

HANDGUN PURCHASE CERTIFICATE PROCEDURES

Pursuant to Nebraska Statute 69-2403 a firearm purchase certificate is required to purchase, lease, rent, or receive a handgun. The law applies to both retail and private party transactions. The law also prohibits selling, leasing, renting, or transferring a handgun to a person who does not possess a handgun certificate. A certificate is NOT required if:

- The person acquiring the handgun is a licensed firearms dealer;
- The handgun is an antique;
- The person acquiring the handgun is authorized to do so on behalf of a law enforcement agency
- The transfer is temporary and the transferee remains within (a) in the line of sight of the transferor or (b) within the premises of an established shooting facility; or
- The transfer is between a person and his or her spouse, sibling, parent, child, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or grandparent

WHERE AND HOW TO APPLY

Applicants may apply in person at the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office Administration Building, 1825 10th Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AT TIME OF APPLICATION

- Current Nebraska operator's license, Nebraska state ID card, or Military ID card. The ID must have your correct legal name. The address on your Nebraska ID must be a current residential address and match the address on the application. If your only form of ID is a Military ID card, you must also provide two forms of proof of Scotts Bluff County residency (i.e. utility bill, vehicle registration, pay stub, etc.) with your current address. **The Sheriff's Office will not accept applications or issue purchase permits to applicants with only a post office box.**
- Application fee of \$5.00
- Applicants born on a United States military base outside the U.S. must provide their birth certificate
- Applicants born outside the U.S. must also provide a copy of their citizenship papers, U.S. Passport, or alien resident card.

AGE AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

To obtain a handgun certificate from our office you must be at least 21 years old and a current Scotts Bluff County Resident.

DISQUALIFIERS

Applications will be denied if the applicant:

- fails to answer ALL questions on the application;
- has been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year;
- is a fugitive from justice;
- is an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance;
- has been adjudicated as a mental defective or has been committed to a mental institution;
- is an alien unlawfully in the United States or an alien admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa;
- has been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions;
- having been a citizen of the United States, has renounced his or her citizenship;
- is subject to a court order that restrains the person from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of such intimate partner;
- has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence; or
- is under indictment or information (i.e. charges have been filed in court) for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year.

RE-APPLICATION UPON EXPIRATION

Certificates are valid, statewide, for three years at which time applicants must re-apply for a certificate. All documentation above is required at the time of application regardless of whether a certificate has been issued to applicants in the past.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR FIREARMS PURCHASE CERTIFICATE

Upon receipt of your certificate, please inspect the document and ensure that the personal information is correct and that the Sheriff's signature appears. In the event of any typographical error or omission, please bring the certificate to the Sheriff's Office within thirty days for any correction that may be necessary. Notification of any corrections beyond thirty days after issuance shall require a new application.