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Issuing authority	Maryland State Police — Licensing Division
Minimum age	21 years old (18 for active/retired law enforcement and military)
Residency	Maryland residency OR out-of-state with a Maryland business license, qualifying employment, or specific approved purpose
Training hours	16 hours (classroom + live-fire qualification)
Application fee	\$75 (initial application)
Fingerprint fee	Approx. \$50–\$70 (state and FBI fingerprints)
Renewal cycle	\$50 (every 3 years)
Processing time	60 to 90 days, typical

QUALIFICATION

Marksmanship qualification with the firearm to be carried, conducted by an MSP-certified instructor

DISQUALIFIERS

- Felony conviction or conviction for a crime of violence
- Convicted of a misdemeanor with a sentence of more than 1 year
- Habitual drunkard or addicted to a controlled dangerous substance
- Under 21 (unless qualifying exception applies)
- Subject to a protective order
- Adjudicated mentally ill

WHAT TO BRING

- Valid government-issued photo ID
- Completed MSP application package
- Proof of training (provided upon course completion)
- Fingerprint receipt and 2 passport photos

- Eye and ear protection (range)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Maryland is a 'good and substantial reason' state but qualifying reasons have been expanded post-Bruen. Concealed carry is allowed in most places; sensitive places (schools, government buildings, etc.) are off-limits.

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Duration: 16 hours · Level: Beginner

Tuition: **\$175** · Certification: Maryland State Police HWCP-Approved Certificate of Completion

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