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Firearms Licensing Information

ALL APPLICANTS:

All applications for firearms licenses are done in person at the police station. There is no need to complete a written application prior to coming to the station. All photographs and fingerprints are done at the time of the application so there is no longer a need to provide your own photographs. You must be a resident of Chatham to apply for a firearms license.

To make an appointment to process your application contact Sgt. Goddard or Det. Harris at 508-945-1213, or by email at agoddard@chatham-ma.gov Firearms license applications are generally processed in the early afternoon during weekdays. Appointments may be made for evenings and weekends.

RENEWAL APPLICANTS:

If you have a License to Carry Firearms (LTC) or a Firearms Identification Card (FID) and you need to renew you will need to bring the following:

1. Your current LTC or FID
2. Your Massachusetts drivers license with a Chatham address
3. \$100 cash or check made out to the town of Chatham (*Fee note: if you are applying for a renewal and you are over 70 years of age there is no charge for the renewal. If you are renewing a restricted FID for Mace and chemical sprays only there is no fee*)

NEW APPLICANTS:

FID restricted (mace, pepper spray only) (class D license)

There is no requirement to take a firearms safety course if you are applying for this type of license. This license allows you to purchase, possess and carry Mace, pepper spray or any other chemical spray which is designed for use on humans. The license is valid for up to six years. There is no renewal fee for this license. This license does not allow you to possess or carry any type of rifle, shotgun or handgun. To apply for this license contact the station as directed above and bring the following with you to the station to apply:

1. Your Massachusetts drivers license with a Chatham address
2. A check or cash for \$25 for the application fee. (No credit or debit cards accepted)

FID card (class C)

The FID (class C) allows you to possess non-large capacity rifles, shotguns, and Mace or chemical sprays. Weapons that exceed these limits require a Class B LTC or above to possess. See the link below for more information.

Prior to applying for new FID card you must have completed a firearms safety course. There are several courses available at local outdoors stores, gun clubs and from the Environmental Police. You must produce a certificate at the time of application as proof of course completion.

Only the Massachusetts courses are accepted. There are several classes being given in other states that claim to be acceptable in Massachusetts but they are not. The Massachusetts Environmental Police issue a business card size certification card with their seal upon completion of the hunter safety course. All other Massachusetts approved courses issue a page size certificate with the words "Department of State Police" at the top. These are the only certificates accepted for applications.

Ages 18 and over must bring the following:

1. Your Massachusetts drivers license with a Chatham address
2. Your firearms safety course certificate
3. A check or cash for \$100

Ages 15-18 must bring the following:

1. Written permission from a parent or guardian to apply for the license
2. Your firearms safety course certificate
3. A check or cash for \$100
4. Some sort of acceptable ID (passport, school ID etc.)

It is preferred that the parent or guardian giving permission accompany the minor child to the station for the application.

LTC class B

The class B LTC allows the holder to possess Mace or chemical sprays, both large and non-large capacity rifles and shotguns, and non-large capacity handguns. See the link below for more information.

Prior to applying for a class B license you must have completed a firearms safety course. The course must be approved for Massachusetts. You will receive a page size certificate upon completion of an approved course with the words "Department of State Police" at the top. The "valid for LTC" box must be checked off to apply for an LTC.

You must be age 21 or older to apply and must bring the following:

1. Your Massachusetts drivers license with a Chatham address
2. Your firearms safety course certificate
3. A check or cash for \$100

LTC class A

The class A LTC allows the holder to possess and carry Mace and chemical sprays, non-large and large capacity rifles and shotguns, and non-large and large capacity handguns. See the link below for more information.

Prior to applying for a class A license you must have completed a firearms safety course. The course must be approved for Massachusetts. You will receive a page size certificate upon completion of an approved course with the words "Department of State Police" at the top. The "valid for LTC" box must be checked off to apply for an LTC.

You must be age 21 or older to apply and must bring the following:

1. Your Massachusetts drivers license with a Chatham address
2. Your firearms safety course certificate
3. A check or cash for \$100

MORE INFORMATION

For specific information follow the link below to the Massachusetts state website. There are definitions of terms, up to date law references and general information sources.

<http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopstopic&L=3&sid=Eeops&L0=Home&L1=Firearms+Registration+%26+Laws&L2=Firearms+Support+Services>

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions you can contact Sgt. Andrew B. Goddard by phone or email.

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