

What's my next step?

I have completed my online application and my Handgun Safety Course!

If you want a Tennessee Enhanced Handgun Carry Permit, and you have REAL ID (<https://www.tn.gov/tnrealid/get-real-id.html>) on your Driver License, you may continue the process by checking back where you applied for a permit: <https://dl.safety.tn.gov>. REAL ID compliant driver licenses and Identification credentials have a gold circle with a star in the right corner of the license to indicate it is REAL ID compliant.

Otherwise, if you do not have REAL ID and want your permit, you must visit a full service Driver License Station. For a list of locations visit <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/safety/driver-services/locations.html>

You will need the following documents at the Driver License Station:

1. Proof of United States Citizenship or Lawful Permanent Residency (certified birth certificate or valid U.S. Passport). For a complete list visit <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/safety/driver-services/classd/dlcitizen.html>
2. Certificate showing you have completed an eight (8) hour Handgun Safety Course at an approved school. **A certificate will only be necessary if the school you attended did not enter your passing score online.**
3. Payment in cash, credit card, money order or certified check. (We do not accept personal checks for an original handgun permit application.) For information on fees please visit <https://www.tn.gov/safety/handgunmain.html>
4. You must have your picture taken and your electronic signature captured.

Once the application process is complete, the examiner will provide written instructions on fingerprint registration. You may either register online or by telephone; when registering you will be required to schedule your appointment time and location. You must be fingerprinted after your visit to the driver license station, even if you have been fingerprinted in the past and have top level security clearance. The cost of the fingerprints is included in the permit fee.

After your fingerprints have been submitted, you simply wait for your permit to arrive in the mail. Please allow the State at least thirty (30) days before you check on the status of your application.

Do not carry a handgun in places which require the Enhanced Permit until your permit is in your possession; otherwise permit-less carry laws apply. It is your responsibility to keep your address current with the Department of Safety and Homeland Security. Renewal notices are mailed as a courtesy; however, you are responsible for renewal before your permit expires.

A permit to carry a handgun is not a license to use deadly force. With a permit to carry a handgun comes an awesome responsibility. You are legally and financially responsible for the bullet and the damage it causes.