



Information Sheet: Application for a Possession and Acquisition Licence Under the *Firearms Act* (for Individuals Aged 18 and Over)

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Before you Start...

The fee to apply for a firearms licence will be increasing annually. Please refer to Section J - Fees, for the applicable fee associated with your firearms licence application.

Please note that individuals that currently possess firearms or intend to purchase firearms and/or ammunition must have a valid firearms licence.

Use this form if you are an individual aged 18 and over to apply:

- for a first time licence;
- for a new licence if your current licence has expired;
- for a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) for a different class of firearm.

Do not use this form to apply to renew your firearms licence if it is still valid. You can now renew your licence on the Internet by accessing the link "Web Services for Individuals" on the main page of [our Web site](#). If you wish to renew using a paper application, you can request the form "Application for Renewal of a Firearms Licence" (RCMP GRC 5614) by calling 1 800 731-4000 or by downloading it from [our Web site](#).

Please note:

- **You must complete all sections of the form. An incomplete form will cause delays in processing your application.**
- Processing a firearms licence application involves a variety of background checks. In some cases, in-depth investigations are conducted.
- Once your licence application has been fully processed and you have met the eligibility criteria, you will be issued a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL).
- There is a minimum 28-day waiting period for all applicants who do not presently hold a valid firearms licence.
- A PAL is valid for a period of five (5) years.
- The application must be signed within six (6) months of mailing.

Safety Training - If you are applying for a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) for non-restricted firearms, you must have passed the Canadian Firearms Safety Course (CFSC). If you are applying for a PAL for restricted firearms, you must have passed two safety courses: the CFSC and the Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course (CRFSC). See Section G - Safety Training Certification for further information, or call 1 800 731-4000.

If you need additional space, list all information requested on a separate sheet of paper, add your name and licence number (if applicable) to the top of each sheet and attach the sheet to your application.

If you need help completing this application form or require another form, call 1 800 731-4000. Additional information and some application forms are also available on [our Web site](#).

The following information explains certain parts of the form and will help you answer some of the questions. You should read the instructions as you fill in your form. If you are still unsure about a question, call 1 800 731-4000 for assistance.

Mail your completed application form and all attachments to:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police
P.O. Box 1200
Miramichi NB E1N 5Z3

A - Licence Information

Box 2 b)

Note: The licence issued to you and fees are based on the firearms you currently possess and the firearms you intend to acquire and possess; or the class of firearms licence you wish to obtain (e.g. for target practice or for employment).

In general, you cannot request possession and acquisition of prohibited firearms unless you already lawfully possess a prohibited firearm.

If you are applying for a licence to acquire a prohibited handgun manufactured before 1946, please call 1 800 731-4000 for further information.

The following definitions may help you complete Box 2.

A Non-Restricted Firearm is

- an ordinary rifle, shotgun or combination gun that is not described below as being restricted or prohibited.

A Restricted Firearm is

- a handgun that is not a prohibited firearm;
- a semi-automatic, centre-fire rifle or shotgun with a barrel length less than 470 mm (18.5 inches) that is not prohibited;
- a rifle or shotgun that can fire when its overall length is reduced by folding, telescoping or some other means to less than 660 mm (26 inches);
- any firearm prescribed as restricted (including some long guns).

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A Prohibited Firearm is

- a handgun with a barrel length of 105 mm (4.1 inches) or less;
- a handgun designed or adapted to discharge 25 or 32 calibre ammunition;
- a rifle or shotgun that has been altered to make it less than 660 mm (26 inches) in overall length;
- a rifle or shotgun that has been altered to make the barrel length less than 457 mm (18 inches) where the overall firearm length is 660 mm (26 inches) or more;
- an automatic firearm and a converted automatic firearm;
- any firearm prescribed as prohibited.

Visit [our Web site](#) for a list of firearms restricted or prohibited under *Criminal Code* regulations.

Box 3

Aboriginal Peoples of Canada Adaptations Regulations (Firearms)

Regulations that apply particularly to Aboriginal Peoples have been made under the *Firearms Act*. To apply under these regulations, you must:

- Be an Indian, an Inuit, a Métis or beneficiary under a land claims agreement referred to in section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982;
- Be a member of an Aboriginal community; and
- Engage in the traditional hunting practices of that Aboriginal community.

If you are applying under these Regulations and require a form, call 1 800 731-4000 for further information and ask for an "*Aboriginal Peoples of Canada Adaptations Regulations (Firearms) Application*" (RCMP GRC 5642).

B - Personal Information

Boxes 5 a), b) and c)

Please do not use initials or nicknames. Your last, first and middle name must be written in full. Junior (Jr.) or Senior (Sr.) can only be used if they form part of your legal name. If Junior (Jr.) or Senior (Sr.) form part of your legal name, please provide a photocopy of an official piece of documentation issued by a municipal, provincial or federal government that bears your full name.

Box 6

If you have changed your name several times, please indicate the most recent previous name on the form and list all other previously used names on a separate sheet. Return this sheet with your completed application.

Proof of Identity

Box 13 a) Type of Identification

Print the type of identification used to prove your identity. For example, if you use your provincial or territorial driver's licence, print "Driver's licence" in Box 13 a).

Examples of other types of identification you may use to prove your identity are:

- Federal, provincial, territorial or municipal employee identification card
- Passport
- Birth certificate
- Citizenship certificate
- Permanent resident document

Do not send original documents or photocopies with your application. Only provide the information requested.

Home Address

Box 14 a) Street or Land Location

If you live in a rural area and do not have an address with a street number and name, provide your rural address (for example: lot and concession number). If you live on a reserve, provide the reserve number, or if you live in an Inuit community, provide your house number, box number or lot number. If your legal land location is unavailable, please provide a general description of your home location e.g. 2 km east of route 6.

C - Personal History

All questions in Section C - Personal History must be answered by the applicant.

New Canadian Residents

If you have been a resident of Canada for less than 5 years, you must obtain a letter of good conduct issued by the local or state police of your previous country of residence.

Non-Residents of Canada

If you are a non-resident of Canada, you must obtain a letter of good conduct issued by your local or state police.

Letter of Good Conduct Required for New Canadian Residents and Non-Residents of Canada Only

A letter of good conduct must be written in the English or French language on the police department's official letterhead paper. Please attach the letter to your application form.

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E and F - Information About Current and Former Conjugal Partners

Conjugal partner includes spouses and common law partners and all other persons with whom you live or have lived in a similar relationship within the last 2 years.

A spouse is a person to whom you are legally married. A common-law partner is a person who is cohabiting with you in a conjugal relationship, having so cohabited for a period of at least one year.

Boxes 18 and 19

The signatures of your current or former conjugal partners are not legally required. However, if their signatures are not provided, the Chief Firearms Officer has a duty to notify them of your application for a firearms licence.

G - Safety Training Certification

Box 20 a)

To get a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) for non-restricted firearms, you must have passed the Canadian Firearms Safety Course (CFSC). Complete Box 20 a) if this applies to you.

Box 20 b)

To get a Possession and Acquisition Licence for restricted or prohibited firearms, you must have passed two safety courses: the Canadian Firearms Safety Course (CFSC) and the Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course (CRFSC). Complete Box 20 b) if this applies to you. **Note:** If you passed the CFSC before February 1, 1999 you are considered to have met both these requirements.

If you have your Canadian Firearms Safety Course Report, provide a photocopy of this document with your application.

Box 20 c)

In the provinces of Manitoba and Quebec only, many hunter safety or similar courses taken prior to 1995 were approved as being equal to the CFSC requirement. If this applies to you, complete Box 20 c), including the name of the course. If you are unsure, call 1 800 731-4000.

Chief Firearms Officers have the authority to alternatively certify that you meet the requirements regarding the safe handling and use of firearms and the laws relating to firearms. To qualify for alternative certification, you must have been in continuous possession of a firearm since January 1, 1979. If you have proof that you were alternately certified, check **yes** in Box 20 c) and provide a photocopy of it with your application.

I - Photo Guarantor

A photo guarantor is a person who confirms that the photograph you supply accurately identifies you. Your photo guarantor must have known you for at least one (1) year and must be at least 18 years old. Your spouse or your common-law or other conjugal partner or one of your references can be your guarantor.

You must provide a current photograph of yourself. Your guarantor must sign his or her name on the enclosed photo sticker. Refer to the **Photo Instructions** section for more details.

J - Fees

The fee required is determined by the class of firearms you possess or intend to acquire and by the date that your application is received by the Canadian Firearms Program. Please note that as per the Service Fees Act, fees will change annually on March 31.

Effective March 31, 2020	Non-restricted \$61.32 Restricted or prohibited \$81.76
Effective March 31, 2021	Non-restricted \$62.55 Restricted or prohibited \$83.40

For more information on the increase to fees associated with a firearms licence application, please refer to [our Web site](#).

Indicate the method of payment. Do not send cash. Make cheque or money order payable to Receiver General for Canada. If you are a non-resident of Canada, please make your fee payable in Canadian dollars. **The fee is non-refundable.**

Please note: If paying by personal cheque, allow a minimum of ten (10) business days for bank clearance. Administrative fees and any applicable interest will be applied to all dishonoured payments.

Sustenance Hunters

You may not be required to pay the fee for a licence for non-restricted firearms if you need the firearms to hunt or trap in order to sustain yourself or your family. Only the Chief Firearms Officer (CFO) of your province or territory can make this determination. Contact the CFO for further information. This fee waiver does not apply to restricted or prohibited firearms.

By checking the box for the fee waiver on the application, you may be contacted by the CFO. The processing of your application will be delayed.

Checklist

Before mailing your application, have you...

- answered all relevant questions?
- obtained all necessary signatures?
- enclosed the applicable fee?
- attached your photo with the signed sticker on the back?
- attached a copy of your safety course report (if you have it)?
- attached a separate sheet of paper with additional information if necessary?
- signed and dated the declaration?
- enclosed your completed application and any additional information in the envelope provided?

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Photo Instructions

You are not required to submit a passport type photograph or a photograph that has been taken by a professional photographer. However your photograph must meet the following criteria:

- Show a full front view of your head and shoulders.
- Use a plain, contrasting background without shadows.
- Do not wear a hat or sunglasses. Your eyes should be clearly visible and should not appear to be red.
- The photo should have been taken within the last twelve (12) months.
- Size: the photo should be no larger than 45 mm x 57 mm (1 3/4 in. x 2 1/4 in.). Your head in the photograph must be at least 30 mm (1 3/16 in.) high.
- The photo must be original, not taken from an existing photo.
- Digitally produced photos are acceptable provided all other requirements are met.
- **Cut the photograph to fit the size requirements before sending it to us.**

The diagram shows a portrait of a man from the chest up. A horizontal double-headed arrow at the top indicates a width of 45 mm (1 3/4"). A vertical double-headed arrow on the right indicates a height of 57 mm (2 1/4"). A dashed rectangular box is drawn around the man's head and shoulders, with a vertical double-headed arrow on its right side indicating a height of 30 mm (1 3/16").

Label Instructions

- Print your name and your guarantor's name on the label.
- Have your guarantor sign it and complete the Photo Guarantor section of your application.
- Cut and affix the label to the back of your photograph.
- Enclose the photograph with your application.

The diagram shows a dashed rectangular box representing a label. To the left of the box is a pair of scissors icon. Inside the box, there are three horizontal lines for text: the first is labeled 'Name of applicant', the second is labeled 'Name of guarantor', and the third is labeled 'Signature of guarantor'.



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Attention: Read the Information Sheet for explanations. Mark the box to indicate your answers (where required). Print clearly in blue or black ink.

I would like to receive all information in

☐ English ☐ French

A - Licence Information

1. Select the situation that applies and, if applicable, provide the licence number where indicated.

☐ I have never had a firearms licence.

☐ I have an expired firearms licence.

Expired Firearms Licence Number: _____

☐ I have a firearms licence and I request a different privilege.

Current Firearms Licence Number: _____

☐ I have a Minor's Licence and I request a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL). Current Minor's Licence Number: _____

2. a) If you are licensed, indicate the class of firearms you now possess. Check all that apply.

☐ Non-Restricted

☐ Restricted

☐ Prohibited

☐ I do not possess any firearms

2. b) Indicate the class of firearms you wish to acquire and possess in the next five (5) years. Check all that apply.

☐ Non-Restricted

☐ Restricted

☐ Prohibited (refer to Information Sheet)

3. Are you applying under the *Aboriginal Peoples of Canada Adaptations Regulations (Firearms)*? (refer to Information Sheet)

☐ No ☐ Yes. Attach form RCMP GRC 5642

☐ Form RCMP 5642 attached

4. If you are not a resident of Canada, in which province or territory will you be using your firearms the most when in Canada?

B - Personal Information

Please do not use initials or nicknames.

5. a) Last Name

5. b) First Name

5. c) Middle Name

6. a) Have you ever changed your name (including by marriage)?

☐ No ☐ Yes. If selected, provide previous name in boxes 6 b) and 6 c). (attach a separate sheet, if necessary.)

6. b) Previous Last Name

6. c) Previous First Name

7. a) Date of Birth (yyyy-mm-dd)

7. b) Place of Birth (City/Province/Territory/State)

7. c) Country

7. d) If you were born outside Canada, in what year were you admitted to Canada? (yyyy)

8. Gender

☐ Male

☐ Female

9. Eye Colour

10. Height

☐ cm

☐ ft - in

Contact Information

11. a) Daytime Telephone Number

Extension

11. b) Evening Telephone Number

Extension

12. E-mail Address (if applicable)

Proof of Identity

You must provide the following information about one (1) piece of identification that was issued by a federal, provincial, territorial, regional or municipal government. The identification must have a number (refer to Information Sheet). Note that by providing this information you authorize the Canadian Firearms Program to verify the details with the issuing agency.

13. a) Type of Identification

13. b) Issuing Government

13. c) Identification Number

Home Address

You must provide the physical location where you live.

14. a) Street or Land Location

14. b) Apt./Unit

14. c) City

14. d) Province/Territory

14. e) Country

14. f) Postal Code

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Mailing Address

Your mailing address is the address where you receive your mail.

☐ Mailing address is the same as home address

15. a) Street / Rural Route / PO Box Number

15. b) Apt./Unit

15. c) City

15. d) Province/Territory

15. e) Country

15. f) Postal Code

C - Personal History

New Canadian Residents and Non-residents, refer to Information Sheet.

If you answer **yes** to any of the questions in this section, you must provide details on a separate page. Add your name at the top of each page you attach. If details are not provided, your application cannot be processed. A **yes** answer **does not mean** your application will be refused but it may lead to further examination. If you have been granted a **record suspension or a pardon** for any offence listed in box 16 a), you are **not** required to disclose the offence.

16. a) During the past five (5) years, have you been charged, convicted or granted a discharge for an offence:

- (i) under the *Criminal Code* or the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* where violence was used, threatened or attempted;
- (ii) involving the misuse, possession or storage of a firearm; or
- (iii) involving trafficking or importing drugs or controlled substances?

☐ Yes ☐ No

16. b) During the past five (5) years, have you been subject to a peace bond, protection order or an order under section 810 of the *Criminal Code*?

☐ Yes ☐ No

16. c) During the past five (5) years, have you or any member of your household been prohibited from possessing any firearm?

☐ Yes ☐ No

16. d) During the past five (5) years, have you threatened or attempted suicide, or have you suffered from or been diagnosed or treated by a medical practitioner for: depression; alcohol, drug or substance abuse; behavioural problems; or emotional problems?

☐ Yes ☐ No

16. e) During the past five (5) years, 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?

☐ Yes ☐ No

16. f) During the past two (2) years, have you experienced a divorce, a separation, a breakdown of a significant relationship, job loss or bankruptcy?

☐ Yes ☐ No

D - Conjugal Status

You must answer both questions 17. a) and b) or your licence application will be delayed.

17. a) Do you currently have a spouse, common-law or other conjugal partner?

☐ No ☐ Yes. If yes, you **must** complete Section E.

17. b) Within the last two (2) years have you lived in a conjugal relationship other than with the person you may have referred to in question 17. a)?

☐ No ☐ Yes. If yes, you **must** complete Section F.

E - Information About Current Conjugal Partner

18. a) Last Name of **Current** Spouse, Common-Law or other Conjugal Partner

18. b) First Name

18. c) Middle Name

18. d) Date of Birth (yyyy-mm-dd)

If the signature of your current spouse, common-law or other conjugal partner is not provided, the Chief Firearms Officer has a duty to notify them of your application.

If you have any safety concerns about this application, please call 1 800 731-4000.

18. e) Signature of Current Spouse, Common-Law or other Conjugal Partner

18. f) Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

18. g) Telephone Number

Extension

When can he/she be reached at this number?

☐ Day ☐ Evening

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F - Information About Former Conjugal Partner

Provide information about your **former** conjugal partners. This includes any person, other than the person named in Box 18, with whom you have lived in a conjugal relationship within the last **two (2) years**. If you need more space, list the information on a separate sheet of paper.

19. a) Last Name of Former Spouse, Common-Law or other Conjugal Partner	19. b) First Name	19. c) Date of Birth (yyyy-mm-dd)		
<input type="checkbox"/> I declare that I do not know the current address and/or telephone number of my former spouse, common-law or other conjugal partner.				
19. d) Street / Rural Route / PO Box number			19. e) Apt./Unit	
19. f) City	19. g) Province/Territory	19. h) Country	19. i) Postal Code	
If the signature of your former spouse, common-law or other conjugal partner is not provided, the Chief Firearms Officer has a duty to notify them of your application.				
If you have any safety concerns about this application, please call 1 800 731-4000.				
19. j) Signature of Former Spouse, Common-Law or other Conjugal Partner	19. k) Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	19. l) Telephone Number	Extension	When can he/she be reached at this number? <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Evening

G - Safety Training Certification

Canadian Firearms Safety Course

20. a) Have you passed the Canadian Firearms Safety Course?				
<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes. If yes, please indicate the province where the course was passed, the year completed and attach proof.	Province	Year (yyyy)	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof Attached	

Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course

20. b) Have you passed the Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course?				
<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes. If yes, please indicate the province where the course was passed, the date completed and attach proof.	Province	Year (yyyy)	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof Attached	

Safety Training

20. c) Have you been certified by the Chief Firearms Officer as meeting the safety training requirements or have you successfully completed a course approved by the Attorney General of Manitoba or Quebec prior to 1995?	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof Attached
<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes. If yes, specify and attach proof. Specify:	

H - References

A reference is anyone who has known you for at least three (3) years and is at least 18 years old. However, he or she **cannot be** your current conjugal partner.

First Reference

21. a) Reference's Last Name	21. b) First Name	21. c) Telephone Number	Extension	When can he/she be reached at this number? <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Evening
21. d) Street / Rural Route / PO Box number			21. e) Apt./Unit	
21. f) City	21. g) Province/Territory	21. h) Country	21. i) Postal Code	

If you have any safety concerns about this application, please call 1 800 731-4000.

I declare that I have known the applicant for three (3) years or more. I have read the information supplied by the applicant on this application. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I find it to be accurate and I know of no reason why, in the interest of safety of the applicant or any other person, the applicant should not be given a licence to possess and acquire firearms.

First Reference's Signature

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

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Second Reference

22. a) Reference's Last Name	22. b) First Name	22. c) Telephone Number	Extension	When can he/she be reached at this number? <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Evening
22. d) Street / Rural Route / PO Box number				22. e) Apt./Unit
22. f) City	22. g) Province/Territory	22. h) Country	22. i) Postal Code	

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I declare that I have known the applicant for three (3) years or more. I have read the information supplied by the applicant on this application. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I find it to be accurate and I know of no reason why, in the interest of safety of the applicant or any other person, the applicant should not be given a licence to possess and acquire firearms.

Second Reference's Signature

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

I - Photo Guarantor

A photo guarantor is a person who **confirms that the photograph you supply accurately identifies you**. Your photo guarantor must have known you for at least one (1) year and must be at least 18 years old. Your conjugal partner or one of your references may be your photo guarantor. Your photo guarantor must sign below and on the back of the photograph.

23. a) Guarantor's Last Name	23. b) First Name	23. c) Telephone Number	Extension	When can he/she be reached at this number? <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Evening
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I declare that I have known the applicant for at least one (1) year. My name and signature on the back of the photograph confirm that the photograph accurately identifies the applicant.

Guarantor's Signature

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

J - Fees

Refer to Section J - Fees in the Information Sheet for the applicable fee associated with your firearms licence application. The fee depends on the class of firearms you possess or intend to acquire and on the date that this application is received by the Canadian Firearms Program.

☐ Check this box if you hunt or trap to sustain yourself or your family (refer to Information Sheet).

24. Fee Enclosed (CAN\$)	25. Indicate method of payment. Do not send cash. Make cheque or money order payable to Receiver General for Canada . <input type="radio"/> Cheque <input type="radio"/> Certified Cheque <input type="radio"/> Money Order <input type="radio"/> Visa <input type="radio"/> MasterCard <input type="radio"/> AMEX
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If paying by credit card, complete the credit card information.

26. Credit Card Number	27. Expiry Date (mm-yy)	28. Name Appearing on Credit Card
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I authorize the Canadian Firearms Program to charge to my credit card the amount shown in Box 24.

Cardholder's Signature

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

K - Applicant Declaration

It is an offence under section 106 of the *Firearms Act* to knowingly make a false or misleading statement, either orally or in writing, or to knowingly fail to disclose relevant information, for the purpose of obtaining a licence.

I declare that the information provided on this form and on any attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that the photograph enclosed is of me.

Applicant's Signature

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

Information contained in this application is obtained under the authority of the *Firearms Act*. The information will be used to determine eligibility and to administer and enforce the firearms legislation. In addition to the provisions outlined in the *Firearms Act*, individual rights regarding personal information are governed by the applicable federal, provincial or territorial legislation relating to access to information and privacy.