

Maryland Wear and Carry Permit goes online

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Pikesville, MD – Maryland Residents wishing to apply for a permit to carry a firearm will find the process a little more convenient.

The Maryland State Police have announced that the application process for a Maryland Wear and Carry Permit is transitioning from a paper application to the online Licensing Portal starting on October 1.

Those applying for a Maryland Wear and Carry Permit will complete and submit the application online using a computer, phone, or tablet. The portal supports all current web browsers and operating systems.

Paper permit applications postmarked or hand delivered on or before Sept. 30 will be accepted and will be processed as per current procedures.

Applicants will need to provide the same information as before on their application. All documentation, including a photo and Livescan fingerprint receipt can be uploaded by the applicant prior to submitting the application.

Applicants will be required to have a valid email account. This will give the applicant the ability to see the most current status of their application and allow the Maryland State Police Licensing Division to send notifications, follow-up and reminder correspondence.

Applicants who already have a Licensing Portal account will not be required to create a new account. These applicants will use their current 77R Portal account login credentials to continue logging into the Licensing Portal.

The MSP reminds residents that applying for a permit is not the same as having been granted permission to carry a weapon. The application must first be approved.

Applicants must be 18 and older (though those under 21 are only granted a permit if a weapon is required for employment.)

They must also show a 'good and substantial reason' for carrying a firearm, such as working in a job where there's a threat of robbery or having a reason to fear for their life. You can learn more about the rules for applying for a [Wear and Carry Permit by clicking here](#).

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