



**TOWN OF PRESTON**  
**389 ROUTE 2**  
**PRESTON, CONNECTICUT 06365-8830**  
**860.887.5581**

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## **PISTOL PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS**

Effective July 16, 2021, the State of Connecticut changed the fingerprinting process for obtaining a pistol permit. See below for instructions on the complete process:

### **1. APPLICATION:**

- Complete Pistol Permit Application and have it **notarized**.
- Provide a copy of the following three (3) documents with Application:
  1. NRA Certificate
  2. Birth Certificate OR Passport
  3. Driver's License or Passport
- Submit the signed **Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Act Statement and FBI Privacy Act Statement**.
- **Applications will be accepted by appointment only:** Call 860.887.5581 ext. 107 to set up an appointment to bring the application and referenced documents to Preston Town Hall, Assessors' Office. Prior to pre-rolling in the fingerprinting process, you must submit your application and privacy rights to the Assessors' Office to obtain code for fingerprinting.

### **2. FINGERPRINTING:**

Application and necessary paperwork **MUST** be submitted to The Town of Preston before obtaining your fingerprints. You must pre-enroll on the State of CT portal prior to getting fingerprinted for your pistol permit at:  
<https://ct.flexcheck.us.idemia.io/CCHRSPreEnroll/>.

Through this enrollment process, you need to be prepared with a credit card to pay the fees below through the portal:

- **\$75** (CT Background Record/process fee)
- **\$12** (FBI Background fee)

PRINT the page with the barcode and your applicant Tracking Number that the portal generates for you via your email. Bring this page/bar code with you to the fingerprinting location (Troop E Montville) Monday - Friday **EXCEPT HOLIDAYS** 7 a.m. - 8 a.m., 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. or 11 p.m. - midnight. Your fingerprint cards will be sent out for criminal history checks (to both the State and FBI). The cost is \$15, and you must have a check or money order make payable to "Treasurer - State of CT".

### **3. TEMPORARY PERMIT:**

The results of your criminal history checks (fingerprints) will be sent to Preston Town Hall. With acceptable results, a Temporary Pistol Permit will be issued through the Selectmen's Office, and **you will be contacted to schedule a time to pick up your Temporary Permit**. The cost for the Temporary Pistol Permit is **\$70 (Cash, Exact; Personal Check or Money Order (payable to "Town of Preston"))**. The Temporary Pistol Permit is valid for 60 days from the date the Selectwomen signs it.

### **4. FINAL SUBMISSION:**

Effective August 1, 2025, Troop E Montville pistol permitting office will be closed until further notice. CT State Police HQ - 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, CT 06457 will be open for **New Pistol Permit Applicants only on Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.** or Troop G Bridgeport - 149 Prospect St, Bridgeport, CT 06604 **Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 8:00 A.M. - 4:15 P.M. & Thursday 10:30 A.M. - 6:45 P.M. Closed for lunch 2-2:30 P.M. Please bring the following to obtain your new pistol permit: 1. Temporary permit; 2. Proof of citizenship or legal residence in the US; 3. Photo ID; 4. \$70 check or money order (payable to the "Treasurer, State of CT") or exact cash.**



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE



Special Licensing and Firearms Unit

**PISTOL PERMIT/ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE APPLICATION**  
(Pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 29-28 et. seq., 29-36 et. seq., and 53a-217 et. seq.)

Before completing this application, it is suggested that you review the Connecticut General Statutes pertaining to firearms. These can be accessed on the Internet at [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov) or through your local library.

**Type of Permit Requested:**

Check Box:

- 60 Day Temporary State Pistol Permit
- Non-Resident State Pistol Permit
- Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Pistols or Revolvers
- Eligibility Certificate to Purchase Long Guns

**Instructions:**

Instructions for State Pistol Permits:	Instructions for Non-Resident State Pistol Permits:	Instructions for Eligibility Certificates to Purchase Pistols or Revolvers and/or Eligibility Certificates to Purchase Long Guns:
<p>1. Complete this form (DPS-799-C) and submit it to the appropriate local authority (local police, resident state trooper or first select person, as applicable) along with all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Firearms Safety &amp; Use Course Certificate.</li> <li>▪ \$70.00 fee, payable to the local authority; and</li> <li>▪ Proof you are legally and lawfully in the United States (e.g., certified copy of birth certificate, U.S. passport or documentation issued by I.C.E.).</li> </ul> <p>2. Fingerprints are required to process this application. Please contact your local law enforcement agency for further directions on the process of obtaining fingerprints.</p> <p>3. Upon approval, the local authority will issue a Temporary State Permit to Carry Pistols and Revolvers (DPS-11-C), effective for 60 days.</p> <p>4. Within the 60-day period, go to a DESPP, Division of State Police, pistol permit location and submit the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Temporary State Permit to Carry Pistols and Revolvers (DPS-11-C) issued by the local authority.</li> <li>▪ A completed Application for State Permit to Carry Pistols and Revolvers (DPS-46-C).</li> <li>▪ \$70.00 fee, payable to <b>Treasurer, State of Connecticut</b>.</li> <li>▪ Proof you are legally and lawfully in the United States (e.g., certified copy of birth certificate, U.S. passport or documentation issued by I.C.E.); and</li> <li>▪ Proof of valid state issued photo identification card.</li> </ul> <p>5. Upon approval, your photograph will be taken at DESPP and you will be issued a state pistol permit.</p>	<p><b>**EMAIL DESPP FOR PACKET**</b> <b><u>SLFU.OOS@CT.GOV</u></b></p> <p><i>You must hold a valid permit or license to carry a pistol or revolver issued by a recognized United States jurisdiction.</i></p>	<p><b>**EMAIL DESPP FOR PACKET**</b> <b><u>SLFU.OOS@CT.GOV</u></b></p> <p><i>You must be 21 years of age to obtain a Pistol Eligibility Certificate. You must be 18 years of age to obtain a Long Gun Eligibility Certificate.</i></p>

For Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), Division of State Police, pistol permit locations, access [www.ct.gov/despp](http://www.ct.gov/despp) and follow the link to the Special Licensing and Firearms Unit or call (860) 685-8290. Note: All payments must be made with separate checks.



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**Medical History:**

**Have you been confined in a hospital for mental illness in the past sixty (60) months by order of a Probate Court?**  
NO YES If "YES," explain: (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary)

**Have you been discharged from custody within the past twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of a mental disease or defect?** NO YES  
If "YES," explain: (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary)

**Have you been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for mental illness within the past six (6) months for reasons other than solely for alcohol or drug dependence?** NO YES  
If "YES," explain: (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary)

*Notice: DESPP herein notifies the applicant that, pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 29-28 through 29-38b, DESPP will be notified by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services if the applicant has been confined to a hospital for psychiatric disabilities within the preceding sixty (60) months by order of Probate Court, or if the applicant has been voluntarily admitted to a hospital for mental illness within the past six (6) months for reasons other than solely for alcohol or drug dependence.*

**Criminal History:**

**Have you ever been ARRESTED for any crime, in any jurisdiction?** NO YES If "YES," list all arrests, indicating charges, locations, dates of arrest and dispositions. (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary)

*Notice: You are **not** required to disclose the existence of any arrest, criminal charge or conviction, the records of which have been erased pursuant to C.G.S. §§46b-146, 54-76o, or 54-142a. If your criminal records have been erased pursuant to one of these statutes, you may swear under oath that you have never been arrested. Criminal records that may be erased are records pertaining to a finding of delinquency or that a child was a member of a family with service needs (C.G.S. 46b-146), an adjudication as a youthful offender (C.G.S. 54-76o), a criminal charge that has been dismissed or nulled, a criminal charge for which the person has been found not guilty, or a conviction for which the person received an absolute pardon (C.G.S. 54-142a).*

*With regard to criminal history information arising from jurisdictions other than the State of Connecticut: You are not required to disclose the existence of any arrest, criminal charge or conviction, the records of which have been erased pursuant to the law of the other jurisdiction. Additionally, you are not required to disclose the existence of an arrest arising from another jurisdiction if you are permitted under the law of that jurisdiction to swear under oath that you have never been arrested.*

**Have you ever been CONVICTED under the laws of this state, federal law or the laws of another jurisdiction?**  
NO YES If "YES," list all convictions, include charges, location, date of arrest, and disposition. (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary)

**Are you currently on probation, parole, work release, in an alcohol and/or drug treatment program or other pre-trial diversionary program or currently released on personal recognizance, a written promise to appear or a bail bond for a pending court case?** NO YES If "YES," explain. (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary)

**Within the past five (5) years, have you been the subject of a Protective Order or Restraining Order issued by a court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, regardless of the outcome or result of any related criminal case?** NO YES

If "YES," which court issued the order?

**Military History:**

**Were you ever a member of the Armed Forces of the United States?** NO YES (If yes, please include a copy of your DD-214)

**Were you ever discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States with a less than Honorable Discharge?** NO YES

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**Proof of Training:**

*\*Attach a copy of the letter or certificate attesting that you have completed a course in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers or long guns (as appropriate, depending upon which permit or certificate you are requesting), signed by the instructor of the course. Please make sure a copy of the certificate of completion for the additional training is also included.*  
**Instructor:** (Check applicable box)

- National Rifle Association
- Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**State Instructor's Name and ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration:**

I understand that any false statement herein, which I do not believe to be true and which is intended to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official function, is punishable by law (See CGS § 53a-157b). I further understand that any statement in this application that is determined to be false or inaccurate shall constitute grounds for the denial of such application. If approved before the facts are known, such approval shall be void if based on a false or inaccurate statement. My signature below attests to the accuracy, completeness and to the truth of all information supplied on this application:

I declare, under the penalties of false statement, that the answers to the above are true and correct.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name:  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission Expires:  
 Commissioner of Superior Court

**NOTICE: Appeal Process for Permits**

In the event that your application for pistol permit or eligibility certificate is denied or revoked, you may notify the Board of Firearm Permit Examiners, at 165 Capitol Ave, Suite 1070, Hartford, CT 06106. Telephone: (860) 256-2977 OR (860) 256-2947, in writing, within ninety (90) days, in order to begin your appeal process. At a hearing before the Board, you may request that your application be reconsidered or that your permit or eligibility certificate be reinstated.

**For Official Use Only:**

**Application Received:**

Month/Day/Year

FBI Sent:  No  Yes  
 FBI Reply:  No  Yes  
 ICE Response:  No  Yes  
 DMHAS:  No  Yes  
 SPBI:  No  Yes  
 Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Status:**

Approved  Denied

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 (Signature and title of issuing authority)

Requesting Entity: Town of Preston

## FBI Privacy Act Statement

**Authority:** The FBI's acquisition, preservation, and exchange of fingerprints and associated information is generally authorized under 28 U.S.C. 534. Depending on the nature of your application, supplemental authorities include Federal statutes, State statutes pursuant to Pub. L. 92-544, Presidential Executive Orders, and federal regulations. Providing your fingerprints and associated information is voluntary; however, failure to do so may affect completion or approval of your application.

**Principal Purpose:** Certain determinations, such as employment, licensing, and security clearances, may be predicated on fingerprint-based background checks. Your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics may be provided to the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency, and/or the FBI for the purpose of comparing your fingerprints to other fingerprints in the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) system or its successor systems (including civil, criminal, and latent fingerprint repositories) or other available records of the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency. The FBI may retain your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics in NGI after the completion of this application and, while retained, your fingerprints may continue to be compared against other fingerprints submitted to or retained by NGI.

**Routine Uses:** During the processing of this application and for as long thereafter as your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics are retained in NGI, your information may be disclosed pursuant to your consent, and may be disclosed without your consent as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 and all applicable Routine Uses as may be published at any time in the Federal Register, including the Routine Uses for the NGI system and the FBI's Blanket Routine Uses. Routine uses include, but are not limited to, disclosures to: employing, governmental or authorized non-governmental agencies responsible for employment, contracting, licensing, security clearances, and other suitability determinations; local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement agencies; criminal justice agencies; and agencies responsible for national security or public safety.

As of 03/30/2018

***Note: This privacy act statement is located on the back of the FD-258 fingerprint card.***

SIGNATURE	DATE
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**This document must be retained by the Entity.**

## Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights

Requesting Entity: Town of Preston

As an applicant who is the subject of a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as an application for employment or a license, an immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption), you have certain rights which are discussed below. **All notices must be provided to you in writing.**<sup>1</sup> These obligations are pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 552a, and Title 28 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 50.12, among other authorities.

- You must be provided an adequate written FBI Privacy Act Statement (dated 2013 or later), by the agency that will receive your criminal history results, when you submit your fingerprints and associated personal information. This Privacy Act Statement must explain the authority for collecting your fingerprints and associated information and whether your fingerprints and associated information will be searched, shared, or retained.<sup>2</sup>
- You must be advised in writing of the procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or update of your FBI criminal history record as set forth at 28 CFR 16.34.
- You must be provided the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in your FBI criminal history record (if you have such a record).
- If you have a criminal history record, you should be afforded a reasonable amount of time to correct or complete the record (or decline to do so) before the officials deny you the employment, license, or other benefit based on information in the FBI criminal history record.
- If agency policy permits, the officials may provide you with a copy of your FBI criminal history record for review and possible challenge. If agency policy does not permit it to provide you a copy of the record, you may obtain a copy of the record by submitting fingerprints and a fee to the FBI. Information regarding this process may be obtained at <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks> and <https://www.edo.cjis.gov>.
- If you decide to challenge the accuracy or completeness of your FBI criminal history record, you should send your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information to the FBI. Alternatively, you may send your challenge directly to the FBI by submitting a request via <https://www.edo.cjis.gov>. The FBI will then forward your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information and request the agency to verify or correct the challenged entry. Upon receipt of an official communication from that agency, the FBI will make any necessary changes/corrections to your record in accordance with the information supplied by that agency. (See 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34.)
- You have the right to expect that officials receiving the results of the criminal history record check will use it only for authorized purposes and will not retain or disseminate it in violation of federal statute, regulation or executive order, or rule, procedure or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.<sup>3</sup>

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If you need additional information or assistance, please contact:

<b>Connecticut Records:</b> Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection State Police Bureau of Identification (SPBI) 1111 Country Club Road Middletown, CT 06457 860-685-8480	<b>Out-of-State Records:</b> Agency of Record OR FBI CJIS Division-Summary Request 1000 Custer Hollow Road Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306
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SIGNATURE	DATE
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<sup>1</sup> Written notification includes electronic notification, but excludes oral notification.

<sup>2</sup> See <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/compact-council/privacy-act-statement>

<sup>3</sup> See 5 U.S.C. 552a(b); 28 U.S.C. 534(b); 34 U.S.C. § 40316 (formerly cited as 42 U.S.C. § 14616), Article IV(c); 28 CFR 20.21(c), 20.33(d) and 906.2(d).