

Training requirement options for Enhanced Handgun Carry Permit

Completion within 12 months prior to application

- 8-Hour handgun safety course certificate from a Tennessee certified handgun safety school

Current, valid (not expired) gun permit/license from the following states:

Alaska	Delaware	Louisiana	Nebraska	Ohio
Arkansas	Georgia	Maryland	New Jersey	Oklahoma
California	Illinois	Michigan	New Mexico	Texas
Colorado	Kansas	Minnesota	New York	Washington D.C
Connecticut	Kentucky	Missouri	North Carolina	West Virginia

Completion within 5 years prior to application

- P.O.S.T. certification
 - To obtain this exception, a copy of current POST certification must be presented with the application. This does not apply to reserve officers, part-time officers, or other uncertified peace officers.
- T.L.E.T.A. (The Law Enforcement Training Academy)
 - To obtain this exception, a copy of signed T.L.E.T.A diploma/certificate pertaining to handgun training must be presented with the application.
- Armed Guard
 - To obtain this exception, a copy of the armed registration card, certificate (IN-1313) issued by the Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance, or a Certificate of Successful Completion of Guard Training (IN-1144) must be presented with the application.
- Dept. of Corrections
 - To obtain this exception, a copy of the annual weapons qualification card (CR2938) issued by the Tennessee Department of Correction must be presented with the application.

Completion at any time prior to application

- Proof of military handgun training
 - The Department of Safety and Homeland Security is mandated to require applicants to submit proof of the successful completion of a department approved handgun safety course. An applicant is not required to comply with the firing range and classroom requirements if the applicant can prove successful completion of handgun training of not less than four (4) hours as required by any branch of the military.
 - Military personnel who can prove that they have completed four (4) hours of handgun training and who provide proof of that training may be exempt from taking the handgun safety course altogether.

- If you did not complete four (4) hours of handgun training or you can't provide proof of the training, you may be eligible to only take the classroom portion of the handgun safety class if under §39-17-1351 (e).
- Military personnel that have had small arms qualification training or combat pistol training listed on their Honorable discharged DD214 form will be exempt from taking the firing range portion of the Handgun Safety Class, but they must take the classroom portion.