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## **Application Packet for License to Carry a Concealed Weapon Permit (CCW)**

The Sheriff of Kings County may issue a permit to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to Section 12050(a)(1) of the California Penal Code, which states in part:

*"The Sheriff, upon proof that the person applying is of good moral character, that good cause exists for the issuance, and that the person applying satisfies any one of the conditions specified in subparagraph (D) and has completed a course of training as described in subparagraph (E), may issue to that person a license to carry a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person".*

A license may include any reasonable restrictions or conditions, which the Sheriff deems warranted, including restriction as to the time, place manner, and circumstances under which a person may carry a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person. Applicants desiring a license to carry a concealed weapon must comply with certain conditions before a license may be issued. If the conditions under which this license was granted should no longer exist, you must notify the Kings County Sheriff's Office immediately and may be required to surrender the license. A license, if issued, will not be valid outside the State of California.

Citizens who show good cause for carrying a concealed weapon may be eligible. The Sheriff, giving consideration to the reasons stated in the application, will determine good cause. Good cause may be determined by a clear and present danger to the life of, or threat of great bodily injury to, the applicant, spouse, children, or other member of the applicant's immediate family, which cannot be adequately dealt with by existing law enforcement resources, and which danger cannot be reasonably avoided by alternative measures, and which danger would be significantly mitigated by the applicant's carrying of a concealed firearm.

The applicant must complete a fully certified firearms safety and training course as described Section 26165 of the California Penal Code. The applicant shall not be required to pay for any training courses prior to the determination of good cause being made pursuant to Section 26202 of the California Penal Code.

For new license applicants, the training may be any course acceptable to the Kings County Sheriff's Office, shall not be less than four (4) hours, and shall include instruction on at least firearm safety and the law regarding the permissible use of a firearm. This training may be obtained by contacting a certified firearm instructor.

Below is a list of acceptable Firearms Safety Course providers from the local area. This list is furnished as a courtesy and is not intended to be a complete list of all acceptable firearms safety course providers:

1. Chuck "Doc" Wynn (559) 582-5881
2. College of the Sequoias (559) 730-3712
3. Daniel Manser (559) 741-3774
4. Herb Bauer Sporting Goods (559) 435-8600  
John Lewis (559) 349-3833
5. Premier Tactical Training (559) 779-7742
6. S.A.F.E. (559) 636-3169
7. The Range (559) 277-9800

For the firearms safety and training course, the applicant must furnish his/her own firearm(s) and ammunition. The weapon(s) shall be the weapon(s) to be listed on the license.

The Sheriff will give written notice to each Concealed Weapons License applicant indicating that the license is either approved or denied within ninety (90) days of acceptance of a completed application packet or within thirty (30) days after receipt of the applicant's criminal background check from the California Department of Justice, whichever is later.

If the application is denied, the applicant will be so advised in writing within ninety (90) days and the application fees are **not** refundable.

### **Applying for a CCW Permit through the Kings County Sheriff's Office**

To help you determine if you are applying to the correct agency for a Concealed Carry Weapon Permit, please answer the following questions:

#### **1. Are you a resident in Kings County?**

If your answer is yes, please proceed to the next question.

If your answer is no, please contact the appropriate Police Department/ Sheriff's Office of the city/county in which you reside.

**2. Do you reside within the city limits of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford or Lemoore?**

If your answer is no and you reside in the unincorporated area of Kings County, please proceed to the next question.

If your answer is yes, pursuant to California Penal Code 12050 (B), please contact the Police Department of the city in which you reside. If your application is denied by your local police department, you may then be eligible to apply with the Kings County Sheriff.

**3. Are you employed with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in a custody position?**

If your answer is no, please proceed to the next question.

If your answer is yes, please contact your supervisor. The warden of the institution at which you work will administer your request.

**4. Are you active military or a military dependent?**

If your answer is no, you may be eligible to submit a completed application packet to the Kings County Sheriff's Office.

If your answer is yes, you may be eligible to submit a completed application packet to the Kings County Sheriff's Office. Your packet must include a letter from your Commanding Officer stating their awareness of your application and a comment regarding any policy which may affect your ability to carry a concealed weapon while working.

**OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

All applicants must meet the following minimum requirements to be eligible to submit an application packet to the Kings County Sheriff's Office for a license to carry a concealed weapon.

1. Must be at least 21 years of age.
2. Be of good moral character.
3. Submit to being fingerprinted.
4. Withstand a vigorous background investigation.
5. Have no felony convictions. Misdemeanor convictions will be looked at on a case by case basis.
6. Must not be addicted to alcohol or any narcotic drug.
7. Must not have a history of mental illness.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION PACKET**

Complete the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Standard Application for License to Carry a Concealed Weapon (CCW) answering all pertinent questions **including Section 7**. If a question is not applicable, answer with N/A.

**Do not sign the application. Your witnessed signature on the application will take place at the time of your interview at the Kings County Sheriff's Office.**

A complete application packet will include:

- \_\_\_\_\_ The DOJ Standard Application for License to Carry a Concealed Weapon (CCW)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Three (3) letters of character reference
- \_\_\_\_\_ A letter from your employer verifying their awareness of your application and a comment regarding any company policy which may affect your ability to carry a concealed weapon while working (if applicable)

If you have any questions, or to schedule an appointment to return your completed application packet, please call the Sheriff's Office at (559) 852-2795.

The interview the Kings County Sheriff's Office will include:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A review of the application packet for completeness and a determination of eligibility
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signing of the application by the applicant and witness
- \_\_\_\_\_ An inspection of the weapon(s) to be listed on the permit. The weapon(s) must be empty of all ammunition and transported in a locked box or bag
- \_\_\_\_\_ The applicant must provide proof of ownership and registration of the weapon(s) to be listed on the permit. The weapon(s) must be registered to the applicant or the applicant's spouse

\_\_\_\_\_ The applicant must provide proof of completion of a fully certified firearms safety and training course with a minimum of four (4) hours of training before the concealed carry weapons permit will be issued. The applicant shall not be required to pay for or complete the training course prior to the determination of good cause being made, pursuant to Section 26202 of the California Penal Code

\_\_\_\_\_ Remittance of the DOJ and county application fees in the amount of one hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$134.00) in cash or check payable to the Kings County Sheriff's Office (credit/debit cards are not accepted)

\_\_\_\_\_ LiveScan fingerprinting of the applicant

\_\_\_\_\_ Photographing of the applicant for the permit and the file

\_\_\_\_\_ A review of the following information with the applicant by the interviewer:

A license is revocable at any time and subject to restrictions and conditions at the discretion of the Sheriff. Any violations of the following conditions may result in the license being revoked by the Kings County Sheriff's Office:

- Except for self-defense, never draw or exhibit a weapon in the presence of any other person, whether loaded or unloaded, in a rude, angry or threatening manner, or in any manner deemed to be unlawful.
- The weapon must at all times be concealed and as inconspicuous as possible.
- Never boast of having a Concealed Weapon License or of having a concealed weapon in your possession.
- Never carry a weapon or have it in your immediate possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Never carry a weapon in any manner which would be in violation of the law.
- Never violate of the restrictions on the permit

**Pursuant to the ruling of the California Supreme Court in CBS v. Block, information contained in the application may be released to the general public and/or news media, except as otherwise provided by law. Reasonable efforts will be made to notify those holding permits prior to the release of the information.**

To apply for a Concealed Carry Weapons Permit with the Kings County Sheriff's Office, you may complete the California DOJ Standard Application for License to Carry a Concealed Weapon (CCW) online form at:

[http://www.countyofkings.com/sheriff/docs/CCW\\_Application.pdf](http://www.countyofkings.com/sheriff/docs/CCW_Application.pdf)

OR

an application may be picked up from the Sheriff's Administration Office at:

Kings County Sheriff's Office  
1444 W. Lacey Blvd.  
Hanford, CA 93230

