

Firearms Identification Card and Permits to Purchase Handguns

The Firearms Unit handles all the applications for Firearms Identification (FID) Cards and Permits to Purchase Handguns. If after reading the instructions below you still require assistance you may email Sgt. Wayne Eslinger at Eslinger330@barnegatpolice.us or by calling 609-698-5000 Ext. 194. Please note that only Barnegat Residents may apply for an FID card or Handgun permit within Barnegat Township.

FARS Application Procedures

- The firearms application process is now electronic. Please follow the below instructions for the Firearms Reporting System.
- This entire process is applicant driven. Please be sure that all the information that you enter into the application is correct. Specifically First Name, Middle Initial, Last name, phone numbers, email addresses, and ORI Number (NJ0153300).
- You will receive automated emails from the FARS system throughout the process.
- When deciding on how many permits that you would like please take the following into consideration:
 - One permit is needed for each handgun you wish to purchase (\$2 each).
 - You can only purchase 1 handgun every 30 days.
 - Permits are only good for 90 days (180 days with Extension)
 - After the process is over and you need an additional permit, you **MUST** complete the entire process again. Applications cannot be modified to add additional permits.
- **Step 1:** Go to the website <https://njportal.com/NJSP/fars> if the link does not work please copy and paste it into a new browser window.
- **Step 2:** Click on the orange button that says “Online S.T.S 033 Form”. 
- **Step 3:** Enter the ORI for the Barnegat Township Police Department **NJ0153300** then click “Continue” and complete the entire application process.
 - Please advise the references that you list in the FARS system to expect an email. The FARS system will automatically email them to complete the questionnaire. These questions are



completed online, so your reference can answer them from any device with an Internet connection.

- Please print a copy of all documents for your records.
- Payment will need to be submitted at this time. Each Pistol Purchase Permit is \$2 and the FID Card is \$5 (if applicable). Cash, Check or Money Order is the method of payment.

- **Step 4:** Once your application and the background investigation have been completed and approved you will receive an automated email.

You MUST appear at the Barnegat Township Police Department to pay for your INITIAL Firearms ID Card and/or Pistol Purchase Permits. Your application WILL NOT be processed until you have PAID for the Firearms ID Card / Pistol Permits. Non-refundable payment is required to be made prior to the completion of the background as per NJAC 13:54-1.4. The fees are \$5.00 for Initial Firearms ID Card and \$2.00 per Pistol Permit, payable in cash or check only!

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I received an email stating my applications has been approved what do I do?

Follow the link to print your FID Card.

2. I put the wrong email address for one of my references how do I change it?

Contact the firearms unit 609-698-5000 Ext 194 to have it changed.

3. Do I need to be fingerprinted each time I apply for Pistol permits?

No, you only need to be fingerprinted for the initial application.

4. Do I need a FID card to buy a handgun or just a valid pistol permit?

You do not need a FID card to buy a pistol just a valid pistol permit. It is recommended to apply for one, as you will not be able to buy ammunition without a FID card.

5. How do you transport firearms?

Firearms shall be carried unloaded and contained in a closed and fastened case, gunbox, securely tied package, or locked in the trunk of the automobile in which it is being transported. If the vehicle does not have a compartment separate from the passenger compartment, the firearm and or ammunition shall be in a locked container other than the vehicle's glove compartment or center console and kept farthest from the driver.



As a precaution, ammunition shall be transported in a separate container and locked in the trunk of the automobile in which it is being transported. Ammunition magazines may remain loaded during transportation and shall be carried separate from the firearm.

6. If I inherit a firearm what must I do?

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:58-3j, a firearm purchaser identification card and/or a handgun purchase permit shall not be required for the passing of a firearm upon the death of an owner thereof to his/her heir or legatee, whether the same by testamentary bequest or by the laws of intestacy. The firearm must be legal to possess in New Jersey and the person receiving the firearm shall not be prohibited by N.J.S.A. 2C:58-3c before receiving the firearm. If the heir or legatee does not qualify to acquire and possess the firearm, then ownership may be retained for a period not to exceed 180 days provided the firearm is transferred to the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality or during such period.

7. I have moved to New Jersey from another state. May I continue to possess my firearm(s)?

Yes, firearms which have been legally acquired in another state and are legal to possess in New Jersey may be brought to New Jersey by the owner when residency is established. The owner may VOLUNTARILY register the firearm(s) by completing a Voluntary Form of Firearms Registration, found on this website, however the owner is not obligated to do so.

8. Can I purchase a firearm directly from someone in another State?

No. It is a violation of Federal law for a resident of one state to receive a firearm of any kind from the resident of another state. In order for this transaction to be legal, it must go through a federally licensed firearms dealer (FFL) in the State that the purchaser/receiver resides in. In New Jersey that means a firearm must be transported or shipped directly to the State licensed retail firearms dealer.

9. I'm not a police officer, are hollow points legal for me to possess?

Yes. They are legal for purchase and possess in your home or on land owned by you. They are legal to possess and use at a gun range. They are also legal to possess while traveling to and from such places. Ammunition lacking a hollow cavity at the tip, such as those with a polymer filling, are not considered to be hollow point ammunition. An example of this can be seen with the Hornady Critical Defense / Critical Duty, Cor-Bon PowRball / Glaser Safety Slug and Nosler Inc. Defense ammunition.



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10. What is a “Large capacity ammunition magazine”?

A box, drum, tube or other container which is capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition to be fed continuously and directly therefrom into a semi-automatic firearm. The term shall not include an attached tubular device which is capable of holding only .22 caliber rim-fire ammunition.

Qualified retired law enforcement officers that have registered a handgun(s) with the New Jersey State Police as part of the Retired Police Officers permit to carry program may possess a magazine with a capacity of up to 15 rounds of ammunition for that specific registered handgun(s). Active duty law enforcement officers may possess magazines with a capacity of up to 17 rounds for personal firearms and over 17 rounds for any department issued firearm.

