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Issuance Criteria for California Concealed Weapon (CCW) License – Sierra County:

Complete and submit the California DOJ Standard Initial and Renewal Application for License to Carry a Concealed Weapon (DOJ Form BOF4012 (Rev 01/2024)).

Completing the Application:

California Penal Code sections 26150 and 26155 state that a sheriff of a county or the chief of a municipal police department shall issue a license to carry a concealed firearm (CCW license). Penal Code section 26175 requires the Attorney General to prescribe a statewide standard application form for a CCW license.

Answering all the questions on the application does not guarantee the issuance of a Concealed Weapon License. Pursuant to California Penal Code section 26160, each licensing authority will have a written policy summarizing their requirements for issuance of a Concealed Weapon License. Additionally, before issuing a CCW license, the California State Statutes require proof that:

- The applicant is not disqualified to receive such a license, as determined in accordance with the standards set forth in Penal Code 26202.
- The applicant is at least 21 years of age and presents clear evidence of identity and age, as defined in Penal Code 16400.
- The applicant is a resident of that city or city and county. Prima facie evidence of residency includes, but is not limited to, the address where the applicant is registered to vote, the applicant's filing of a homeowner's property tax exemption, and other acts or events indicating a more than temporary or transient presence in the county or city.
- The course of training prescribed by the licensing authority has been completed.
- The applicant will be required to complete Live Scan fingerprinting.

Firearm Registration:

The applicant must be the recorded owner, as per the California Department of Justice, of the firearm for which the license will be issued (no shared firearms with a spouse).

Character References:

Provide names and contact information for three people willing to serve as references. One must be a person described in Penal Code section 273.5, subdivision (b) (spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, fiancée, or someone with whom you have had a dating relationship). At least one must be your cohabitant if applicable.



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Social Media Checks:

CCW applicant's social media accounts are required to be reviewed by the licensing authority per California Law. Only publicly available information will be viewed during the review.

Training Requirements:

The applicant must attend and successfully complete a California Department of Justice approved training course that includes firearms safety, laws regarding the permissible use of a firearm, and a one-hour block of instruction on mental health and pass a written test. The instruction requirements have increased to include:

- For a **NEW** Concealed Carry Weapon license, the course must be approved by the Sheriff and completed before license issuance. This course will be a minimum of 16 hours and include live fire qualification.
- For a **RENEWAL** Concealed Carry Weapon license, the course must be approved by the Sheriff and completed before license issuance. This course will be a minimum of 8 hours and include live fire qualification.
- For a **MODIFICATION** to your current Concealed Carry Weapon license for a firearm change, the CCW holder must submit proof of live fire qualification from a authorized CCW instructor.

Initial CCW License Application Fees:

The application fee is \$148.00. Cash, checks, credit card, and/or money orders are accepted.

Renewing CCW License Applicants:

Complete and submit the California DOJ Standard Initial and Renewal Application for License to Carry a Concealed Weapon (DOJ Form BOF4012 (Rev 01/2024)) and check the renewal box. The applicant must still be a resident of Sierra County and provide proof of residency.

A valid and current California Driver's License or Identification Card showing the current address within Sierra County, along with the same proof of residence as an initial CCW License application.

Renewal License Application Fees:

The renewal fee is \$82.00. Cash, checks, credit card, and/or money orders are accepted. ***Starting in 2026, all CCW renewals will require Live Scan fingerprinting.***

Modifications to Current CCW License:

Complete and submit the California DOJ Carry Concealed Weapon License Amendment form (BOF 4502). The modification fee is \$25.00. Cash, check, credit card, and/or money orders are accepted.



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Modifications to add a weapon(s) to a license will require a live fire qualification certificate from an authorized firearms course instructor, including each weapon to be added. Certificates older than 6 months will not be accepted for modification. List all weapons you want on your CCW, even if they are on your current CCW. Only the listed weapons will be included on your CCW.

If modifying a license for an address change, submit the following documents along with the completed California DOJ Carry Concealed Weapon License Amendment form (BOF 4502):

- California Driver's License or Identification Card reflecting the new address. If you have not received your updated Driver's License or Identification Card, submit a copy of a receipt from DMV stating that a change of address has been submitted.
- Current month utility bill with your new address or other sufficient proof of full-time residency as indicated on your DOJ Carry Concealed Weapon License Amendment form.
- Must provide the old license if the application is for modification.

Revocation of CCW License:

A license shall be revoked by the local licensing authority if at any time:

- The licensee is prohibited by state or federal law from owning or purchasing a firearm.
- The licensee has breached any of the conditions or state restrictions set forth in or imposed with Section 26200.
- Any information provided by a licensee in connection with an application for a new license or a license renewal is inaccurate or incomplete. Applicants will not be denied, but rather the CCW license will be revoked upon issuance.
- The licensee has become a disqualified person, as determined in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 26202.

Denial of License Application/Appeals Process:

California Penal Code 26206 allows applicants who were denied a CCW to appeal to the Superior Court in their county of Residence (Sierra) for a "Hearing to Challenge Disqualified Person Determination."

CCW Licensee Shall Not do Any of The Following (while carrying a concealed firearm):

- Consume an alcoholic beverage or controlled substance as described in Sections 11053 to 11058, inclusive, of the Health and Safety Code.
- Be in a place having a primary purpose of dispensing alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption.
- Be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, medication, or controlled substance.



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- Carry a firearm not listed on the license or a firearm for which they are not the recorded owner.
- Falsely represent to a person that the licensee is a peace officer.
- Engage in an unjustified display of a deadly weapon.
- Fail to carry the license on their person.
- Impede a peace officer in the conduct of their activities.
- Refuse to display the license or to provide the firearm to a peace officer upon demand for purposes of inspecting the firearm.
- Violate any federal, state, or local criminal law.
- Shall not carry more than two firearms under the licensee's control.

Restrictions placed on License to Carry a Concealed Firearm:

- The issuing authority has the authority to place reasonable restrictions on a license to carry a concealed firearm, but the restrictions shall be indicated on any license issued.

Additional Information Regarding License to Carry a Concealed Firearms:

- For additional information or questions regarding the Sierra County Sheriff's Office's concealed weapons license process or policy, please contact our office at (530) 289-3700.

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