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Your How-To Guide to Getting a CCW in Kern County (updated 06/27/2022)

Powers Firearms Training Corporation is a training company focusing upon Concealed Weapons Permit, defensive training with firearms and basic firearm familiarity courses.

Our website, www.kernccw.com is devoted to your quest to obtain a Concealed Weapons Permit. Information included in this article is aimed at getting the permit from the Kern County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Youngblood has a history of being fair and open as regards your requests for a permit to carry a concealed weapon and Powers Firearms Training Corporation is here to walk you through the process. Various Kern County agencies such as the Bakersfield Police Department, Shafter Police Department, Ridgecrest Police Department and Taft Police Department can and do issue permits and may have their own conditions regarding issuing permits. The Sheriff in Kern County can issue you a permit regardless of where you live in Kern County.

The most common reasons the Kern County Sheriff's Department will deny or delay of CCW application include the following:

1. **Failure to list an arrest**-A failure to list an arrest on your application can be viewed as a lie of omission. Keep in mind, an "arrest" can also be a citation for a misdemeanor charge ie reckless driving, driving without a license, vandalism etc.
2. **Incomplete applications** - Clerks will review your application for completeness, but it is YOUR responsibility to fully complete application.

Open up the Application

The first step is to complete the application online. But I thought I had to take the class first? No, you do not have to take the class first. In fact, as will be discussed elsewhere on this page, taking the class first does not help you get the permit and the certificate from class is only considered valid by the Kern County Sheriff for 90 days. If you take the class first, and are delayed past the 90 days in submitting your application, you may have to retake the class. Our advice is for you to apply first. However, ultimately, we want you to do what works best for you and your schedule. Some folks take class just for the clear understanding of the parameters for the use of deadly force within the State of California. The application cost is refundable should you be denied approval for the permit. The Kern County Sheriff's Department will notify you when you are approved to take the class.

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Fill out the application

Read all of the instructions and do so carefully.

Be truthful, the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth is what is important as you begin to fill out the application.

Answer all questions with a brief and concise answer. Do not leave anything out, ever. No detail is too small. If you need additional space to explain a detailed problem, do a type written attachment. When it comes to vehicle code violations, be sure to pull a DMV printout if you have any questions. You want to include each and every one of the traffic violations, no matter how small, which are moving violations.

List the handguns that you wish to put on the permit. The Sheriff will allow you to put 10 handguns on your permit. The specifics of the weapons may change and you can add or delete weapons once your permit has been issued and you have qualified with each firearm you wish to put on the permit. The Sheriff charges a very nominal fee for permit modifications. Since January 1, 2019, California law requires you to qualify with each and every gun you put on your permit (even if you have 2 or more identical guns) and every two years when you renew the permit. This is a serial number requirement, not a type of gun requirement.

Again, read all sections of the application carefully and while you will have the opportunity to learn much of the law in the class you will take, you are signing this form understanding that you will be held accountable for the contents of the form and the Sheriff may put conditions upon your permit when issuing the permit so understand what you are agreeing to when you finish the application.

It is very important that you list any and ALL arrests even if there were no charges filed. This includes any citations for a misdemeanor charge. This would also include things such as a “detox only” arrest when you were 22 years old and were having a few too many beers during Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and yes this might just show up on your background check. Also, if you were in the military and were arrested anywhere, for anything list that. Understand, an arrest doesn’t necessarily exclude you from getting a permit, but failing to list an arrest will likely cause you to be denied a permit.

The Good Cause Statement:

From an email received from the Kern County Sheriff’s Department on 06/27/2022:

"I am sure there are questions in regard to the SCOTUS ruling last week. Based on their ruling there is only one change to the CCW application process. We will no longer require "good cause" for issuance of a CCW Permit. All other requirements of PC 26150(a)(2) remain in full force and Powers Firearms Training Corp|PO Box 12171, Bakersfield CA 93389|661.871.7273|www.KernCCW.com

effect except the good cause provision. The application will remain the same for now, however "good cause" alone can no longer be a reason for denial.

Make sure you have gathered all of your documentation and have uploaded any letters or other required documentation, and complete the online application process and wait for the approval notification.

Many people believe they should do the class before turning in the application. You need to know that the certificate for your class is only good for 90 days from the date of issue. If you take longer than 90 days to turn in your application, you will need to take the class again. Also, taking the class has nothing to do with your application. Taking the class will not help you get the permit or make the Sheriff happy with you in any way.

The wait to hear from the sheriff will typically take about five weeks or as long as three or four times that amount of time. If it takes longer, please not call and pester the Sergeant or the ladies who run the office. The wait to review your good cause will depend upon how many people have applications in and how many staff they have available to assist in reviewing the application. If the time seems extended, a polite email inquiry might be appropriate.

Lastly take your Concealed Carry Weapons class

Woohoo! You have received your approval from the issuing agency. After you do the little dance around the email box, you have to make the decision about who to take the class from. We have offered the above procedural information because we believe you should be able to put your best foot forward in getting your permit. While we would love to have you take the class from us, we want you to do what works best for you. We offer classes at 5 Dogs range here in Bakersfield, and also in Bishop, California. We have a weekday and weekend schedule. We also have an Online class format with professional videography that allows you to take the lecture portion of the course in the comfort of your own home. Then when completed you would come out and do the range portion of the class as fits your schedule

Please follow this link to our website and our schedule of classes.

<https://powersfirearmstraining.com/>

What you should know about the initial class.

- State law allows the class to be a maximum of 16 hours or a 24 hour PC 832 course at a local college may be substituted in some counties; however, The Kern County Sheriff allows the class to be a "one day" class. The California Penal Code mandates this class must be no less than 8 hours.
- You will need to shoot a firearm for the class. The Sheriff allows up to 10 firearms on your permit. You need to qualify with all firearms you wish to list on the permit.. The capacity of the magazines you use in class is not something we care about. You will need at least two magazines for a semi-automatic firearm. You will need a nominal 100 rounds for class plus at least enough ammunition to qualify with each additional gun on the permit. We have no ammunition limitations regarding what sort of ammo you bring to the range. We are a California

Ammunition Vendor and can sell you ammunition, on a per round basis so you may complete qualification.

- The Sheriff does not require your guns to be on the California Handgun Roster, however, certain other agencies may only allow you to qualify with guns that are on the “roster”.
- Currently all firearms on your permit must be registered to you or your spouse. If the firearm is registered to your spouse, you will need to provide a copy of your marriage license.
- Powers Firearms Training Corporation takes the view that the training class is to train you to shoot your handgun efficiently and as accurately as possible. While you have to have a minimum score to “qualify”, we see it as our responsibility to train you and assist you in your shooting. If you don’t qualify on your first try, you will be given additional opportunities to qualify.

This is not something to be nervous about unless you have some reason to be nervous ie: you have not shot in a number of years; you are an absolute novice; you have a recently acquired disability. So if there is a reason to be nervous, tell us what that is and we will work with you to work around the problem. Just remember, you have to shoot so you might as well have some fun and enjoy the experience.

- These courses cover subjects which include the legal, moral and ethical issues regarding the use of a firearm for self defense, range qualification, and firearms safety.

When finished with the class, turn in your certificate from class along with your range qualification form and complete any other tasks the issuing agency has for you.

Renewal

Once you have a permit, that permit is valid for 2 years. The Kern County Sheriff will allow you to take your class to renew your permit within a 60 day window before your permit expires. You may renew your permit within the 30 day window prior to the expiration date. The renewal class is an update on the law, the moral and legal aspects of firearms use in self defense, a qualification course with each firearm and a general firearms safety brief. The State of California has made this renewal class a law and the code requires this class to be a minimum of 4 hours. This is not optional. The Sheriff cannot renew your permit until you have completed your update training. **This class cannot, as a function of law, be less than four hours of total instruction.**

We believe each citizen must take responsibility for their own safety in a way that citizen feels best. This is an individual responsibility and an individual decision. If you wish to do so however, we are here to help you in any way we can. We offer online and in person formats for the use of force lecture and we offer individual and group instruction, please contact us with your inquiries.

As always, it is an honor to have the opportunity to earn your business.

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