

FIREARM IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND HANDGUN PERMITS

Online Application Procedures for State of New Jersey Firearm Identification Card (FID) and Handgun Permits: **Read this entire webpage.**

Before applying obtain the following items:

1. Valid New Jersey Driver's License number
2. Social Security Number (SSN)
3. Passport Photo
4. State Bureau of Investigations (SBI) number. If you don't have this you will be assigned a number as part of this application process.
5. Valid email address for you and two (2) references.

First Time Applicants: If you are the first-time firearm applicant, you will be required to make an appointment to get fingerprinted. That can be done [HERE](#) Be sure to follow the instructions on FARS on how to complete the fingerprinting process.

What to Apply For: If you are a first-time applicant, it is recommended that you apply for an initial Firearms Identification Card (FID). An FID card will allow you to purchase long guns/rifles and ammunition. If you want to purchase a handgun, you must apply for a Permit to Purchase a Handgun. An FID card and permit can be applied for in the same application. One permit allows you to buy one handgun.

Mental Health Forms: If an applicant has lived in any other state in the last ten years from their application date, the applicant must sign a Consent for Mental Health Records Search. Applicants must sign the form and submit it with their application.

<https://www.nj.gov/njsp/firearms/pdf/sp-066.pdf>

References: When completing the application, you will need the email addresses of two reputable references. Your references CAN be family members. The FARS system will email your references a questionnaire to be answered. Please advise them to complete the questionnaire immediately so the background process can begin without delay.

Fees:

Firearm Identification Cards = **\$50.00**

Handgun Permits= **\$25.00**

Change of Address/Duplicate FID Card = **No Charge**

APPLICATION PROCESS

****The online application process is applicant driven. You will receive automated email updates throughout this process. Please ensure that you have entered the best phone numbers and email addresses for yourself and your references. ****

Step 1: Go to the Firearms Application Registration System (FARS) [HERE](#).

Step 2: Insert Freehold Township Police Department's [ORI # NJ0131600](#)

Step 3: READ AND FOLLOW all the directions and complete the online application. The application can be completed using a smartphone, mobile device, laptop, or desk top computer.

Step 4: Once your application has been submitted, you must pay the appropriate fee for your FID card or permit. **PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK.**

Electronic payments can be made online for your convenience at [HERE](#)

Payment can also be made at the Freehold Township Police Department Records window (Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4:30PM). Payment can be made with cash, cashier's check, or money order payable to "The Township of Freehold" and memo "FID Card" or "Handgun Permit".

Step 5: Monitor your email for status changes or alerts if additional information is requested. You will electronically receive your FID card or Handgun Permit electronically through your email once it is approved by the Chief of Police.

**** Electronic Handgun Permits will be valid for 90 days and automatically renew for another 90 days for a total of 180 days. NO EXCEPTIONS! ****

**** Electronic FID cards and permits may be deactivated/reactivated at any time through a valid court order. ****

****IF YOU HAVE NOT HEARD FROM US AFTER 30 DAYS FROM YOUR APPLICATIONS COMPLETION (PAYMENT MADE, REFERENCES COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE ETC.) PLEASE CONTACT Firearms@twp.freehold.nj.us****