B Temporary Non-Resident License To Carry Firearms"**: Shall entitle a holder thereof to possess and carry: (i) non-large capacity firearms and feeding devices and ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes, subject to such restrictions relative to the possession, use or carrying of such firearm as the licensing authority deems proper; provided, however, that a Class B license shall not entitle the holder thereof to carry or possess a loaded firearm in a concealed manner in any public way or place; and provided further, that a Class B license shall not entitle the holder thereof to possess a large capacity firearm, except under a Class A club license issued under this section or under the direct supervision of a holder of a valid Class A license at an incorporated shooting club or licensed shooting range; and (ii) rifles and shotguns, including large capacity rifles and shotguns, and feeding devices and ammunition therefor, for all lawful purposes; provided, however, that the licensing authority may impose such restrictions relative to the possession, use or carrying of large capacity rifles and shotguns as he deems proper. (MGL c.140 §131)

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Massachusetts General Law Requires That:

Any Licensee shall notify, in writing, the Licensing Authority who issued said license, the Chief of Police into whose jurisdiction the licensee moves, and the Executive Director of the Criminal History Systems Board of any changes of address. Such notification shall be made by certified mail within 30 days of its occurrence.

Failure to so notify shall be cause for revocation or suspension of said license (M.G.L. c.140, §131 (1)).

A cardholder shall notify, in writing, the Licensing Authority that issued such a card, the Chief of Police into whose jurisdiction such cardholder moves, and the Executive Director of the Criminal History Systems Board of any changes of address. Such notification shall be made by certified mail within 30 days of its occurrence. Failure to so notify shall be cause for revocation or suspension of such card (M.G.L. c.140, §129B (11)).

**This document is not intended to provide legal advice. If you require any further information, please contact your local licensing authority or seek legal counsel.**