

How to obtain a Temporary State Pistol Permit

The Simsbury Police Department issues the Temporary State Permit to Carry Pistols or Revolvers, pursuant to § 29-28 and 29-28a of the Connecticut General Statutes. The temporary permit is valid for sixty days from the date of issue. A temporary permit is required to obtain a State pistol permit. Simsbury residents wishing to obtain the temporary permit must be at least 21 years of age. The entire process takes approximately eight to ten weeks from the date the fingerprint cards (with \$19.25 fee) are submitted. The application package is available at the Police Department Records Unit.

Temporary Permit Process:

- Pistol Permit Application – Complete the two page application (Pages 5 & 6) which must be signed and notarized. (Do not sign the application until you are in the presence of a notary public). Retain pages 1-4 which contain statutes relating to firearms. A booklet entitled “Laws Pertaining to Firearms and Dangerous Weapons” is available from the Board of Firearm Permit Examiners; telephone 860-566-7078. It is also available at their website: www.ct.gov/bfpe (Click on “Laws Pertaining to Firearms”).
- Fingerprints must be taken for State and Federal records clearances. This is done at the Simsbury Police Department between the hours of 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.
- Fees - A \$19.25 bank check or money order (only) payable to “DPS” (Department of Public Safety) for Federal (FBI) fingerprint processing. A \$70.00 check payable to “Town of Simsbury.” (May be a personal check, bank check or money order). This is the statutory fee for the temporary sixty-day permit. A second check for \$50.00 to DPS for a state background check.
- Waiver signed by the applicant authorizing a background check.
- Identification – The applicant must be a legal resident of the United States. Identification may be valid driver license, passport or birth certificate. (A photocopy will be made at the P.D.). A digital photograph of each applicant will be taken at the Police Department for the Pistol Permit File.
- Letter or Certificate of Handgun Training. You are required to complete a handgun safety course, which must consist of no less than the NRA's "Basic Pistol Course." The NRA's "Home Firearms Safety Course" and "First Steps Pistol Orientation Program" are not approved courses. Live fire is required, using a semi-automatic pistol or revolver. The letter or certificate must include the instructor's name and identification number. Information regarding NRA firearms instructors and approved courses in this area may be obtained by calling the NRA office at 800-672-3888 or by visiting their website: www.nrahq.org/education/training/find.asp

General Information

Temporary permit holders must apply for a State Pistol Permit within sixty days of receiving the temporary permit. The entire permit process must be repeated if not done within sixty days. The fee for the State Permit (valid for five years) is \$70.00. Information regarding the process for obtaining the State permit will be provided to the applicant when the temporary permit is issued. Information is also available at the State Department of Public Safety (DPS) Special Licensing & Firearms Unit; telephone 860-685-8290 or on their website: www.ct.gov/dps (Click on Special Licensing & Firearms). You may also call the Simsbury Police Department Records Unit at 860-658-3125 with questions. (Weekdays 7:00 AM through 4:00 PM).