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Frequently Asked Questions

DISCLAIMER: Answers provided to the following questions are meant only to give general guidance. The answers do not and are not meant to replace statutory language.

If you have a question regarding the Firearm Owner's Identification Card or the Firearm Concealed Carry Act that is not addressed in these sections, please call (217) 782-7980.

FOID Frequently Asked Questions

CCL Frequently Asked Questions

Assistance to the Public

Steps to Application Process

Business and Property Owners

Where can business owners obtain information about required signage?

Can a business owner post a sign larger than 4 inches by 6 inches?

If a business does not prohibit concealed carry and there is a firearms related incident on its property, is the business liable for the incident?

I am a business owner; however, I rent the real property used to conduct my business. Does the authority rest with the property owner or me to allow/prohibit concealed firearms in my business?

Can a business allow customers to carry concealed, yet prohibit employees from doing it?

Can a business prohibit a weapon from

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lot?

Can a state agency prohibit concealed carry for all of its buildings or are there any limitations it has to worry about?

Can a state agency develop policies that say employees leave them at home or put the weapon in the trunk before coming onto the grounds? Or does the state agency have to accept employees putting the weapon in the trunk before entering the building?

Concealed Carry License Applicant

What is the cost for an Illinois Concealed Carry License?

How does a citizen apply for an Illinois Concealed Carry License?

How long will it take a citizen to obtain an Illinois Concealed Carry License?

Where can I go to be fingerprinted?

The Act requires applicants to submit a photo taken within the past 30 days, will the photo taken as part of the Fee Application for applicants who submit electronic fingerprints satisfy this requirement?

What are the qualifications for an Illinois Concealed Carry License?

What type of firearm will I be allowed to carry concealed?

Are there any publicly available computers I can use to apply for a Concealed Carry License?

My application was denied based upon a decision of the Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board to sustain a law enforcement objection filed regarding my application. Can I challenge the decision



My application was denied by the Director of the ISP other than for reasons related to my FOID Card eligibility. Can I appeal the decision to deny my FCCL application? What should my appeal include?

Can I appeal in person at the Firearm Services Bureau office?

My application was denied because I am ineligible for a FOID Card. Can I appeal the decision to deny or revoke my FOID Card?

What if the reason my application was denied is that my training certificate is invalid?

What if I cannot schedule new training within 60 days of receipt of the notice that my application was denied?

Can I get credit for any of the hours from my previous training certificate that has been determined to be invalid?

How do I get a refund for the training costs for the certificate that has been deemed invalid?

What if my application was denied by the CCLRb?

Can I FOIA or otherwise request a copy of any objections filed with the CCLRb regarding my application?

How long do I have to petition the Court to appeal a denial by the CCLRb?

Can out-of-state residents obtain an Illinois Concealed Carry License?

What does "substantially similar" mean?

"Substantially Similar" means the comparable state regulates who may carry firearms, concealed or otherwise, in public; prohibits all who have involuntary mental health admissions, and those with



years, from carrying firearms, concealed or otherwise, in public; reports denied persons to NICS; and participates in reporting persons authorized to carry firearms, concealed or otherwise, in public through Nlets.

How can I find out if my state's laws are considered "substantially similar?"

The Illinois State Police sent a survey to each state to determine which of them has laws that are substantially similar. [Click here](#) to find out how your state responded and if your state's laws have been determined to be substantially similar. Currently, the only states considered to be substantially similar are **Hawaii, New Mexico, South Carolina** and **Virginia**.

Note: Not all states have responded to the survey.

Curriculum

If a business or one or more Instructors are teaching from the same curriculum, are all instructors using the curriculum required to submit it to the ISP for approval?

Will instructors have to retain the B27 qualifying target or a digital copy for purposes of retaining a record of each student's performance for 5 years?

Are there any naming convention requirements for curriculum approval?

What is public storage?

When will ISP begin posting a list of approved curriculum on its website?

Once the curriculum is listed as approved, must it be taught by an approved



credit for the training?

Enforcement

How will Illinois State Police (ISP) officers and local law enforcement respond to citizens who are carrying weapons?

Who needs an Illinois Concealed Carry License?

Will Illinois Concealed Carry License holders have reciprocity in other states?

Will persons be allowed to open carry?

What is the parking lot exemption for CCL holders in prohibited places?

Instructor Applicant

How can I register as a Concealed Carry Firearms Instructor?

Why do Instructor Applicants have to pay a fee of \$31.50 for the fingerprint based background check?

Where can I go to be fingerprinted?

Can I go to a police department to be fingerprinted?

I had my fingerprints taken for a previous job, can I use the same TCN for my Concealed Carry application?

Does my Concealed Carry firearms instructor application need to be notarized?

On the instructor application, it asks for my business name, why?

On the instructor application it asks for my e-mail address, can I use a web address instead?

On the instructor application, it asks for the date I became certified, why? And, what do I put if I do not know?

Can anyone who has taken any class become an instructor?



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Upon submitting, how do I know ISP
received my application and how will I be
informed whether I have been approved?
When will ISP begin posting a registry of
approved instructors on its website?
Are individuals with physical disabilities
eligible to apply for and receive concealed
carry licenses?

Statistics

What were the Concealed Carry statistics
for 2014?

Training

Where can citizens obtain firearms
training?

What does the firearms training course
consist of?

Is anyone exempt from the training
requirements in the Act?

Who can get credit for up to 8 hours of
prior training (from either previous
courses or experience)?

What information/documentation will
current military personnel or veterans
need to provide to receive credit for 8
hours of training?

Who decides whether to give credit for
prior training and how much to give?

If a person receives prior training credit,
what are they required to take in addition
to fulfill the 16 hour training requirement
under the Act?

Will the Department of Natural Resources'
hunter safety classes be approved
training



from one instructor and additional hours from another instructor?

Is everyone required to go through exactly the same (or a cookie cutter) program or do the instructors have any discretion to teach based upon skill level?

What date should I put on the student certificate for date of expiration?

Why are time lines established in the ISP rules regarding the training required?

Do applicants have to own their own equipment before they can take a training class?

