CCW Course Questions and Answers

What are the requirements to apply for a CCW in Nevada, Florida and Utah? The requirements to obtain a CCW in all of the three states are simple. You have met most of the requirements already during the last four days. In addition to what you have done over the last four days:

- You must be a US citizen or a resident alien
- You must be over 21
- For Nevada, you must shoot a 30 round qualification test with a semi-automatic and/or a revolver and take a written test
- For Utah and Florida, you must demonstrate safe weapons handling and competency with your weapon (the Nevada qualification satisfies this requirement, which is why all students are required to shoot the NV qualification test.)
- You must have the State’s Statutes lectured to you

Which is the best CCW to apply for? Laws change constantly. While you are here for the class you have the opportunity to apply for all three states. You may choose to take the completed paperwork for all three states home, do some additional research, and decide which ones to apply for then. You have ONE YEAR from the date of the course to turn in your paperwork for each state. Nevada and Utah permits are good for five years. Florida permits are good for seven years.

What states recognize my state’s CCW? If you go to www.handgunlaw.us, you can click on the state you reside in on the US map shown on the homepage, which will open up a PDF file in a new tab or window of your browser. This file will contain information on your state’s laws, as well as show you what states recognize your state’s CCW permit.

How do I get a CCW in a state where it is difficult to obtain one? It can boil down to something simple as how involved you are with your community and local charity events to who you know and what your status is within the community. The simplest solution is to locate someone in your community who already possesses a CCW and talk to them to find out how they got it.

What states will I be able to legally carry a concealed handgun in? The legislation pertaining to CCW’s is constantly changing. Consult the URL list at the end for up-to-the-minute details of which states you will be legally allowed to carry a concealed handgun in.

Nevada honors the following State CCW permits (as of 09/19/2013):

- Alaska
- Arkansas
- Idaho Enhanced Only
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Michigan
- Nebraska
- New Mexico
- N. Carolina
- N. Dakota Class 1 Only
- Ohio
- S. Carolina
- Tennessee
- West Virginia

(Check prior to arrival to ensure your permit is still valid in Nevada!)
What is the Plan of the Day?

- **Arrive by 7:30, geared up and ready to go like the last four days of training.** Ensure you have your eye protection, hearing protection and ammunition with you.

- **Go through Sign In, get your driver’s license copied and go to Weapons Inspection.**

- **Be on your assigned range at 8:00.** You will receive a 3”x5” card. Print your first (or middle) and last name on the card. **Keep this card with you!** **Everyone** will fire the (30) round Nevada qualification test. (You should already have your magazines filled.)
  - You will be shooting the same gun you did for your Defensive Handgun course.
  - You will only be shooting (1) semi-automatic or (1) revolver as the Nevada permit just lists ‘handgun qualified’, and is no longer weapon specific.
  - Utah and Florida are NOT weapons specific.

- **Between 8:30 and 9:00, you will return to the classroom building on Range 1, get your picture taken, and have the mandatory statutes lecture.**

- The class will then move to the white tent for detailed instructions on filling out the paperwork for Utah, Florida and Nevada, along with the fingerprint cards.
  - The address on your state’s Driver’s License does NOT need to match your actual physical address. There are spaces on all the forms for your physical address and mailing address, if different.
  - If you were born outside of the United States and are a US citizen, you must provide proof of citizenship for all three forms. (Birth certificate, passport, etc.)
  - If you are resident alien, you must have your residence card and proof of residency. (Three months of utility or phone bills, etc.)

  - **For your Nevada form, you will need to know:**
    - Business name, address and phone number IF you are employed.
    - Residence addresses for the last 10 years.
      - If you are Active Duty Military, or were serving in the last 10 years, you will use your home of record for the appropriate time periods.

  - Once the paperwork and fingerprint cards are filled out, then you will go through the process of being fingerprinted (Nevada and Utah ONLY), and having your Florida form notarized, Utah form stamped with the UT Instructor’s red stamp along with your Nevada form completed by a Nevada Instructor.

  - **Student’s lunch period is from 12:00 to 1:00, which allows you to finish the Nevada written test and your paperwork.** Instructors will be ready to sign or fingerprint at 12:30.

  - You should check off items you have completed on your checklist. Your checklist will tell you what must be included with your application(s).

  - **IMPORTANT: Before you leave the classroom, you must turn in the student contact sheet!** We must have a record of what permits you applied for in order to send you replacement paperwork if needed.

  - Once your paperwork and fingerprint cards are complete, you are free to leave to turn in your Nevada paperwork to the Nye County Sheriff’s Office (non-residents).
Will I leave Front Sight with everything I need to get my CCW’s? No. There is still work to be done on your own after leaving Front Sight.

- For Nevada residents, you will need to appear in person and have your local sheriff or law enforcement agency complete your application, get fingerprinted and photographed.
- If you are not a resident of Nevada, you will receive a pre-addressed mailing envelope for your Nevada application, which you will mail or turn in to the Nye County Sheriff’s Office in Pahrump. You are being taught in Nye County, and must turn in your paperwork to the Nye County Sheriff’s Office.
  - If you mail your application in, (non-residents only) you will need to return to Pahrump to pick up your CCW.
  - If you are able to go to the Sheriff’s Office to turn in your paperwork in person, your permit will be mailed to you. At this point, the Sheriff’s Office will have your fingerprints, digital photograph and electronic copy of your signature so they have all the required items to print your permit when you are approved.
    - Hours are from 8:00 to 3:00 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and from 8:00 to 12:00 on every other Thursday
    - The Sheriff’s Office can only service 10 to 14 of our students on Tuesday afternoon before they have to close the office. If you are flexible on your travel arrangements, you may want to plan on going in on Wednesday morning.
    - It takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes to process each person at this time, so plan accordingly.
    - The Sheriff’s substation in Pahrump is located at 1520 East Basin Rd. (Go to the third traffic light (Basin) in Pahrump, and turn right. Approximately three blocks up on the left is the Nye County Courthouse. The Sheriff’s substation is a separate building on the far side of the Courthouse from Basin.
- For Florida, you will need to get fingerprinted by any law enforcement agency. Front Sight cannot take fingerprints for your Florida application.
- Your Utah application will be ready to go in the pre-addressed mailing envelope you will receive with your application.

What if I didn’t bring money orders? You will be provided with mailing envelopes for Nevada, Utah and Florida applications, so you can purchase money orders at your convenience. Utah also accepts credit cards. The Nye County Sheriff’s Office only takes Money Orders or Cashier’s Checks.

Front Sight does not sell money orders, but they are available in Pahrump if you are planning on applying for a Nevada permit in person at the Nye County Sheriff’s Office.

- Money orders are available in Pahrump at numerous locations including:
  - Wal-Mart Superstore on Hwy 160. Open 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. (Follow Hwy 160 into Pahrump, through the 2nd traffic light. Wal-Mart is on the left.)
  - You will also be passing by a Bank of America and a Wells Fargo Bank on Hwy 160 as you are headed to the NCSO.

Who do I make the money orders out to?
For a Nevada CCW:

- *Non-resident* applications that are mailed - **$97.50**, made payable to “Nye County Sheriff’s Office” (NCSO). (Must appear in person to pick up permit when approved if you mail in your application.)
- *Non-resident and Nye County residents* going to the NCSO - **$97.50** when appearing in person at the Nye County Sheriff’s Office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 8:00 and 3:00 or every other Thursday between 8:00 and 12:00. (Permit mailed when approved.)
- *If you are a Nevada resident, but not a Nye County resident*, you will go to the designated agency for the county in which you reside (usually the Sheriff’s Office, or Las Vegas Metro PD for Clark County). (Permit mailed from them when approved.)
- Fingerprint are taken electronically at the Sheriff’s Office along with your digital photograph and electronic copy of your signature.
- Renewals before expiration date = **$62.50**
- Renewals up to six months AFTER expiration date = Call for fee
- Permits expired more than six months require a new application

For a Utah CCW:

- **$51** made payable to “Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification” (Utah BCI). You will be taking your Utah application with you so you can purchase the money order later if you wish.
- Utah will also accept Visa, Master Card, or personal checks

For a Florida CCW:

- **$112** made payable to the “Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs”. You will be taking your Florida application with you so you can purchase the money order later if you wish.

**What if I live in Nevada, but not in Nye County?** We will sign page 3 of your Nevada CCW application stating you have had the required training, but you will still have to complete the process with the sheriff or law enforcement agency in your county of residence. *Should your agency have any questions on whether or not we are authorized to teach Nevada CCW classes, have them contact the Nye County Sheriff’s Office at the Pahrump substation, NOT Tonopah.*

**How long will it take to get my permits?** Securing a CCW permit is a lengthy, bureaucratic process. Florida and Utah can take up to two to three months or longer, while Nevada can take up to four months. Utah tries to get their permits out within 60 days of processing your payment, but they have run over 90 days if they receive a high volume of applications.

**Does Utah require a copy of my State’s CCW?** As of 04/01/2011, Utah now requires you to submit a copy of your State’s permit ONLY IF your State recognizes Utah’s permit. As of 01/01/2012, Utah renewals will also have to submit a copy of their State’s permit if their State recognizes Utah’s permit.
**How do I receive my Florida and Utah permits?** The permits are mailed directly to you. Similarly, if you are a Nevada resident, or you went to the NCSO to be fingerprinted and photographed, your Nevada CCW will be mailed to you.

**How do I receive my Nevada permit if I mail in my application?** You will be notified by letter that the permit is ready. Then you must pick up the permit in person at the Nye County Sheriff’s Office in Pahrump, Nevada.

**How many handguns may I qualify with for my Nevada CCW?** Utah and Florida do not require a weapons qualification test, and their permits, like Nevada’s, are not weapon specific. You qualify for the Nevada, Utah and Florida permits with any handgun, even a rental, by just attending the two or four day Defensive Handgun Course and lectures, plus the follow-on CCW course including passing the Nevada Qualification Test.

**What if I want to qualify with a different weapon than what I used for the Defensive Handgun course?** All three states require you to demonstrate safe weapons handling and competency. We therefore require that you use the SAME weapon that you used for your Defensive Handgun course, as you have had plenty of practice using it during your time on the ranges.

**Do I need a concealment garment for the CCW Course?** No. Do not bring a fanny pack, shoulder holster, ankle holster, purse holster, etc. Although these are common forms of concealed carry, they are not suitable for safe range use.

**How much ammunition do I need?** You will need 30 rounds for your weapon.

**Do I need a holster and magazine pouches?** Yes. You should be geared up the same as you were for each day on the range during your course.

**How difficult are the written and shooting tests to get my Nevada CCW?** They are very simple. Very few people have difficulty passing the tests.

**Do I need to qualify with the ammunition I intend to carry?** No. You may qualify with any factory-made, full-metal jacket or jacketed hollow point ammunition.

**Where can I go for more information?** On the World Wide Web, the following URLs will be helpful when seeking additional, current information about various state laws:


FL: [http://licgweb.doacs.state.fl.us/weapons/index.html](http://licgweb.doacs.state.fl.us/weapons/index.html)


[www.handgunlaw.us](http://www.handgunlaw.us) [www.carryconcealed.net](http://www.carryconcealed.net) [www.usacarry.com](http://www.usacarry.com) [www.usconcealedcarry.com](http://www.usconcealedcarry.com) Open Carry Information: [www.opencarry.org](http://www.opencarry.org)

You can also visit State Attorney General’s Office websites, or contact them by phone when seeking information about that State’s laws regarding concealed carry.