

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF FIREARMS
Personal Firearms Eligibility Check Application**

Application Instructions

Personal Firearms Eligibility Check Application Submission Requirements:

- The application must be complete and \$20.00 fee submitted. Please type or print clearly in blue or black ink.
- The applicant's right thumbprint impression must be provided on the application and **must** be of fingerprint identification quality.
- You **must** include a photocopy of your California driver license or California identification card. If you are a non-U.S. citizen, you **must** also provide a copy of your Alien Registration or I-94 card.
- The Personal Firearms Eligibility Check (PFEC) fee is \$20. Please submit a check or money order payable to the Department of Justice. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**
- The application **must** be notarized by a licensed California Notary Public. To find a Notary Public in your area, please consult your telephone directory. Also, many website search engines provide area searches for notaries public.
- Please be advised that federal law does not authorize a check of the National Instant Criminal History Background Check System (NICS) as part of a Personal Firearms Eligibility Check (PFEC). Therefore, the results of a PFEC might indicate that you are eligible to possess and purchase firearms but you could still be prohibited based on information in a federal database that the California Department of Justice was not authorized to check.

The Department of Justice will make every effort to process PFECs within 30 days, however, please allow 90 to 120 days for the processing of your application. You will be notified by U.S. mail.

Mail completed application package and fee to the following address:

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