



CONCEALED CARRY WEAPONS PERMIT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you cannot find your answers below, then send an email to the CCW Unit CCW@sjgov.org

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What if I am unable to upload the required documents?

If you are unable to upload the required documents at the time of application, you may do the following:

- a. If you don't have a scanner you may take a photo with your cell phone, save it as a PDF or .jpeg attachment (full size but not more than 5mg file), and upload them to your application, or send them to CCW@sjgov.org
- b. If you still have problems, bring the documents to the Sheriff's Office CCW Unit and we can upload the documents for you.

2. What if I don't have an Email address?

You may need to reach out to family members, friends, or co-workers that have an email address to receive information from Permitium. You will need an email address to complete the application.

3. How can I tell if my uploaded material has been received?

You can see the documents you uploaded by signing back into Permitium. Use the **Order Tracker** link Permitium provided when you submitted your application. You cannot reopen uploaded documents, or delete them, but you can see whether the file was successfully uploaded. Applicants are responsible for ensuring they are using a program that is compatible with Permitium. (Google Chrome is suggested).

4. What do I do if I am self-employed, own a business or wish to carry my weapon while I am working in my business?

Penal Code Section 26035. Nothing in Section 25850 shall prevent any person engaged in any lawful business, including a nonprofit organization, or any officer, employee, or agent authorized by that person for lawful purposes connected with that business, from having a loaded firearm **within the person's place of business**, or any person in lawful possession of **private property from having a loaded firearm on that property**.

5. Are ccw Permits issued for Security Guards or for Executive Protection employment purposes?

No. CCW Permits will NOT be issued for employment purposes, including Security Guards and Executive Protection.

6. I have filed a restraining order and need a ccw permit as soon as

possible. How do I get an appointment due to life-threatening events?

If you need to request a permit to carry a concealed weapon due to a restraining order, please call the CCW Unit at (209) 468-5822 or email CCW@sjgov.org You will be required to present a copy of the restraining order, the accompanying police report, and any other documents pertaining to the court order as each request is reviewed and considerations are made on a case- by-case basis.

7. If I am on probation or parole, can I be issued a ccw Permit?

No, if you are on court probation, supervised probation, or parole, you must first complete your probation/parole period before applying.

8. Can I reapply for a ccw Permit if I am revoked or denied?

Yes, if you are revoked or denied you may reapply after a minimum probationary period of two (2) years unless DOJ issues a lifetime firearm prohibition. If you have questions, or are requesting an exception, contact the CCW Unit at (209) 468-5822, or email the request to CCW@sjgov.org

WEAPON QUESTIONS

1. Is there a specific type of firearm I must use?

No. Weapons must be free from mechanical flaws and in good working order. Firearm(s) must be concealable. You can check with the Department of Justice Web Site to ensure the weapon (s) you are listing comply with current specifications and laws. Refer to: <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms>

Note: You may NOT add rifle caliber weapons (AR Pistol, AK-Pistol, etc.) to your permit. Derringers are not allowed as CCW weapons.

2. How many weapons are allowed on a ccw permit?

There are a maximum of **three (3)** weapons allowed on a CCW permit in San Joaquin County. Per Penal Code Section 26200(10)(d): A licensee authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to this chapter shall not carry more than two firearms at one time.

3. How do I list a weapon capable of firing different calibers?

You must list the caliber you will be using while carrying. If there are multiple calibers, then you need to indicate the caliber by listing both calibers.

MAKE	MODEL	CALIBER	SERIAL NUMBER
Smith and Wesson	S-Auto	.357 / .38	347XXX

You will need to qualify with the weapon as shown above using both calibers. The qualification of both calibers must show on your training certificate.

4. Can I modify or alter my weapon?

No. Modifications that would alter the weapon from its original manufacturer's specification are **NOT** allowed. Grip and sighting modifications are allowed, but they cannot alter the original manufacturer's specification.

WEAPON TRAINING

1. What are the requirements for training?

CCW license applicants are required to complete a course of training before obtaining a new or renewed license. The minimum requirements for the course of training are described in Penal Code section 26165. The course must be taught and supervised by firearms instructors certified by California DOJ. CCW Program DOJ Certified Instructors are required to have a valid Certificate of Eligibility. Honorably retired peace officers, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, who is certified as a Firearms Instructor by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) may provide the course of training described in Penal Code section 26165. Such officers are exempt from the application process. Reserve peace officers appointed pursuant to Penal Code section 830.6 **do not** qualify for this exemption.

2. How do I find a training vendor?

Training vendors are available throughout San Joaquin County. Please refer to the "CCW Approved Training Vendors" list located at: <https://sjsheriff.org/concealed-weapon-program> to choose your trainer.

LIVESCAN AND IN-PERSON INTERVIEW APPOINTMENT QUESTIONS

1. May I come to the Sheriff's Office without an appointment?

No. Our office is unable to accommodate walk-ins due to file preparation requirements.

2. I was unable to make my appointment. Can I reschedule?

Yes, you may reschedule up to three (3) times within (3) three months by signing back into Permitium. **After a third no show appointment or rescheduling of an appointment without contacting the CCW unit for an extension, the application will be withdrawn, without refund.**

3. What do I need to bring to my Live Scan and Interview appointment?

A valid California Driver's License or Government issued photo ID is mandatory.

4. Can I get my Live Scan done at a different location?

No, do not go to another agency, the Live Scan fingerprints MUST be completed at the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office.

AFTER APPROVAL QUESTIONS

1. Can my spouse, friend, or a family member pick up my ccw Permit for me?

No. Applicants must show their valid California Driver's License or Government issued photo Identification Card when picking up their CCW permit.

2. What if my ccw permit has been lost or stolen?

Within ten (10) days report the theft or loss to the law enforcement agency where the loss or theft occurred. After reporting the loss or theft, email the report and information (crime report agency and case number, date/time occurred, and location of occurrence) to CCW@sjgov.org A police report MUST be filed for a DUPLICATE CCW application. For damaged licenses, the damaged original CCW will need to be returned to the CCW Unit.

3. Do I have to qualify with each firearm I want listed on my permit?

Per AB 2103 (January 1, 2019), required training is to include instruction on firearm handling and shooting techniques. The applicant must demonstrate shooting proficiency and safe handling of ***EACH*** firearm listed on the CCW permit. Qualification must include live-fire exercises conducted on a firing range with each firearm listed on the CCW permit.

4. Can I have my spouse's weapon on my permit?

No. Each weapon listed on your CCW must be registered in California under the applicant's name.

5. What should I do if I am pulled over or contacted by a law enforcement officer?

During any law enforcement contact, you are required to disclose your status as a CCW permit holder **AND** disclose whether or not you are carrying a weapon on your person or in your vehicle.

6. What should I do if I am Detained, Arrested, Cited for a Misdemeanor (drunk driving, exhibition of speed, brandishing a weapon, etc.) or for any Felony charge, or involved in a domestic violence event or mentioned in a restraining order?

It is your responsibility to contact the CCW Unit **IMMEDIATELY** by email CCW@sjgov.org or by telephone (209) 468-5822. Your CCW Permit must be returned to the CCW Unit no later than 10-days after the incident.

RENEWAL QUESTIONS

1. What happens if I am late applying for my CCW Permit renewal?

Applicants are given 90 days after their CCW expires to apply as a RENEWAL applicant. After 90 days, applicants will have to start over and apply as a NEW applicant. Being fingerprinted is required.

2. When should I update my weapons training?

Applicants have 90 days after they are notified that their RENEWAL permit has been approved to complete their eight (8) hour training update. The renewal process and training should be completed prior to the expiration of the existing permit.

3. Do firearms carry over from my original or renewal application to my modification application?

No. Each application submitted must be filled out in its entirety, list all weapons. No, information from previous application(s) do not transfer to new applications.

4. Is renewing a ccw permit automatically done?

No. CCW permit holders are responsible for receiving proper training and completing an application for renewal.

Reminder: Applications will take a couple months to process; you can reapply up to ninety (90) days prior to your expiration date. It is your responsibility to complete your renewal application and provide the required documents before your expiration date.

5. My current ccw permit expires before my availability to take a safety training class; can I continue to carry my weapon(s)?

No. An expired CCW permit is invalid and it is illegal to carry a concealed weapon in the state of California. A valid CCW permit is required to carry a concealed weapon.

MODIFICATIONS

ADDRESS CHANGE – WEAPON CHANGE – NAME CHANGE

1. What do I need to do if I moved out of California to another state?

You must notify the CCW Unit by email CCW@sjgov.org or telephone (209) 468-5822. You have ten (10) days when moving out of California to notify and surrender your CCW permit.

- You may surrender your permit to the CCW Unit in person or via mail with written notification to:

San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office attn: PSD/CCW Unit
7000 Michael Canlis Blvd.
French Camp, CA 95231

2. What do I need to do if I have changed my name?

You must complete the CCW Modification form. You will need to upload your new photo ID showing your name change. Supporting documents, such as a court order or a marriage certificate validating the legal name change is required. Make sure you fill out all parts of the modification application.

3. What do I need to do if I have changed my address and still live in San Joaquin County?

You must report any change of residence to the CCW Unit in writing within ten (10) days. In addition, you must complete the CCW Modification form. When approved, make an appointment to pick up your modified CCW Permit. You must provide documentation of your new address when applying for the modification.

You must notify DMV within 10 days of your change of address. You do not need to get a new physical Driver's License for the modification, but the new address must be listed on the state DMV website. To make a change of address online visit:

<https://my.dmv.ca.gov/change-address>.

4. What do I need to do if I have changed my address and NO LONGER live in San Joaquin County?

You must report any change of residence to the CCW Unit in writing within ten (10) days of moving. The CCW Permit issued by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office expires 90 days after moving from the county, the expired permit shall be returned to the CCW Unit within 10 days of expiration. If a CCW Permit is sought in the new county of residence, contact the local jurisdiction for further information on how to apply.

5. How long to I have to pick up my CCW Permit after all approvals, training, qualifications and certificates have been completed and uploaded to Permitium?

Once notified your CCW Permit is approved for pickup at the CCW Unit, you must make an appointment through PERMITIUM. The new CCW Permit must be picked up no later than 90 days after notification it is approved. If not picked up your application will be withdrawn Per **Permitium policy**, no refund will be forthcoming.

NOTE: Applicants MAY NOT under any circumstances carry a weapon concealed after their current CCW Permit is expired.

NON-RESIDENT

1. What are the requirements for a non-resident CCW?

To apply for a CCW as a non-resident, you must be a member of 1 of 5 specific organizations (California Rifle & Pistol Association, Gun Owners of America, Gun Owners of California, The Second Amendment Foundation or Firearm Policy Coalition) and apply to a California law enforcement agency in a county you plan to visit within 12 months. You will need to complete California's 16-hour online training, a live-fire qualification for each firearm, a background check, an interview, and reference checks. For specific information and requirements for non-resident CCW's refer to <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/2025-dle-10.pdf>.

DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF CCW LICENSE

1. What if my CCW Permit is Denied or Revoked?

PC 26206 (2024): A request for a Hearing to Challenge Disqualified Persons Determination" form is provided to all Denied/Revoked applicants. The applicant must file this form with the San Joaquin County Superior Court within thirty (30) days of being Denied or Revoked. The San Joaquin County Sheriff's office will be required to provide documentation, including criminal history of the applicant within 14 days of the request. If the court overrides the Sheriff's decision and a CCW permit is issued by the Court, the CCW Permit will state "This CCW Permit was issued pursuant to Penal Code Section 26202(d)(l) by order of Judge XXX."

California Penal Code (PC) Sections listed for reference.