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Concealed Carry Weapons Reciprocity



Delaware Resident Permits To Carry Concealed Deadly Weapons

A Delaware resident desiring to carry a concealed deadly weapon in this state must have a Delaware license to do so. A Delaware resident is someone who carries or is required to have a Delaware driver's license and/or is registered to vote in Delaware. If you have any questions concerning residency or the CCDW application process, please contact the DOJ Special Investigations Unit at (302) 577-8500.

Superior Court of the State of Delaware CCDW Application (<http://courts.delaware.gov/forms/download.aspx?ID=33068>)

Delaware Recognition of Permits By Other States To Carry Concealed Deadly Weapons Issued To Residents Of Other States

Delaware recognizes licenses or permits to carry concealed deadly weapons issued by other states to the citizens of other states where those states honor Delaware licenses to carry concealed deadly weapons, afford a reasonably similar degree of protection as is provided by licensure in Delaware, and do not evidence a pattern of issuing licenses or permits to convicted felons. Some states issue multiple levels of permits or licenses; only those meeting the above requirements will be recognized in Delaware and a notation of the recognized permits appears with the state below. For those states that issue licenses recognized by the State of Delaware, Delaware will recognize both resident and a non-resident licenses.

Persons possessing a recognized license or permit to carry a concealed deadly weapon issued by one of the states listed may lawfully possess a concealed deadly weapon while in Delaware. Such persons are subject to and responsible for knowing and obeying all Delaware laws and regulations applicable to carrying or possessing of deadly weapons.

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For the period from January 15, 2023, to January 15, 2024, Delaware recognizes the concealed deadly weapon licenses or permits issued by following states:
(<https://delaware.gov>)

ALASKA
ARIZONA
ARKANSAS
COLORADO
FLORIDA
IDAHO (Enhanced Permits Only)
KANSAS

KENTUCKY
MAINE
MICHIGAN
MISSOURI
NEW MEXICO
NORTH CAROLINA
NORTH DAKOTA (Class 1 permits only)

OHIO
OKLAHOMA
SOUTH DAKOTA (Enhanced Permits Only)
TENNESSEE
TEXAS
UTAH
WEST VIRGINIA

This list is made available to all State and local law-enforcement agencies within the State of Delaware and any license or permit recognized below is valid for one year and will not be removed without one (1) year's notice of impending removal and no sooner than January 15 of the calendar year following the expiration of this one-year period. Notice of impending removal will be provided to the state in question and will be posted to this site. There are currently no notices of pending removal that would take effect January 15, 2024.

Because of differences in the laws of the various states, it is possible that a person lawfully permitted or licensed to possess or carry a deadly weapon in another state may be prohibited from doing so in Delaware. The following persons are prohibited from possessing deadly weapons or ammunition in Delaware:

- any person previously convicted of any felony
- any person previously convicted of any misdemeanor involving physical injury to another or domestic violence, unless more than 5 years has elapsed from the date of the conviction
- any person previously convicted of any crime involving the unlawful use, possession or sale of any illegal drug
- any person who has not yet reached his or her 25th birthday who has been previously convicted as a juvenile of a crime which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a felony
- any person who is subject to a Protection From Abuse Order issued by a competent court
- any person who has previously been committed to a hospital or mental institution for treatment for a mental disorder