FIREARMS PROHIBITORS

No person convicted for a Felony or a Misdemeanor crime of domestic violence involving the use or threatened use of physical force or a deadly weapon may possess any firearms in Connecticut.

No person may obtain a Pistol Permit, Eligibility Certificate for Pistols and Revolvers, and Eligibility Certificate for Long Guns if convicted after October 1, 1994. The prohibiting misdemeanors also apply to Ammunition Certificate if convicted on or after July 1, 2013. Felonies and federal prohibitors apply to all permits and certificates as well as gun sales, no matter what the date of conviction.

SURRENDERS

INELIGIBLE PERSONS

Those persons deemed ineligible to possess (see firearm prohibitors) are required to relinquish their firearms by one of the following methods:

1) Turn your firearms in to the police. Your guns will be held for up to one year. You may at any time during the year transfer your guns to an eligible person. After the expiration of one year if your status has not changed your guns will be destroyed. You must notify the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit immediately at (860) 685-8285 to advise when and to which police department you turned in your firearms.

2) If instead you choose to legally transfer your firearms to an eligible person you must telephone the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit at (860) 685-8400 for an authorization number for each individual hand gun and long gun. A NICS background check will be conducted on the recipient at that time. You must then submit the sale or transfer form DPS-3C to the State Police.

Domestic Violence

Connecticut General Statute 29-36k requires that within two (2) business days of such occurrence you must;

1. Transfer, in accordance with C.G.S. §§ 29-33, and 29-38k, all pistols, revolvers, firearms and ammunition you possess to a federally licensed firearms dealer pursuant to the sale of the pistol, revolver or other firearm; or

2. Deliver or surrender any/all firearms and ammunition to any Connecticut State Police Troop or organized municipal police department—not to include Headquarters in Middletown.
Transferring a Handgun

Federal Law states you may only buy a handgun in the state in which you reside. You can only buy a handgun in Connecticut if in addition to being a resident, you are at least 21 years of age and you possess a valid Permit to Carry Pistols or Revolvers, a valid Eligibility Certificate or if you are a sworn Police Officer. 

You must first complete an Application to Purchase Firearms (DPS-67-C). This form shall be retained by the seller for 20 years. The seller of the handgun shall then contact the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit at (860) 685-8400, or (888) 335-8438 and obtain an authorization number for that sale. Four copies of the Sale or Transfer form DPS-3-C must be completed. 

The original copy is kept by the seller (for a minimum of 5 years). One copy is given to the purchaser as a receipt. One copy shall be forwarded to the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit. One copy must be sent to the Chief of Police in the town where the purchaser resides.

Pistol Permits

Once you have received your Temporary State Permit, you may apply to the DESPP for your State Permit. The cost of the State Permit is an additional $70.00 and is valid for a period of five years. You will be required to have your photograph taken upon application and renewals. Applications and renewals shall be accepted at locations listed on the back of this brochure. Renewal notices will be sent to permit holders ninety days prior to expiration. There is a ninety day grace period after the expiration of your permit during which you may renew. Renewal instructions are available on-line at www.ct.gov/despp.

State Law requires the holder of a Pistol Permit to notify the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit of any change of residence address within two business days. Lost or stolen Pistol Permits should be reported immediately in order to replace them. A $5.00 duplication fee will be charged.

Ammunition Certificates

Effective October 1, 2013

If you do not intend to purchase anymore firearms after October 1, 2013 but would like to continue to purchase ammunition, you will be required to possess a Ammunition Certificate, or be listed as an exempted person, i.e., police officer. You must apply on a form DESSP-417C, and come to one of the DESSP permit offices to have your photograph taken. The fee is $35.00 for a 5 year certificate and your renewal will be sent 90 days prior to expiration. Applicants who have been convicted of any felony at any time or of any of the misdemeanors after July 1, 2013 will be denied.

Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Long Guns

Effective April 1, 2014

After April 1, 2014 you will be required to have a valid Pistol Permit, Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Pistols or Revolvers, Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Long Guns, or be a a Police Officer or one of the exemption listed in law, to purchase long guns. You must be 21 years of age. You must first complete an Application to Purchase Firearms (DPS-67-C) and a Sale or Transfer of All Firearms form (DPS-3-C). This form shall be retained by the seller for 20 years. The seller of the long gun shall then follow the steps set out under HANDGUN purchase above.

Eligibility Certificate for Large Firearms

Effective April 1, 2014

After April 1, 2014 you will be required to possess a valid Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Long Guns, if you do not already possess a pistol permit or eligibility certificate for the purchase of pistols or revolvers. You may also purchase ammunition with this certificate. You may apply directly to DESPP on a DPS-799-C form, which you may obtain on-line at www.ct.gov/despp, under the Special Licensing and Firearms page. It is a 5 year certificate and renewal will be sent 90 days prior to expiration. The fee is $35.00 plus $50.00 for the State fingerprint and $16.50 for the FBI fingerprint fee. Applicants who have been convicted of any felony at any time or of any of the misdemeanors after October 1, 1994 will be denied.

Transferring a Long Gun

Effective April 1, 2014

After April 1, 2014 you will be required to have a valid Pistol Permit, Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Pistols or Revolvers, Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Long Guns, or be a Police Officer or one of the exemption listed in law to purchase long guns. You must be 21 years of age. You must first complete an Application to Purchase Firearms (DPS-67-C) and a Sale or Transfer of All Firearms form (DPS-3-C). This form shall be retained by the seller for 20 years. The seller of the long gun shall then follow the steps set out under HANDGUN purchase above.

Applying Your Denial

In the event that you have been denied authorization to purchase a firearm, you must request the reason for such denial by contacting the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit at (860) 685-8290 to determine the basis for your denial during regular business hours.

NICS

If the reason for your denial was a result of the National Instant Criminal Background Check, you must make a written request to: Federal Bureau of Investigation, NICS Operations Center, Research and Analysis, P.O. Box 4278, Clarksburg, West Virginia, 26302-4278, Include your mailing address and the NICS Transaction Number and NRI, NICS Record Identifier (obtained from the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit).

Machine Guns

Machine Guns are strictly regulated by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) as well as the Connecticut State Police, Special Licensing and Firearms Unit (SLFU).

Connecticut residents may purchase Machine Guns if they are capable of a “full automatic only” rate of fire. Any select fire weapon is considered an “Assault Weapon” and is prohibited by State Law.

Any Connecticut resident who owns a Machine Gun is required to complete State form DPS 418C, registering that Machine Gun with the SLFU immediately upon receiving it, and upon an annual basis thereafter.

Registered owners will be notified yearly with a registration form-letter which must be signed and returned to the SLFU prior to July 1 annually.

If you currently own a Machine Gun and do not receive a yearly registration form, you must contact the SLFU for instructions on registering your firearm.

Machine Guns are exempted persons, i.e., police officer. You must apply on Form DESPP-418C, register- ing that Machine Gun with the SLFU immediately upon receiving it, and upon an annual basis thereafter.

Gun Shows

A Gun Show is defined as any event at which fifty or more firearms are offered or exhibited for sale or transfer and any event at which two or more persons are exhibiting one or more firearms for sale, transfer or exchange to the public.

All sales, transfers or exchanges taking place at a Gun Show require the seller to obtain an authorization number from the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit at 860-685-8400 or toll-free in-state at 888-335-8438.

Connecticut General Statutes Section 53-202a as amended by Public Acts 13-3 and 13-220, assault weapons are described and defined in portion as: “(1) Any selective-fire firearm capable of fully auto- matic, semiautomatic or burst fire at the option of the user or any of the specified semiautomatic firearms…”.

For a complete text of law and list of banned firearms, check on www.ct.gov/despp, Special Licensing and Firearms section or at the Legislative web site at www.cga.ct.gov. Refer to Public Act 13-3 and Public Act 13-220.

Assault weapons owners must obtain a Certificate of Possession (DPS-414-C) prior to January 1, 2014.

IF YOU POSSESS AN UNREGISTERED “ASSAULT WEAPON” AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014, YOU MAY CALL OUR OFFICE TO ARRANGE ITS DESTRUCTION AT NO RISK OF PENALTY.

PHOTO PERMIT LOCATIONS AND HOURS

DPS Headquarters

1111 Country Club Rd.
Middletown, Ct. 06457
(860) 685-8494
Mon. through Fri.
8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Troop E

I-95 (between exits 79 & 79A)
Montville, CT 06382
(860) 849-6539
Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat.
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m.
Thurs.
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Troop G

149 Prospect St.
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 696-2532
Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat.
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m.
Thurs.
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Troop permit offices are closed during inclement weather.