

Carry a Concealed Weapon (CCW) Application Guidelines

Applicant: Upon completion of your CCW application, it will be necessary for you to appear in person to have your application reviewed by a member of the Los Angeles Police Department, Gun Unit.

Please contact the Gang and Narcotics Division, Gun Unit at (213) 486-5360 to schedule your appointment.

You will be required to show proof of residency in the city of Los Angeles by bringing in a California Driver's License or Identification Card and a recent utility bill (water, electric, or gas bill) or a lease agreement that shows your name and address.

Training Requirement: A firearms training course is required, upon approval for a CCW license, as described in the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Carry Concealed Weapon License Policy. The applicant must furnish proof to the LAPD Gun Unit that he or she has completed a course of training **upon approval** for a CCW license.

LAPD CARRY CONCEALED WEAPON LICENSE POLICY

Pursuant to California Penal Code section 26155, in the City of Los Angeles, the Chief of Police of the Los Angeles Police Department ("LAPD" or "Department") may issue a license to a person to carry a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person upon proof that the person applying for the license is of good moral character, that good cause exists for the issuance of the license, that the person is a resident of the City of Los Angeles, and the person has completed a required course of training.

Pursuant to California Penal Code section 26205, the Department shall give written notice to the applicant if the license is denied within 90 days of the initial application for a new license or a license renewal or 30 days after receipt of the applicant's criminal background check from the Department of Justice, whichever is later.

GOOD CAUSE: The policy LAPD has adopted is that good cause exists if there is convincing evidence of a clear and present danger to life or of great bodily injury to the applicant, his (or her) spouse, or dependent child, which cannot be adequately dealt with by existing law enforcement resources, and which danger cannot be reasonably avoided by alternative measures, and which danger would be significantly mitigated by the applicant's carrying of a concealed firearm.

TRAINING REQUIREMENT: The applicant must, **upon approval** for a CCW license, furnish proof to the department that he or she has successfully completed a course of training in the carrying and use of firearms established pursuant to Section 7585 of the California Business and Professions Code or some other course acceptable to the department which includes the following subjects of training: knowledge of California laws regarding firearms and deadly force use; safe handling, carriage, use and storage of concealable firearms; and competency with the types of firearms to be listed on the license. Such course shall be no less than 16 hours in length. For license renewal applicants, the course of training may be any course acceptable to the Department, however, it shall be no less than four hours in length, and shall include instruction on firearm safety and the law regarding the permissible use of a firearm.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: Applicants for a CCW license must show proof of residency in the City of Los Angeles by presenting a copy of the following two items: a recognized California identification card and a recent utility bill (water, electric, or gas bill) or a lease agreement, showing the applicant's name and residence address, stating the landlord provides utilities for the residence.

LICENSE CONDITIONS: The Department may attach to the license such conditions it deems appropriate in the reasonable exercise of its discretion. These conditions will be noted on the face of the license.

Pursuant to the Judgment of Declaratory Relief in *Anthony Assenza, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, the following further rules and guidelines are provided for the interpretation and implementation of the Department's good cause policy:

Good Cause. Good cause shall be deemed to exist, and a license will issue in the absence of strong countervailing factors, upon a showing of any of the following circumstances: a) The applicant is able to establish that there is an immediate or continuing threat, express or implied, to the applicant, or the applicant's family's safety, and that no other reasonable means exist which would suffice to neutralize that threat; b) The applicant is employed in the field of security, has all requisite licenses, is employed by a security firm having all requisite licenses, and provides satisfactory proof that his or her work is of such a nature that it requires the carrying of a concealed weapon; c) The applicant has obtained, or is a person included within the protections of a court order which establishes that the applicant is the on-going victim of a threat or physical violence or otherwise meets the criteria set forth in Penal Code Section 25600; d) The applicant establishes that circumstances exist requiring him or her to transport in public significant amounts of valuable property which it is impractical or impracticable to entrust to the protection of armored car services or equivalent services for safe transportation of valuables; e) The applicant establishes that he or she is subject to a particular and unusual danger of physical attack and that no reasonable means are available to abate that threat.

Favorable Factors. Among facts upon which the Department will, in the exercise of its discretion, look favorably in considering applications are whether: a) the applicant has a demonstrated record of responsible handling of firearms; b) the applicant has a commitment to safe and responsible handling of firearms as shown by having voluntarily taken firearms training; c) the applicant has a record of good citizenship in general as evidenced, for instance, by service to the community through such activities as creditable service in the armed forces, including the National Guard or in the police reserves, or of active participation in charitable or public service organizations or activities or in political affairs; d) the applicant is trustworthy and responsible as evidenced, for instance, by employment history, positions held in civic, political, religious or secular organizations or a record of personal accomplishment in other areas of endeavor; e) that the applicant suffers under a disability or physical handicap, including age or obesity, which hinders the applicant's ability to retreat from an attacker.

Unfavorable Factors. Factors which will bear negatively on issuance are: a) the applicant has a long-term history of mental or emotional instability, alcoholism, drug use or addiction to controlled substances; b) the applicant has a history of fault in serious accidents with firearms, automobiles or other dangerous instrumentalities; c) the applicant has had a permit or license to carry a concealed weapon denied, suspended or revoked for good cause by any issuing authority; d) the applicant has a long-term record of irresponsible and dangerous behavior with automobiles as indicated by numerous convictions of serious driving offenses; e) the applicant has a long-term history of conduct from which it appears that he or she is not now of good moral character, trustworthy or responsible. While none of the foregoing disqualify an applicant per se, a license will be denied if it appears, in the discretion of the Department, that the applicant does not now have good character or that issuance of a license to him/her is not consistent with public safety.