



State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

DIVISION OF STATE POLICE

RESIDENT PISTOL/REVOLVER LICENSE



RENEWAL APPLICANTS PLEASE COMPLETE: NH Pistol/Revolver License #: _____ Expires _____

An incomplete application will be returned.

FILE #:	Name _____	Date of Application _____
	Mailing Address:	
	Street _____	Driver's License No. _____
	City/Town _____	Social Security No. _____ (optional)
	State _____ Zip _____	Telephone No. _____ (optional)
	Legal Address (If different from above): _____	
	Date of Birth _____	Place of Birth _____
	Height _____	Hair _____ Sex _____
	Weight _____	Eyes _____ Race _____
	Occupation: _____	United States Citizen: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Present Employer: _____	If NO, and residing in the United States, you MUST provide the following:	
Employer's Address: _____	AR#: _____	
COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: _____		

If you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions, you must provide complete details with this application.

Have you ever had a license to carry denied in this or any other state?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted of a felony, in this or any other state, which has not been annulled?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been adjudicated as a mental defective by a court or committed by a court to any mental institution?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

REQUIRED: For what reason(s) do you make application to carry a pistol in New Hampshire? (see reverse side)

Name and Complete Mailing Address of three (3) references:

1. _____ (NAME)	2. _____ (NAME)	3. _____ (NAME)
_____ (ADDRESS)	_____ (ADDRESS)	_____ (ADDRESS)

SIGNATURE, CERTIFICATION, AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

YOU MUST SIGN THIS APPLICATION: Read the following carefully before you sign. A false statement on any part of this application will be just cause for refusal of any application of any license issued under the provisions of RSA159 and is punishable under RSA 641:3.

- I understand that any information I give may be investigated as allowed by law.
- I consent to the release of information about my ability and fitness to carry a pistol/revolver by employers, schools, medical/ psychiatric services, law enforcement agencies, and other individuals and organizations, to my local police chief, his designee, and/or authorized employees of the State of New Hampshire.
- I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of my statements are true, correct, complete and made in good faith.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ **Date:** _____

OFFICIAL USE ONLY: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

APPROVING OFFICIAL: _____

DATE: _____

New Hampshire Laws Relative to License to Carry

These below statutes can be found at RSA 159:6 *et seq.* and may be accessed at any legal library or at <http://www.nh.gov>. This is not intended to be an inclusive list of all relevant laws concerning carrying a concealed pistol or revolver.

159:6 License to Carry. –

I. (a) The selectmen of a town, the mayor or chief of police of a city or a full-time police officer designated by them respectively, the county sheriff for a resident of an unincorporated place, or the county sheriff if designated by the selectmen of a town that has no police chief, upon application of any resident of such town, city, or unincorporated place, or the director of state police, or some person designated by such director, upon application of a nonresident, shall issue a license to such applicant authorizing the applicant to carry a loaded pistol or revolver in this state for not less than 4 years from the date of issue, if it appears that the applicant has good reason to fear injury to the applicant's person or property or has any proper purpose, and that the applicant is a suitable person to be licensed. Hunting, target shooting, or self-defense shall be considered a proper purpose. The license shall be valid for all allowable purposes regardless of the purpose for which it was originally issued.

(b) The license shall be in duplicate and shall bear the name, address, description, and signature of the licensee. The original shall be delivered to the licensee and the duplicate shall be preserved by the people issuing the same for 4 years. When required, license renewal shall take place within the month of the fourth anniversary of the license holder's date of birth following the date of issuance. The license shall be issued within 14 days after application, and, if such application is denied, the reason for such denial shall be stated in writing, the original of which such writing shall be delivered to the applicant, and a copy kept in the office of the person to whom the application was made. The fee for licenses issued to residents of the state shall be \$10, which fee shall be for the use of the law enforcement department of the town or city granting said licenses; the fee for licenses granted to out-of-state residents shall be \$100, which fee shall be for the use of the state. The director of state police is hereby authorized and directed to prepare forms for the licenses required under this chapter and forms for the application for such licenses and to supply the same to officials of the cities and towns authorized to issue the licenses. No other forms shall be used by officials of cities and towns. The cost of the forms shall be paid out of the fees received from nonresident licenses.

II. No photograph or fingerprint shall be required or used as a basis to grant, deny, or renew a license to carry for a resident or nonresident, unless requested by the applicant.

Source. 1923, 118:6. PL 149:6. 1941, 172:1. RL 179:6. 1951, 151:3. RSA 159:6. 1959, 100:1. 1967, 220:4. 1977, 563:76. 1979, 355:1. 1993, 27:1; 203:1. 1994, 257:1; 257:2. 1996, 167:2, eff. Aug. 2, 1996. 2003, 90:1, eff. July 29, 2003. 2009, 144:194, eff. July 1, 2009. 2012, 255:1, eff. Aug. 17, 2012.

159:6-b Suspension or Revocation of License. –

I. The issuing authority may order a license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver issued to any person pursuant to RSA 159:6 to be suspended or revoked for just cause, provided written notice of the suspension or revocation and the reason therefore is given to the licensee. A licensee whose license has been suspended or revoked shall be permitted a hearing on such suspension or revocation if a hearing is requested by the licensee to the issuing authority within 7 days of the suspension or revocation.

II. When the licensee hereunder ceases to be a resident of the community in which the license was issued he shall notify in writing the issuing authority at his new place of residence that he has a current license. Such license shall remain in effect until it expires pursuant to RSA 159:6.

Source. 1979, 355:2, eff. Aug. 22, 1979.

159:6-c Appeal From Denial, Suspension, or Revocation. – Any person whose application for a license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver has been denied pursuant to RSA 159:6 or whose license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver has been suspended or revoked pursuant to RSA 159:6-b may within 30 days thereafter, petition the district or municipal court in the jurisdiction in which such person resides to determine whether the petitioner is entitled to a license. The court shall conduct a hearing within 14 days after receipt of the petition. During this hearing the burden shall be upon the issuing authority to demonstrate by clear and convincing proof why any denial, suspension, or revocation was justified, failing which the court shall enter an order directing the issuing authority to grant or reinstate the petitioner's license. The court shall issue its decision not later than 14 days after the hearing on whether the petitioner is entitled to a license.

Source. 1979, 355:2. 1998, 380:2, eff. Jan. 1, 1999.

627:4 Physical Force In Defense Of A Person

I. A person is justified in using non-deadly force upon another person in order to defend himself or a third person from what he reasonably believes to be the imminent use of unlawful, non-deadly force by such other person, and he may use a degree of such force which he reasonably believes to be necessary for such purpose. However, such force is not justifiable if:

- (a) With a purpose to cause physical harm to another person, he provoked the use of unlawful, non-deadly force by such other person; or
- (b) He was the initial aggressor, unless after such aggression he withdraws from the encounter and effectively communicates to such other person his intent to do so, but the latter notwithstanding continues the use or threat of unlawful, non-deadly force; or
- (c) The force involved was the product of a combat by agreement not authorized by law.

II. A person is justified in using deadly force upon another person when he reasonably believes that such other person:

- (a) Is about to use unlawful, deadly force against the actor or a third person;
- (b) Is likely to use any unlawful force against a person present while committing or attempting to commit a burglary;
- (c) Is committing or about to commit kidnapping or a forcible sex offense; or
- (d) Is likely to use any unlawful force in the commission of a felony against the actor within such actor's dwelling or its curtilage.

III. A person is not justified in using deadly force on another to defend himself or a third person from deadly force by the other if he knows that he and the third person can, with complete safety:

- (a) Retreat from the encounter, except that he is not required to retreat if he is within his dwelling or its curtilage and was not the initial aggressor; or
- (b) Surrender property to a person asserting a claim of right thereto; or
- (c) Comply with a demand that he abstain from performing an act which he is not obliged to perform; nor is the use of deadly force justifiable when, with the purpose of causing death or serious bodily harm, the actor has provoked the use of force against himself in the same encounter.
- (d) If he is a law enforcement officer or a private person assisting him at his direction and was acting pursuant to RSA 627:5, he need not retreat.

I have received and read copy of **PHYSICAL FORCE IN DEFENSE OF A PERSON**.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____