



Alabama Reciprocal Gun Permit Agreements

STATE	DOES ALABAMA RECOGNIZE RECIPROCAL CONCEALED WEAPONS (HANDGUN AND PISTOL) LICENSES/PERMITS ISSUED IN THE FOLLOWING STATES?
Alaska	Yes
Arizona	Yes
Arkansas	Yes
California	No
Colorado	Yes
Connecticut	No
Delaware	No
Florida	Yes
Georgia	Yes
Hawaii	No
Idaho	Yes
Illinois	No
Indiana	Yes
Iowa	No
Kansas	No
Kentucky	Yes
Louisiana	Yes
Maine	No
Maryland	No
Massachusetts	No
Michigan	Yes
Minnesota	No
Mississippi	Yes
Missouri	Yes
Montana	No
Nebraska	No
Nevada	No
New Hampshire	Yes
New Jersey	No
New Mexico	No
New York	No
North Carolina	Yes
North Dakota	Yes

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Ohio	No
Oklahoma	Yes
Oregon	No
Pennsylvania	No
Rhode Island	No
South Carolina	No
South Dakota	Yes
Tennessee	Yes
Texas	Yes
Utah	Yes
Vermont	No
Virginia	No
Washington	No
West Virginia	No
Wisconsin	No
Wyoming	Yes

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STATE	Does Alabama recognize reciprocal concealed weapons (handgun and pistol) licenses/permits issued in the following states?	For More Information, Contact:
Alaska	<p>YES. Note: A person 21 or older may be charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon under AS 11.61.220 if s/he</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> fails to immediately inform a peace officer that s/he is carrying a concealed handgun fails to allow the officer to secure the weapon or fails to secure the weapon at the direction of the peace officer, or carries the weapon concealed within another person's residence, unless s/he has first obtained the express permission of an adult residing there, whether or not the person has a concealed handgun permit. 	<p>Alaska State Troopers Permits and Licensing 5700 East Tudor Road Anchorage, AK 99507-5800 (907) 269-0392</p>
Arizona	<p>YES</p> <p>As of September 21, 2006</p>	<p>Arizona Department of Public Safety P. O. Box 6638 Phoenix, AZ 85005 (602) 223-2000</p>
Arkansas	<p>No. Reciprocity not available due to more stringent Arkansas laws.</p> <p>Reason: 7</p>	<p>Arkansas State Police 1 State Police Plaza Drive Little Rock, AR 72209 (501) 618-8000</p>
California	<p>No</p>	<p>State of California Dept of Justice Firearms Licensing Section P.O. Box 820200 Sacramento, CA 94203-0200 (916) 445-9555</p>
Colorado	<p>YES, with minimum 21 year old age limitation</p> <p>After reviewing the Colorado and Alabama laws on the recognition of other state's concealed handgun licenses, it is apparent that Alabama, pursuant to Act 2001-494 (ALA. CODE § 13A-11-85 (1975)), has recognized and given effect to Colorado concealed handgun permits, since May 18, 2003, and that Colorado, pursuant to COLO. REV. STAT. § 18-12-13 (2003), has recognized Alabama concealed handgun licenses, issued to a person twenty-one years of age or older, since May 18, 2003.</p>	<p>Colorado Bureau of Investigation 690 Kipling Street, Suite 3000 Denver, CO 80215 (303) 239-4201</p>
Connecticut	<p>No</p>	<p>Connecticut State Police Special Licensing & Firearms Unit P.O. Box 2794 Middletown, CT 06457-9294 (860) 685-8000</p>
Delaware	<p>No</p>	<p>State of Delaware Office of the AG Carvel State Office Building 820 North French Street Wilmington, DE 19801 (302) 577-8400</p>
Florida	<p>YES</p>	<p>Division of Licensing Department of Agriculture & Consumer Svc P.O. Box 6687 Tallahassee, FL 32314-6687 (850) 488-5381</p>
Georgia	<p>YES</p>	<p>Georgia Department of Law Office of the Attorney General Public Safety Section 40 Capitol Square, SW Atlanta, GA 30334-1300 (404) 656-4585</p>
Hawaii	<p>No</p>	<p>State of Hawaii Office of the Attorney General Criminal Justice Division 425 Queen Street Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 586-1282</p>
Idaho	<p>YES</p>	<p>State of Idaho Office of the AG Statehouse Boise, ID 83720-1000 (208) 334-2400 (or) Idaho State Police</p>
Illinois	<p>No</p>	<p>State of Illinois Office of the AG James R. Thompson Center 100 West Randolph Street Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 814-2503</p>

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Indiana	YES	Indiana State Police IGCN - 100 North Senate Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46204-2259 (317) 232-8250
Iowa	No	State of Iowa Office of the AG Hoover State Office Building 1305 East Walnut Des Moines, IA 50319
Kansas	No	State of Kansas Office of the AG 120 SW 10th Avenue, 2nd Floor Topeka, KS 66612-1597 (785) 296-2215
Kentucky	YES	Kentucky State Police Legal Office 919 Versailles Road Frankfort, KY 40601 (502) 695-6318
Louisiana	Yes. Additionally, when any peace officer approaches a permittee in an official manner or with an identified purpose, the permittee shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify the officer that he has a weapon on his person • Submit to a pat down • Allow the officer to temporarily disarm him 	Louisiana State Police Concealed Handgun Permit Section P. O. Box 666375 Baton Rouge, LA 70896-6375 (225) 925-4867
Maine	No	Department of Public Safety Maine State Police Special Services Unit 164 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0164 (207) 624-7068
Maryland	No	Maryland State Police 1201 Reisterstown Road Pikesville, MD 21208 (410) 486-3101
Massachusetts	No	Massachusetts State Police Firearms Record Bureau Criminal History Systems Board 200 Arlington Street, Suite 2200 Chelsea, MA 02150 (617) 660-4600
Michigan	YES. A licensee who is stopped by a police officer is required to <u>immediately</u> inform the peace officer that he or she is carrying a firearm.	Michigan State Police Firearms Records Unit 7150 Harris Dr. Lansing, MI 48913 (517) 322-5518
Minnesota	No	State of Minnesota Office of the Attorney General State Capitol, Suite 102 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 296-6196
Mississippi	YES	Mississippi Highway Patrol Gun Permits P. O. Box 958 Jackson, MS 39205-0958 (601) 987-1212
Missouri	YES	State of Missouri Office of the AG Supreme Court Building 207 West High Street Jefferson City, MO 65101 (573) 751-3321
Montana	No. Reciprocity not available due to more stringent Montana laws. <u>Reason: 2</u>	State of Montana Department of Justice 215 North Sanders Helena, MT 59260-1401 (406) 444-2026
Nebraska	No	Nebraska State Patrol P.O. Box 94907 Lincoln, NE 68509-4907 (402) 471-4545
Nevada	No. The State of Nevada does, however, make non-resident permits available.	State of Nevada Office of the AG Old Supreme Court Bldg 100 North Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701-4717 (775)684-1100
New Hampshire	YES	State of New Hampshire Department of Public Safety Division of State Police Explosives Licenses and Permits Unit James H. Hayes Safety Building 10 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03305 (603) 271-3575

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New Jersey	No	New Jersey State Police P.O. Box 7068 River Road West Trenton, NJ 08628-0068 (609)882-2000
New Mexico	No	State of New Mexico Department of Public Safety P. O. Box 1628 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1628 (505) 827-3370
New York	No	New York State Police Troop Headquarters Building 22, 1220 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12226-2252
North Carolina	YES	State of North Carolina Office of the Attorney General Department of Justice P.O. Box 629 Raleigh, NC 27602-0629 (919) 716-6400
North Dakota	YES	North Dakota Office of AG Bureau of Criminal Investigation P.O. Box 1054 Bismark, ND 58503-1054 (701) 328-5500
Ohio	No	State of Ohio Office of the Attorney General 30 E. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3428 (614) 466-4320
Oklahoma	YES NOTE: Pistol permit holders must (1) carry the firearm concealed, (2) have a positive duty to tell any peace officer they come in contact with, that they possess a concealed firearm pursuant to a valid concealed carry permit from another state, and (3) Any person who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older having a valid firearm license from another state may apply for an OK concealed handgun license immediately upon establishing residence in OK.	Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation 6600 North Harvey Oklahoma City, OK 73116 (405) 848-6724
Oregon	No	Oregon State Police Firearms Unit 3772 Portland Road NE Salem, OR 97303 (503) 378-3070
Pennsylvania	No	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120 (717) 787-3391
Rhode Island	No	State of Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General Bureau of Criminal Investigation 150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903 (401) 274-4400
South Carolina	No. Reciprocity not available due to more stringent South Carolina laws. Reasons: 2, 4, 9	State of South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division P.O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221 (803) 737-9000
South Dakota	YES	State of South Dakota Office of Secretary of State 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501 (605)773-3537
Tennessee	YES, with limitations on Alabama citizens who work in Tennessee.	State of Tennessee Department of Safety Handgun Division 1150 Foster Avenue Nashville, TN 37249 (615) 251-8590
Texas	YES	Texas Department of Public Safety Concealed Handgun Licensing Section Box 4087 Austin, TX 78773-0001 (512) 424-2000
Utah	YES	State of Utah Department of Public Safety P.O. Box 148280 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-8280 (801) 965-4445

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Vermont	No. Reciprocity not available, since Vermont does not require a person legally in possession of a firearm to be licensed, or to obtain a permit to carry the same, even if concealed. Vermont does, however, prohibit the possession of firearms in certain locations, e.g., within a school building or courthouse (13 V.S.A. - Section 4003-4004, 4016).	State of Vermont Department of Public Safety Criminal Justice Services 103 South Main Street Waterbury, VT 05671-2101 (802) 244-8786
Virginia	No. Reciprocity not available due to more stringent Virginia laws. Reason: 5	Virginia State Police P.O. Box 27472 Richmond, VA 23261-7472 (804) 674-2000
Washington	No. Reciprocity not available due to more stringent Washington laws. Reasons: 3, 4, 13	State of Washington Office of the Attorney General Licensing & Employment Security Division P.O. Box 40110 Olympia, WA 98504-0110 (360) 753-2702
West Virginia	No	State of West Virginia State Police Headquarters 725 Jefferson Road South Charleston, WV 25309-1698 (304) 746-2100
Wisconsin	No	State of Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Information Bureau P.O. Box 2718 Madison, WI 53701-2718 (608) 266-7314
Wyoming	YES	Office of the Attorney General Division of Criminal Investigation 316 West 22nd Street Cheyenne, WY 82002 (307) 777-7181

REASONS

The following list contains frequent reasons given to our office by states with more stringent concealed handgun licensing laws as to why they will not recognize Alabama concealed handgun licenses. This list is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge. It will be updated as we obtain additional information or as the laws of either state are changed to add or delete reasons for denial of concealed handgun license reciprocity.

1. Has a statutory requirement of a signed agreement to establish reciprocal recognition of concealed handgun licenses.
2. Require by statute that an NCIC background check be done on all applicants for concealed handgun license.
3. Require fingerprint card to do criminal background check on applicant.
4. Require that minimum age for applicant for concealed handgun license is twenty-one (21) years of age.
5. Require a centralized, one phone number or on-line, database that can give 24/7 verification and status of concealed handgun licenses in Alabama prior to recognizing Alabama concealed handgun licenses.
6. They are a "shall issue" state. If an applicant meets the statutory requirements for issue of a concealed handgun license, the state "shall issue" him or her a license. Alabama is a "may issue" state if the Sheriff determines a person has a "proper reason for carrying a pistol, and that he is a suitable person to be so licensed," the Sheriff, "may issue" the person a license. Ala. Code Sec. 13A-11-75. They will not recognize handgun licenses unless they are issued by a state that is also a "shall issue" state.
7. Training requirements or proficiency requirements. 5, 8 or 16 hour training requirement and some states require passing a handgun proficiency test.
8. Permit must contain biographical information and a photograph of the permittee.
9. History of violence is a restricting factor.
10. Applicants must meet all requirements of 18 USC 922(g).
11. Applicants must make a sworn application.
12. Prohibit convicted felons from obtaining a concealed handgun license.
13. Require a mental health background check.

NOTE REGARDING NON-RESIDENCE LICENSES

Will Alabama honor a non-resident concealed handgun license in addition to honoring the concealed handgun licenses issued to a resident of one of the states that recognizes and honors Alabama concealed handgun licenses?

Alabama issues concealed handgun licenses only to residents of Alabama, through the Sheriff of their county of residence.

Some states, with whom we have reciprocal recognition of concealed handgun licenses, issue handgun licenses not only to residents of their state but also issue "non-resident" concealed handgun licenses to residents of other states.

At the present time, Act 2001-494 does not on its face specifically address the issue of Alabama's recognition of a non-resident handgun license issued by a state with which Alabama has reciprocal recognition of concealed handgun licenses. Nor is there a

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formal Attorney General's Opinion, or Alabama case law on this subject. If an Alabama law enforcement agency requests and receives an official Attorney General's Opinion that opinion will be available to the public on our web site under the menu item titled "AG Opinions."

Until the Legislature, or a Court of competent jurisdiction, or an "official" Attorney General's Opinion addresses this question, our office's "unofficial opinion" is that, at this time, Alabama will honor non-resident concealed handgun licenses from a state which recognizes handgun licenses issued to Alabama residents. Since this is a new area of law and subject to change, we do urge caution. It is suggested that persons whose state of residence does not recognize Alabama concealed handgun licenses periodically check our web site and the web site of the state that issues their non-resident concealed handgun license, as well as being aware of news stories and court cases on the subject.

Following is text from the Department of Public Safety's synopsis of Alabama's pistol law:
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RE: ALABAMA PISTOL LAWS AND CARRYING/TRANSPORTING A PISTOL

The following synopsis of Alabama law is furnished for general information only, and does not constitute legal advice or counsel:

Alabama law prohibits any person from carrying a pistol in any vehicle or concealed on or about their person without a pistol permit license. Code of Alabama, 1975, section 13A-11-73. Under Alabama law, a "pistol" is defined as "any firearm with a barrel less than 12 inches in length." Licenses to carry a pistol are issued by local county sheriffs in Alabama. A person must be a resident of that county to apply for and be issued a pistol permit license. Alabama as of August 1, 2001 under Act 2001-494 has provisions for recognizing pistol permits or concealed weapon licenses issued by states who will recognize pistol permits issued by Alabama.

The license requirement of section 13A-11-73 does not apply to "regularly employed" law enforcement officers; to members of the armed forces or National Guard while on duty or going to or from duty; to persons engaged in manufacturing, repairing, or dealing in pistols; or to any person permitted by law to possess a pistol while carrying it unloaded in a secure wrapper, from the place of purchase to his home or place of business, or to or from a place of repair or in moving from one place of abode or business to another. Section 13A-11-74.

It is our interpretation of the Code of Alabama that "regularly employed" law enforcement means full time, sworn law enforcement officers. Such persons are exempt from the requirement to possess a permit and may carry their pistols concealed or unconcealed.

The State of Alabama does recognize pistol licenses or permits to carry concealed weapons issued by other states who will recognize Alabama pistol licenses. [See the list posted above.] Also, a person may carry or transport a long gun (rifle or shotgun) without a permit. A person may lawfully transport a firearm, including a handgun, from one state in which they are legal to possess to another state without a permit as required under Alabama law, provided the following conditions are met:

- The firearm is unloaded.
- Neither the firearm nor any ammunition being transported is readily accessible or is directly accessible from the passenger compartment of such transporting vehicle.
- In case of a vehicle without a compartment separate from the driver's compartment, the firearm and ammunition shall be in a locked container other than the glove box or console.
Title 18 U.S.C. section 926A

Under Alabama law, no person convicted in this state or elsewhere of a "crime of violence" may own or possess a pistol. Section 13A-11-72. Crimes of violence are defined as murder, manslaughter, rape, assault, robbery, burglary, kidnapping, and larceny. No person addicted to drugs or habitually intoxicated may own or possess a pistol. Section 13A-11-72. Any person in violation of Alabama's pistol laws may be arrested and upon conviction, subjected to a term of imprisonment of not more than one year and a fine of not more than \$500, or both. The pistol will be seized and may be forfeited by court order.