

I've completed my Handgun Safety Class, What's my next step?

If you want a Handgun Carry Permit you must make application at any full service Driver License Station in Tennessee.

<http://www.tn.gov/safety/driverlicense/dllocationserv.shtml>

You will need the following documents at the Driver License Station

1. Certificate showing you have completed an eight (8) hour Handgun Safety Course, at an approved school.
2. Proof of United States Citizenship or Lawful Permanent Residency.
<http://www.tn.gov/safety/driverlicense/dlcitizen.shtml>
3. Payment of \$115.00 in cash, credit card, money order or certified check. (The Department of Safety will not take a personal check for an original Handgun Permit Application.)
4. You will have your picture taken.

Once the application process is complete the examiner will provide written instructions on fingerprint registration. You may either register on-line or by telephone, when registering you will be required to schedule your appointment time and location.

After fingerprint submittal, you simply wait for your permit to arrive in the mail. Please allow the State at least sixty (60) days before you check on the status of your application.

Do not carry a handgun until your permit is in your possession. The permit will be issued for four (4) years; it is your responsibility to keep your address current with the Department of Safety. Renewal notices are mailed as a courtesy; however you are responsible for renewal before your permit expires.

For more information on Handgun Carry Permits in Tennessee

<http://www.tn.gov/safety/handgunmain.shtml>

Americans enjoy a right that citizens of many other countries do not – the right to own firearms. With this right comes responsibilities. It's the gun owner's responsibility to store, operate and maintain his or her firearms safely. It's the gun owner's responsibility to learn and obey all applicable laws that pertain to the purchase, possession and use of a firearm in his or her locale. Guns are neither safe nor unsafe by themselves. When gun owners learn and practice responsible gun ownership, guns are safe.

A permit to carry a handgun is not a license to use deadly force. With a permit to carry a handgun comes an awesome responsibility. You are legally and financially liable for the bullet and the damage it causes.