



Rhode Island Handgun Safety Certification Process

Any citizen of the United States and/or lawful resident of this state who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, and any nonresident member of the United States armed forces, may apply to purchase a pistol or revolver. At the time of application to purchase a pistol or revolver, among other requirements, the applicant must present to the dealer a Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) Pistol/Revolver Safety Certificate (“blue card”). The blue card is **not equivalent** to the Concealed Carry Permit.

The blue card certifies that the applicant has successfully passed the State’s requisite safety exam. Active military personnel are not required to take the safety exam and may acquire a blue card by presenting their active military identification card at either the RIDEM Division of Fish & Wildlife Great Swamp Field Headquarters at 277 Great Neck Road, West Kingston, R.I. or the RIDEM Headquarters at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, R.I. The exam does not have a fee, and is administered at RIDEM-approved firearms dealers and sporting clubs throughout the state.

The 50-question exam is comprised of multiple choice and true-or-false type questions based on information contained in the study booklet entitled “*Today’s Handgun Safety Basics*” and [Rhode Island Firearms Laws](#). This booklet is available at participating firearm vendors or by emailing the RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife at DEM.DFW@dem.ri.gov, or by calling 401-789-0281. The examination is available in Spanish.

After completion of the exam, it will be sent by the vendor to the RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife for processing. A score of 80 points or higher is required to pass. More than two (2) cross-off, self-corrections on the test will result in an automatic fail. In the event of a failing score, a notice of failure will be sent instead of a blue card.

The tests are typically processed within one business day after being received from the vendor. It can take a few weeks to travel in the mail. To ensure the quickest possible processing time, please be sure to print your name and mailing address clearly, in block letters on the test answer sheet. Be sure to include an apartment or floor number if applicable.

Records of blue card tests are not kept longer than a month to protect the participants’ privacy. If a blue card is lost, the test must be retaken, and a new card issued. Blue cards can be laminated to prevent damage. To replace a worn blue card, contact the RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife.

A Rhode Island Hunter Education Course Card (“orange card”) issued by the RIDEM Division of Fish & Wildlife Hunter Education Program can be used in lieu of a blue card to purchase a handgun (RIGL §11-47-35). The Hunter Education Course Card is proof of successful completion of a R.I. Hunter Safety Course required of hunters. Click on the [RI Hunter Education Program](#) for information about the Rhode Island Hunter Education Program.

Rhode Island Handgun Safety Certification Testing Locations 2020

Testing Location	Address	Town	Telephone
Wallum Lake Rod and Gun Club	200 Brook Road	Burrillville, Harrisville	401-639-9179
Mid-State Gun Company	1200 Tiogue Avenue	Coventry	401-615-0669
Rhode Island Gunworks	15 Sandy Bottom Road, Unit 3	Coventry	401-828-1000
Continental Arms	1065 Park Avenue	Cranston	401-943-2137
On Target Firearms	1 Gray Birch Drive	Cranston	401-474-7720
Post Road Guns	2158 Plainsfield Pike #4	Cranston	401-464-8228
Cumberland Beagle Club	425 Nate Whipple Hwy	Cumberland	401-658-5218
Massasoit Gun Club		East Providence	401-580-0770
Firearms Unlimited	345 Nooseneck Hill Road	Exeter	401-397-4867
Shanbri Arms	332 South County Trail	Exeter	401-295-5121
Route 6 Outpost	52 Danielson Pike	Foster	401-647-4867
Steve's Gun Shop	66 Central Pike	Foster	401-647-2737
Tri-town Rod and Gun	45 Plainfield Pike	Foster	401-864-4011
Practical Defense Tactics	117 Gold Mine Road	Glocester, Chepachet	401-868-4703



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Big Bear (Ocean State Tactical)	401 Putnum Pike	Glocester, Harmony	401-949-0339
Highland Rod & Gun Club		Hope	401-219-0871
Hope Valley Bait and Tackle		Hopkinton, Hope Valley	401-539-2757
Ure Outfitters	1009 Main Street	Hopkinton, Hope Valley	401-539-4050
6 Guys Firearms RI	2949 Hartford Avenue	Johnston	860-692-0058
Cranston Fish & Game		Johnston	401-934-0911
A & M Tactical	10 Coddington Hwy	Middletown	401-619-5620
Newport Rifle Club	360 Wyatt Rd	Middletown	401-847-5678
Cranston Gun & Coin	6595 Post Road	North Kingstown	401-885-8474
Kane Corporation	1028 Boston Neck Road	North Kingstown	401-295-0642
Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle	4019 Quaker Lane	North Kingstown	401-294-9642
MTR Machining Inc.	229 Quaker Highway	North Smithfield	401-766-0200
Competition Shooting	435 Benefit Street	Pawtucket	401-727-1716
Lost Treasures	242 Middle Street	Pawtucket	401-475-5667
Island Gun Shop	1678 East Main Road Unit 17	Portsmouth	401-683-1418
RI Dept. of Environmental Management (Temporarily Unavailable)	235 Promenade Street, Permit Application Center, 2nd Floor	Providence	401-222-4700x7265
The Sporting Shoppe	87 Kingstown Road	Richmond	401-247-4867
Smithfield Sportsman's Club	PO Box 386 @ 14 Walter Carey Rd	Smithfield, Greenville	401-231-9883
Peace Dale Shooting Preserve	130 Pearls Way	South Kingstown	401-789-3730
Freedom Sports and Arms	236 High Street	South Kingstown, Wakefield	401-782-1140
Sakonnet River Outfitters	777 Main Road	Tiverton	401-816-0815
Tiverton Rod & Gun		Tiverton	401-624-3859
East Warren Rod & Gun	24 Long Lane	Warren	401-245-5763
Personal Security Consultants	305 Market Street	Warren	401-829-9249
D&L Shooting	3314 West Shore Road	Warwick	401-738-1889
Heritage Gun & Coin (2 nd location)	1287 Post Road	Warwick	N/A
Rhode Island Guns & Ammo	1175 Post Road	Warwick	401-437-6976
Gendron's Pawn and Loan	225 Cowesett Avenue	West Warwick	401-821-2001
Heritage Gun and Coin	250 Cowesett Ave, #4 and 5	West Warwick	401-826-0000
Fancywood Farm (SIRT Training)		Westerly, Ashaway	401-377-8184
Bullseye Shooting Supplies	837 Park Avenue	Woonsocket	401-766-4409
Fastrack Firearms	159 Stoneham Dr	Woonsocket	401-258-1727
Flint Armament	125 Harrison Avenue	Woonsocket	401-265-0944



Rhode Island Firearms Law

The following is a summary of the more important provisions of the Rhode Island law on handguns. If you have any doubt or question about the meaning, read the law and consult with competent legal counsel.

- You cannot purchase a handgun or handgun ammunition unless you are 21 years of age or older.
- There is a seven-day waiting period before purchasing a handgun.
- Committing a crime of violence while armed can lead to a prison sentence of five (5) years in addition to the sentence of the crime.
- Convicted criminals cannot legally own a firearm; nor can mental incompetents, drug addicts or habitual drunkards.
- You do not need a license to transport a handgun to and from your home or place of business to a bonafide target range if it is broken down; unload and carry as open as circumstances will permit. Handguns can also be transported to and from a bonafide target range secured in a separate container suitable for the purpose. You can obtain a license to carry a concealed weapon by applying to the State Attorney General or local police chief by demonstrating you have need. You must be at least 21 years of age and qualify on a target range.

Note: A handgun transported openly is still considered to be concealed if it is not being transported from home or a place of business to and from a bonafide target range.

- You cannot alter the serial number of any firearm.
- All gunshot wounds must be reported to the police immediately.

State laws can be found under Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) TITLE 11, Chapter 11-47.

Please visit the following website for further information:

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE11/11-47/INDEX.HTM>