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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.

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- [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?](#)
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- [What if the reason my application was denied is that my training certificate is invalid?](#)
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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?](#)

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- › 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 instructor in order for the applicants to get 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?
- › What are the qualifications to become a Concealed Carry Firearms Instructor?
- › Can out of state residents become a Concealed Carry Firearms Instructor?
- › 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?
- › Can an applicant take part of their hours 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?
- › What does "Hit the Target" and "Scoring Area" mean in reference to the required range portion of Concealed Carry License Training?

