INSTRUCTIONS: APPLYING FOR A CONCEALED WEAPON LICENSE

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) is prohibited by law from providing information about the status of an application, even to the applicant. PLEASE DO NOT CALL WITH THESE INQUIRIES. Information on application processing times, test administrators, completing the form, Class 1 and Class 2 testing requirements, and more is available on the Concealed Weapon License page at www.attorneygeneral.nd.gov. To avoid delays processing your application, DOUBLE-CHECK THE FORM & ATTACHMENTS BEFORE SUBMITTING TO THE BCI.

AGE: You must be at least 21 to apply for a Class 1 license, or at least 18 to apply for a Class 2 license.

RESIDENCY: Residency is determined by your driver’s license or state-issued identification card. You must be (a) a resident of North Dakota, OR (b) a resident of a state that recognizes non-resident ND licenses, OR (c) active duty military stationed in ND. Reciprocity information is on the Concealed Weapon License page at www.attorneygeneral.nd.gov.

APPLICATIONS: Complete the application online at www.attorneygeneral.nd.gov. Applications must be properly completed, signed and dated, with all required documentation. You must disclose ALL offenses, EVEN if the charges were later dismissed. Incomplete/unsigned applications will be returned. Applications submitted to the BCI must be postmarked within 30 days of testing. List your permanent residence address (not PO Box) and mailing address (if different).

APPLICATION FEE: A non-refundable application processing fee of $60.00 payable to ND Attorney General must be included with your application.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Certified check or money order only. No cash/personal checks. No joint payments. Write your name on the certified check/money order.

CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSE TESTING: ALL new applicants must complete the open-book test. In addition, applicants for a Class 1 license must (1) attend classroom instruction, (2) demonstrate familiarity with the firearm, AND (3) successfully complete the proficiency (shooting) test. All classroom instruction and testing must be completed within the State of North Dakota and cannot be held in conjunction with instruction or testing for any other state. No additional testing is required of currently licensed ND law enforcement officers. The testing cannot be waived for any other applicant.

TESTING FEES: A test administrator can charge a maximum of $50.00 (plus applicable range fees). The test administrator must provide to each applicant, at no additional charge, a complete copy of the current Concealed Weapon License Manual (July 2017) for the applicant to keep.

RENEWAL: No additional testing is required to renew a valid Class 2 license. In order to renew a Class 1 license, applicant must repeat ALL required testing (see above). An expired license cannot be renewed; applicant must start over as a new applicant (including all required testing).

INVALID APPLICATIONS: An application is invalid if it is (a) submitted more than 30 days after completion of required testing, (b) a renewal submitted outside the renewal period or after the expiration of an existing license, or (c) an application form issued prior to 03/2019. Invalid applications cannot be processed; applicant must restart the application process, including all testing.

PHOTOS: Applicant must remove sunglasses, prescription eyewear, hats, and other headgear. No uniforms. Passport photos only. Print name on back of photos.

WHAT MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION:

☐ ALL NEW AND RENEWING APPLICANTS: Attach (1) Two passport photos; (2) a copy of your state-issued driver’s license, and (3) the non-refundable application processing fee. Photos are not required when upgrading a current Class 2 to a Class 1.

☐ NEW Applicants: You also must submit two fingerprint cards. Contact law enforcement or a test administrator. Fingerprints are not required for renewal of same class license or when upgrading a current Class 2 to a Class 1.

☐ NON-ND RESIDENT Applicants from Reciprocal states: You must attach a copy of a valid concealed carry license from your home state. If you do not have one, or your state is not reciprocal with ND, you are not eligible for a ND concealed weapon license.

☐ Active Duty Military only: Attach a copy of your PCS orders to ND. You are not required to have a concealed carry permit in your home state.

☐ Any applicant born outside the United States: You must be a legal resident of the US. If you were born outside the United States or its territories, attach a copy of your: US-issued Born Abroad birth certificate, or Alien Registration/INS Registration documentation, or Naturalization certificate, or valid US Passport.

☐ ALL Class 1 applicants AND any applicant answering yes to Q13: You MUST also sign and date the authorization form (bottom portion of page 2).

APPLICATION PROCESSING: Applications must be submitted by MAIL. Place each application in a separate envelope (no joint or bulk submissions). The application review process takes up to 60 days from the date the BCI receives a satisfactorily completed application with all attachments. If applicant satisfies the criteria established by law, the license is issued & mailed; if not, applicant receives a denial letter.
APPLICATION FOR CONCEALED WEAPON LICENSE
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
SFN 9756 (03/2019) PREVIOUS VERSIONS ARE INVALID – DO NOT USE
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

I am applying for: I currently have a ND CWL:

☐ Class 1  ☐ Class 2  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

ND CWL Number  Expiration :

PCN (IF APPLICABLE)

Mail application & attachments to:
BCI-CWL, PO BOX 1054
BISMARCK, ND 58502-1054

Completed applications MUST be mailed.

Your application can be processed ONLY if it is properly completed, signed, dated and has all required attachments: (i) 2-passport quality photographs; (ii) a copy of your current driver’s license; (iii) a copy of valid concealed carry license from reciprocal home state (non-ND residents only); (iv) PCS orders (active duty military only); (v) 2-fingerprint cards (if applicable); (vi) documentation of status (applicants born abroad); and (vii) a cashier’s check/money order (no personal checks) for $60.00 payable to ND Attorney General. Every application must be mailed in a separate envelope with a separate fee. MAKE SURE YOU SIGN & DATE THE APPLICATION.

PRIVACY ACT NOTIFICATION: Your Social Security number is requested to permit the ND BCI to conduct a background investigation pursuant to N.D.C.C § 62.1-04-03 before the issuance of a license to carry a concealed weapon. Disclosure of your SSN is voluntary. However, not providing your SSN will result in delays or denial due to misidentification, or criminal records check requirements of other state, local, or federal agencies.

TO BE COMPLETED BY TEST ADMINISTRATOR: Please remind applicants to sign in both places, and to submit the application within 30 days of the testing date.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

If we cannot read it, we will return it. PLEASE write legibly in BLOCK letters.

NAME (LAST)                    (FIRST)                        (MIDDLE) SUFFIX

DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY AND STATE/COUNTRY)

SEX RACE HEIGHT WEIGHT EYE COLOR HAIR COLOR DRIVER’S LICENSE/ID NO.       EXPIRATION DATE STATE

RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS (NOT PO BOX)  CITY COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM STREET ADDRESS)  CITY COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE

PRIOR ADDRESS(ES) FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF MORE THAN TWO PRIOR ADDRESSES

NEW APPLICANTS: CIRCLE ALL STATES IN WHICH YOU HAVE LIVED AS AN ADULT (18 YRS. OR OLDER). RENEWAL APPLICANTS: CIRCLE ALL STATES FROM THE PAST FIVE YEARS. WRITE FOREIGN COUNTRY(IES) AND TERRITORY(IES) below:

PRESENT EMPLOYER EMPLOYER’S ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PRESENT EMPLOYER’S TELEPHONE NUMBER YOUR CURRENT OCCUPATION/JOB TITLE RETIRED □ UNEMPLOYED □
1. Have you ever RENOUNCED your United States citizenship, or are you an alien illegally in the US?  NO  YES  EXPLAIN

2. Are you currently under indictment, charged with a crime or awaiting sentencing for a crime in any court?  NO  YES  EXPLAIN, WHERE?

3. Are you a FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE?  NO  YES  EXPLAIN, WHERE?

4. Is there CURRENTLY a PROTECTION/RESTRAINING ORDER against you?  NO  YES  EXPLAIN, WHERE?  EXPIRATION?

5. Have you ever been discharged from the Armed Forces under DISHONORABLE conditions?  NO  YES  EXPLAIN & attach copy of your discharge documents

6. Have you ever had your RIGHT TO POSSESS/CARRY A FIREARM RESTORED?  NO  YES  EXPLAIN, WHERE?  WHEN?

7. Has the FBI NICS Section issued you a VOLUNTARY APPEAL FILE UPIN NUMBER?  NO  YES  EXPLAIN, ATTACH COPY OF DOCUMENTATION

8. AT ANY TIME IN YOUR LIFE, have you been arrested for, or charged with, ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSES? (This INCLUDES ANY criminal offense for which you received a DEFERRED sentence, EVEN if it was later DISMISSED.)  NO  YES  EXPLAIN

9. AS AN ADULT, have you ever been convicted of a crime involving DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, EVEN IF THE CHARGES WERE LATER REDUCED?  NO  YES  EXPLAIN

10. In the last 10 YEARS, have you been convicted of any offense involving the use of alcohol, EVEN IF the charges were reduced? (DUI, open container, public intoxication, MIP/MIC, etc.)  NO  YES  EXPLAIN

11. Are you an UNLAWFUL USER OF, OR ADDICTED TO marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic or drug, or any other controlled substance? Warning – Medical Marijuana Card Holders: Under federal law, use of medical marijuana is considered UNLAWFUL USE.  NO  YES  EXPLAIN

12. In the last 10 YEARS, have you been convicted of an offense involving marijuana, any depressant, stimulant, narcotic or drug or other controlled substance (including paraphernalia), EVEN IF THE CHARGES WERE LATER DEFERRED OR DISMISSED?  NO  YES  EXPLAIN

13. Have you EVER been ADJUDICATED MENTALLY INCOMPETENT (which includes a determination by a court, board, commission or other lawful authority that you are a danger to yourself or others or are incompetent to manage your own affairs) OR BEEN COMMITTED TO A TREATMENT FACILITY AS A PERSON REQUIRING TREATMENT?  NO  YES  EXPLAIN, FACILITY NAME, CITY and STATE:

I authorize the BCI to make inquiry into my military, police, or medical history, and to obtain copies of records if necessary for determining eligibility for a Concealed Weapons License. I certify that the answers given above are true and correct. I understand that making any false or misleading answer will result in denial of my application and may result in criminal prosecution.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT INFORMATION.

I specifically authorize the ND State Hospital & ____________________________ in ___________________________/_____, LEAVE BLANK OR PRINT THE NAME OF THE TREATMENT FACILITY, CITY and STATE to release to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) any mental health and drug/alcohol treatment records, including any evaluations and expert examination reports, social history/admission/ discharge summary, mental health and psychiatric records, for BCI to determine eligibility for a Concealed Weapons License. I SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG/ALCOHOL TREATMENT RECORDS. I understand this authorization is voluntary, and my healthcare providers and health care plan cannot condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility for benefits on whether I sign this authorization. This authorization remains in effect for five years from the date hereof unless specifically revoked by written notice to BCI or the treatment providers identified above, except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on this release. (Refer to your treatment provider’s notice of privacy practices for further information on your revocation rights.) Information disclosed pursuant to this authorization is no longer protected by HIPAA and may be re-disclosed by BCI in accordance with N.D.C.C. § 62.1-04-03(9) and as allowed or required by federal law. Information may be disclosed to BCI in any form, including orally or electronically.

APPLICANT NAME (PRINT CLEARLY)  SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER  DATE OF BIRTH  SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

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