

To obtain a restricted firearm (handgun):

The individual MUST do the following:

1. Pass the Canada Firearms Safety Exam
2. Pass the Canada Restricted Firearms Safety Exam
3. Obtain an Application for a Restricted Possession and Acquisition License from the Canada Firearms Centre.
4. Provide a verified photograph
5. Provide two personal references that have known the applicant at least two years. These references are checked and extensively questioned regarding the Applicants history and any possible pre-disposition to violence or criminal activity.
6. Disclose all mental health information.
7. Disclose the names and contact information of all conjugal partners in the last two years. These former and current partners are contacted to see if they have any concerns regarding the individual's acquisition of a firearm.
8. Disclose whether the Applicant has suffered a marital breakdown or a breakdown of a significant relationship, job loss or bankruptcy or other traumatic event in the last two years.
9. Disclose whether you have threatened or attempted suicide, any consultation or treatment for alcohol, substance abuse, and behavioural or emotional problems in the last 5 years.
10. Disclose whether you do you know if you have been reported to the police or social services for violence, threatened or attempted violence, or other conflict in your home or elsewhere in the last 5 years?
11. Have a criminal records background check through your local police service, the O.P.P., the R.C.M.P., C.S.I.S. and Interpol. This background check includes all charges, convictions and inquiries, juvenile and adult, federal, provincial and international.
12. Be approved by the Ontario Chief Firearms Office (O.P.P.) and submitted back to the Canada Firearms Centre (R.C.M.P.)
13. Wait a mandatory 28 days (closer to three to six months)
14. Receive the new license by mail.
15. At the firearms retailer, the retailer and the Canada Firearms Centre check the license validity again. The ownership of the firearm is transferred to the purchaser.
16. The purchaser must then wait 2 to 6 weeks for the Chief Firearms Office to issue an **Authorization to Transport** the firearm from the retailer to the purchaser's home.
17. To shoot the firearm the individual MUST: Join a licensed gun club, pass the minimum number of probationary shoots, pass the club's range safety course, apply through the club for an **Authorization to Transport for the Purposes of Target Shooting** and wait one to three months for that document to be issued.
18. To acquire ammunition, the individual must present to the retailer a valid Firearms License and have their name, address, license number and items purchased recorded in a logbook.
19. Issuance of a Firearms License automatically enters the individual into the **Continuous Eligibility System**, which cross-references every police computer and database in Canada at all times.

To Transport a Restricted Firearm (handgun) under the Auspices of an Authorization to Transport.

1. The firearm must be unloaded.
2. The handgun must be fitted with a locking device rendering the firearm inoperable.
3. The handgun must be locked container that is made of an opaque material and is of such strength, construction and nature that it cannot readily be broken open or into or accidentally opened during transportation.
4. If it is in a container described above, that is in an unattended vehicle, when the vehicle is equipped with a trunk or similar compartment that can be securely locked, the container is in that trunk or compartment and the trunk or compartment is securely locked, and
5. When the vehicle is not equipped with a trunk or similar compartment that can be securely locked, the vehicle, or the part of the vehicle that contains the container, is securely locked and the container is not visible from outside the vehicle.
3. The handgun may not be transported in the same container as the ammunition.
4. The individual must transport the firearm with the corresponding License, Registration Certificate and Authorization to Transport for the Purpose of Target Shooting.
5. The individual may only transport the handgun in a reasonably direct route to and from the licensed shooting range.

To Store a Restricted Firearm (handgun)

An individual may store a restricted firearm only if

1. It is unloaded;
2. It is
 - (a) Rendered inoperable by means of a secure locking device and stored in a container, receptacle or room that is kept securely locked and that is constructed so that it cannot readily be broken open or into, or
 - (b) Stored in a vault, safe or room that has been specifically constructed or modified for the secure storage of restricted firearms and that is kept securely locked; and
3. It is not readily accessible to ammunition, unless the ammunition is stored, together with or separately from the firearm, in
 - (d) A container or receptacle that is kept securely locked and that is constructed so that it cannot readily be broken open or into, or
 - (e) A vault, safe or room that has been specifically constructed or modified for the secure storage of restricted firearms and that is kept securely locked

The violation of any of the above is a criminal offence, punishable by up to four years in prison.