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Issuing authority	New Jersey State Police / Local Chief of Police
Minimum age	21 years old
Residency	New Jersey resident OR nonresident with NJ business or employment necessitating carry
Training hours	16 hours (classroom + live-fire qualification)
Application fee	\$200 (state fee)
Fingerprint fee	Approx. \$66.55 (IdentoGO)
Renewal cycle	Every 2 years
Processing time	60 to 120 days, typical

QUALIFICATION

Must qualify with each handgun listed on the permit at a state-approved course of fire (80% qualification required)

DISQUALIFIERS

- Felony or indictable offense conviction
- Domestic violence conviction or restraining order
- Adjudicated mentally ill
- Drug or alcohol abuse history
- Habitually drunk
- Under 21 years of age

WHAT TO BRING

- Valid government-issued photo ID
- NJ Firearms Purchaser Identification Card (FPIC)
- Two passport photos
- Three character references
- Application packet (SP-642 form)

- Eye and ear protection (range)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Following Bruen, NJ no longer requires 'justifiable need.' However, sensitive-place restrictions remain extensive. NJ-resident applicants must apply through their local police chief; non-residents apply to the NJ State Police.

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Duration: 16 hours · Level: Beginner

Tuition: **\$195** · Certification: NJ State Police PCH Training Certificate

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