**FIREARMS LICENSING**

The Newton Police Department issues licenses to carry firearms and firearms identification cards. The Firearms Licensing Officer, on Behalf of the Newton Chief of Police manages the issuance of such permits for Newton residents only. All appointments and background checks are done by the Detective Bureau.

**Application Information**

Applicants must be 21 years of age or older to apply for an LTC and 18 years of age to apply for an FID (or 15 with parental permission).

Download the state’s Massachusetts Resident LTC/FID application (PDF) from the Mass.gov website Firearms section.

Applications are accepted by mail only. Please mail application, application fee along with your firearm safety course certificate and a copy of the other required documents to: Newton Police Detective Bureau, Attn: Firearms, 25 Chestnut St., W. Newton, MA 02465.

1. Applicants must submit firearm certificate showing you have successfully completed a state-approved **certified live fire course** basic firearms safety course (example: NRA Basic Pistol Course, NRA Personal Protection Course, on the Comm. of MA format etc.) conducted by a state-certified firearms instructor.

**Effective 10/23/24: All firearm courses must be a certified live fire course; this certificate must be current and submitted each time you renew your firearm license.**

1. **Must provide proof of U.S. Citizenship** (U.S. birth certificate or U.S. Passport. If applicable, Naturalization Certificate or Resident Alien Card.
2. **Proof of Newton residency is required.**  In addition to your Mass. Driver’s License, you must provide one (1) other proof of residence document (i.e., voter registration, car registration, utility bill or tax bill, etc.).

A $100 non-refundable application fee is due at the time the application is submitted. Please submit a bank check or money order made payable to "City of Newton." **Cash, Credit/Debit cards ARE NOT ACCEPTED. Note:** There is no fee for renewal applicants 70 years of age or older.

**Application Fees for License to Carry or Firearms Identification Cards**

* Firearms Identification Card: $100 (under 18, $25.00 w/parental consent)
* License to Carry Firearms: $100 (Includes license to possess machine guns)
* License to Carry Firearms for Law Enforcement Officials/Ret. LEO’s: $25
* LTC/FID cards are valid for not less than 5 years and no more than six (6) years.

**Possession Information for Residents**

**Resident License to Carry (LTC) Firearms/Firearms Identification (FID) Cards**
To lawfully possess a handgun, you must have a valid LTC.

To lawfully possess a rifle, shotgun or ammunition you must possess a valid FID card.

**Lawful Permanent Resident Aliens**

All lawful permanent resident aliens are eligible to apply for a MA resident license to carry or firearms identification card issued through the Newton Police Department. ***Non-Resident aliens should contact the CHSB Firearm support Services for information (617) 660-4780***.

**Statutory Disqualifiers:**

* Felony conviction
* Misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for more than 2 years
* Violent crime conviction as defined by MGL c.140 s. 121
* Currently the subject of a MGL c.209A order
* Violation of any law regulating the use, possession, ownership, transfer, purchase sale. Lease, rental receipt or transportation of weapons or ammunition for which a term of imprisonment may be imposed
* Violation of any law regulating the use, possession or sale of a controlled substance as defined in section 1 of chapter 94c including but not limited to a violation of said chapter
* Misdemeanor crime of Domestic violence
* Commitment to any hospital/institution for mental illness
* Currently the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant
* Commitment for drug addiction/habitual drunkenness

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Change of Address**

An LTC/FID license holder shall notify, in writing, the licensing authority that issued such license, the Chief of Police into whose jurisdiction such license holder moves and the executive director of the Criminal History systems Board of any changes of address. Such notification shall be made by certified mail within 30 days of its occurrence. Failure to do so shall be cause for revocation or suspension of such card.

**New Residents**

The law exempts new residents from the state licensing requirement for 60-days only. This exemption is for possession in the home only while applying for the necessary license. New residents may not transport any firearm, rifle or shotgun during that 60-day period. It is for possession in the home only.

For more information on the laws governing the possession of firearms, please visit the Mass.Gov, Firearms Record Bureau.

**FINGERPRINTING SERVICES**

Civilian fingerprinting services are available to ***Newton Residents Only*.** This service is provided on Wednesdays and by appointment only.

The fee is $5.00 per fingerprint card payable by check or money order to ‘City of Newton’. **Cash, Debit/Credit cards will not be accepted.**

Applicants must bring positive identification/proof of Newton residency (Driver’s license, etc).

To schedule up appointment, please call the Detective Bureau at 617-796-2104.