

LAPD CCW Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for a Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) license with the Los Angeles Police Department?

Application instructions are posted on the LAPD homepage at LAPDOnline.org.

Can anyone apply for a CCW license with the LAPD?

No, only verified residents of the City of Los Angeles (LAPD jurisdiction) may apply with the LAPD, per 26155(a) PC. See the LAPD homepage for additional requirements, and instructions on how to show proof of residency.

Can I use my work/business/PO Box address to qualify as being a City of LA resident?

No, only your actual primary residence address can be used, verified by documents submitted during the interview, and currently listed on your California driver's license or ID card.

Can I take my application to a police station or send via email or certified mail?

No, the application will only be accepted in person at the time of your interview. Mailing, emailing or delivering in person, outside of your appointment, will not result in your application being processed.

Why does it take so long after I'm placed on the waiting list before I get an interview?

The time on the waiting list is dictated by the number of residents requesting appointments. We have a limited number of investigators who are diligently working to process all of the requests. We appreciate your patience and understanding as you wait for your turn.

Do you offer expedited processing?

No, our policy is **first come, first served**. Most applicants are concerned about their personal safety over others and want to jump to the top of the list. Our policy is a basic tenet of fairness, and once put on the list, you will not be replaced or lowered on the list to accommodate another applicant.

Can I complete my CCW training course and get a live scan before my interview?

Yes, however you must use the live scan form on the LAPD website, or we will not receive the results from the Department of Justice. If you use the incorrect form, you will have to resubmit the correct form and pay a second time for the service.

Training certificates will only be accepted from Training Providers on our approved list and dated no earlier than 6 months before your interview date. You may want to take basic firearms training classes, depending on your skill level, before taking the CCW training course. CCW training is not basic firearms training and you are expected to be safe and proficient with a firearm before attending the CCW course.

What happens if I miss my interview appointment?

We request that you make every effort to appear at the scheduled date and time for your interview. If you are unable to appear, contact us in advance at **213-925-4529** or **213-486-6605**, as soon as you know you will miss your appointment. If you are a "no-show" without calling to cancel, we will not contact you to check your whereabouts or reschedule the interview. If you call for another appointment, you will be placed at the end of the waiting list.

If you contacted us in advance to cancel before your appointment, we will try to accommodate you with a reschedule, however it may be months away.

How long does it take to get my license after the interview?

Once we receive the live scan results, and if there are no other issues needing to be addressed, you will receive a letter in the mail stating if you have been approved or denied. This will happen within 120 days of the successful submission of your application, or 30 days after the receipt of your live scan results, whichever is later. Once your CCW training certificate and shooting proficiency forms are submitted, it takes approximately 8-12 weeks before your license will be ready for issuance.

What firearms can I carry with my license?

A CCW license is for a **concealable handgun** only. The firearm must be lawfully purchased or transferred with an ownership record in the Automated Firearms System in the name of the CCW holder. We allow up to three firearms on a license. You cannot carry any other firearm than the one(s) on your license. See additional handgun requirements on the LAPD CCW application instructions page.

Do I bring my firearm(s) with me to the interview?

No, it is a violation of law to bring a firearm to a police facility, per 171(b) PC. You need to verify the make, model, caliber and serial number of your firearm(s) and accurately record them on your application. If there is a discrepancy with a firearm, photos of the weapon can be used for clarification. You must have a firearm in your name in the Automated Firearm System to be issued a license.

Can I add, delete or change firearms on my license?

You may, but only at the time of the CCW license's renewal. Choose the firearms on your license with that in mind. If you sell or lose a firearm, you must notify the CCW Unit, so the firearm can be removed from your license with the California Department of Justice.

Is my LAPD issued CCW license recognized outside of the City of Los Angeles?

Yes, a license issued by any licensing authority in the State of California is valid anywhere in the State. California does not recognize CCW licenses from any other state, however a few states recognize a CCW license issued by California. Check the internet for an accurate up to date list of other states that allow carrying with a CA license.

Additional Considerations

Carefully consider all of the aspects and responsibilities of carrying a firearm before you start the application process.

Read the LAPD CCW Policy on the Department's homepage at LAPDonline.org before you submit your application. Strick adherence to all of the requirements and procedures is required to successfully submit your application. Applicants who show up to their interview with incomplete applications may have to reschedule for another appointment.

Missing documents may cause your application to be declined at the interview. Pay particular attention to, and make note of what documents are needed during the interview, as well as the payment methods we accept.

Appear early or on time for your interview. Interviews are conducted back to back, and late arrivals may have to wait if they missed their appointment time.

Carefully read **ALL** 17 pages of the application form (BOF form 4012 rev. 01/2024). Fill out the portions requiring information, but **do not** sign and date the document (2 places) until you are in the presence of your investigator during your interview.

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) are separate agencies. If you applied to the LASD, we do not have any information on the status of your application.

Any additional questions can be addressed by the LAPD CCW Unit, 213-486-6605 or emailing your question to CCWprocessing@lapd.online. Check our webpage frequently for any changes.