

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

STATE OF MAINE CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS

1. **Q: Do I still need to complete the entire application even though I am only renewing?**

A: Yes.

2. **Q: Do I need to complete the last 3 pages of the application?**

A: Yes – These forms are authorizations required for us to conduct background checks. The Witness Signature can be anybody 18 years old or older who knows you.

4. **Q: Can I send in a passport in lieu of a birth certificate?**

A: Yes. Please ensure it is a current/valid passport.

5. **Q: What do you need for a photo and how many do you need?**

A: A color photo, headshot only (head and shoulders), wearing no hat and no sunglasses. This is an ID style photo. We need only 1. If you have a digital camera and a color printer, you can do this at home. We cannot and will not accept a copy of a driver's license or a copy of a passport.

6. **Q: How can I find a handgun safety course?**

A: Ask your local firearms dealer or complete an internet search for your area.

7. **Q: What are your office hours?**

A: Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. excluding holidays.

8. **Q: How do I change my address?**

A: You must update your address within 30 days of moving. Failure to do so voids your permit. You will be considered a NEW applicant on your next application.

a) If you move to another town in which the Maine State Police is still the Issuing Authority, you must fill out page one of the application and send it in with a check/money order for \$2.00.

b) If your current valid permit has been issued by your local police department or town office and you move to a town in which the Maine State Police is the Issuing Authority, you must fill out page one of the application and send it in with a check/money order for \$2.00. We also will require a photo, a copy of your birth certificate/ passport, a copy of your current concealed carry permit and a copy of a handgun safety certificate used to obtain your previous permit. This will allow us to transfer you fully into our system.

9. **Q: If I have more questions that are not covered in this list, where should I look?**

A: Please visit http://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/licenses/weapons_permits.html for our Concealed Handguns Booklet and the most current information. You can also call our office at (207) 624-7210.