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**Firearm Reciprocity Agreements** 03,

In 1995, the Pennsylvania General Assembly gave the Attorney General the authority to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania currently has formal written reciprocity agreements with fourteen states that recognize a valid license to carry firearms issued by Pennsylvania. Conversely, Pennsylvania recognizes valid firearm carry licenses/permits from those states. In addition to the 14 formal agreements, other forms of reciprocity are applicable. 03,

[Carrying Firearms in Pennsylvania - Frequently asked questions \(by the Pennsylvania State Police\)](#) 03,

Note: It has come to the attention of the Office of Attorney General that there has been confusion over the applicability of Pennsylvania's reciprocal privileges with regard to the residency status of an individual who has been issued a valid license/permit. It is the position of the Office of Attorney General that recognition within Pennsylvania is based on the issuance to an individual of a valid license/permit by the reciprocal contracting state, and not on the license/permit holder's place of residence.

**Categories of Firearms Reciprocity**

Under Pennsylvania law, there are six categories of firearms reciprocity status.

Category 1: States that have entered into written reciprocity agreements with Pennsylvania. (Title 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 6109(k))

The following states have entered into formal written reciprocity agreements with Pennsylvania under section 6109(k) of the Uniform Firearms Act. These agreements provide for reciprocal recognition of valid licenses/permits issued by both states. Recognition in Pennsylvania is based on the individual's issuance of a valid license/permit by the reciprocal contracting state, and not on the license/permit holder's place of residence.

A list of these states and links to their firearms laws is provided below, along with the text of the agreements:

- Alaska  
[Read Pennsylvania's Firearm Reciprocity Agreement with Alaska](#)  
[Read Alaska's official information on gun laws](#)
- **Arizona**  
[Read Pennsylvania's Firearm Reciprocity Agreement with Arizona](#)  
[Read Arizona's official information on gun laws](#)
- Arkansas  
[Read Pennsylvania's Firearm Reciprocity Agreement with Arkansas](#)  
[Read Arkansas' official information on gun laws](#)
- Florida  
[Read Pennsylvania's Firearm Reciprocity Agreement with Florida](#)  
[Review Florida's official information on gun laws](#)



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- Georgia  
[Read Pennsylvania's Firearm Reciprocity Agreement with Georgia](#)  
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- Kentucky  
[Read Pennsylvania's Firearm Reciprocity Agreement with Kentucky](#)  
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- Michigan  
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- New Hampshire  
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[Read Pennsylvania's Firearm Reciprocity Agreement with Virginia](#)  
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- West Virginia  
[Read Pennsylvania's Firearm Reciprocity Agreement with West Virginia \(Updated July 27, 2009\)](#)  
[Review West Virginia's official information on gun laws](#)
- Wyoming  
[Read Pennsylvania's Firearm Reciprocity Agreement with Wyoming](#)  
[Review Wyoming's official information on gun laws](#)

Category 2: States that have statutory reciprocity under 6106(b)(15) of the Uniform Firearms Act.

The following states have been granted statutory reciprocity without a formal written agreement under 6106(b)(15), based on the determination of the Attorney General that the other state has granted reciprocity to Pennsylvania license holders, and that the other state's laws governing firearms are similar.

- Colorado
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Louisiana
- Montana
- North Dakota
- Utah

Category 3: Unilateral reciprocity granted by another state for Pennsylvania license holders.

This category encompasses states which allow an individual issued a valid concealed firearm license from Pennsylvania to carry a firearm while in those respective states.

Category 4: Pennsylvanians may apply for a license/permit from another state ("Application states").

- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Washington

Category 5: State does not recognize or grant licenses/permits to individuals from another state, currently does not extend reciprocal privileges to Pennsylvania license holders, or has not indicated current status.

- Alabama
- California
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Wisconsin

Category 6: Carry permitted without license/permit.

- Vermont

\*\*Vermont allows possession or carrying of a concealed firearm without a license/permit.

Please be aware that the information on this page is subject to change based on the most recent developments in the various states and territories. If you are aware of changes in any of the information above, please contact the Office of Attorney General so that our information may be revised appropriately. If you plan to travel to another state it is recommended that you contact the proper authority within that state in order to verify what, if any, additional requirements or restrictions apply under state or federal law.

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