Firearms Purchasing Permits & I.D. Cards

The State of New Jersey has instituted a new online firearms application and registration system (F.A.R.S.). Now, when applying for a firearms purchase permit and/or firearms ID card, the entire application is online. Have your driver’s license (D.L.), Social Security Number (S.S.N.) and State Bureau of Investigation (S.B.I.) numbers ready. Simply click on the below link and follow the instructions.

Edison O.R.I. Number - NJ0120500

CLICK HERE TO BEGIN APPLICATION

Applicants: Please make sure of the accuracy and completeness of any information you enter on the application. Only “Official Names” can be used. You cannot utilize simplified versions such as “Joe” for “Joseph”. References are contacted by email so be sure the email addresses you enter are accurate, including your own, as this is the email address you will receive your confirmation number and status updates through. Applicants will have an opportunity to review all the entered information before clicking “submit”. After clicking “submit”, you will receive a “Confirmation Number”. Please record this number or print the page. The confirmation number is how we will track the application and be able to answer any questions you may have. When we are able to receive online payments for our fees, you will need to enter the confirmation number so that we can assign payments received to a specific application. Currently we only accept cash.

In order to process the application, we must receive the permit and/or ID card fees prior to proceeding with the application as per New Jersey Administrative Code N.J.A.C. 13:54. The fees have remained the same ($2.00 per pistol purchase permit and $5.00 for a Firearms I.D. Card). These fees are still collected by Records personnel at Police Headquarters and are non-refundable. Until such time that an online means of payment can be received by the town, this step is required and must take place before we can move forward and begin to process any firearms related applications. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Applicants who have lived out of the State of New Jersey in last ten years must submit a written mental health consent form. The NJ forms are available at Edison Police Records Department, Edison Township Web site and the New Jersey State Police web site. Some states may need State Specific forms; the applicant is responsible for this information and obtaining those forms.

If you have been fingerprinted in the past for firearms and have a State Bureau of Investigation (S.B.I.) number you just need to enter your S.B.I. number in the appropriate field. Your S.B.I. number appears on your current Firearms I.D. Card.

If this is your first time applying and/or you have no S.B.I. number, you will need to be fingerprinted. The new online system, (F.A.R.S.), will auto-fill a form for you to take with you to get fingerprinted. The information on where to go is on the form. You will need a printer.

For the time being, the Police Department will still be accepting typed or neatly written paper applications during the Record Bureau’s posted business hours. The paper applications can be picked up along with the instructions at Police Headquarters
preferably during the Record business hours. Paper applications will inherently take longer due to the mailing and receiving of reference letters. F.A.R.S. was designed to expedite and track the entire process and we urge our residents to use the online system. We will be phasing out paper applications in the not-too-distant future.

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When an applicant receives a notification that they are approved, that does not mean that the hard copy permit(s) and/or I.D. Card is/are ready. These documents still require an authorized signature to be valid. Records personnel will contact you when these documents have been prepared and signed off on. Please bring proper identification with you when picking these items up.

If an applicant receives a notification that they are denied, they can contact Police Records personnel to inquire. If not satisfied, denials are appealed at the county level at the Middlesex County Superior Court.

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Applications for Firearms Carry Permits are only accepted in person in paper form as before.