

# Identification Requirements for Purchasing a Firearm in Virginia

Virginia's has differing requirements regarding the identification necessary to purchase a firearm, depending on whether or not you are a Virginia resident or non-resident; and whether or not the firearm you are purchasing is classified as an "assault rifle" [sic] by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## VIRGINIA RESIDENTS

Virginia residents must present a Primary Identification at the time of transfer. See below for acceptable forms of Primary Identification. If you are purchasing an "assault rifle" [sic], you must also provide proof of U.S. Citizenship (see below).

## NON-VIRGINIA RESIDENTS

Non-Virginia residents must present both a Primary and Secondary Identification at the time of transfer. See below for acceptable forms of Primary and Secondary Identifications. If you are purchasing an "assault rifle" [sic], you must also provide proof of U.S. Citizenship (see below). When a non-Virginia resident purchases a firearm in Virginia, it is required that the laws of BOTH states be followed; including any waiting periods required by the purchaser's state of residence. Thus, it may be impossible or impractical to make a transfer to a non-Virginia resident depending on the purchaser's state of residence and/or they type of firearm they wish to purchase.

## PRIMARY IDENTIFICATION

Must be a photo identification issued by a government agency of your home state, that indicates your name, street address (no PO boxes), sex, and date of birth. If you are using a driver's license, then the license may not have been issued within the past 30 days.

## SECONDARY IDENTIFICATION

The secondary identification must have your name and your address. Both your name and your address must be identical to that as the primary identification. All secondary forms of identification must be current/valid. Acceptable forms of secondary identification include:

- ⤴ State-issued concealed carry permit
- ⤴ Voter registration card
- ⤴ Lease
- ⤴ Tax bill
- ⤴ Bank statement
- ⤴ Utility bill
- ⤴ Vehicle registration
- ⤴ Hunting or Fishing license

## PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP

To purchase any firearm classified in Virginia as an "assault rifle" [sic] you must establish citizenship. There are exceptions to this citizenship requirement; but CGI Guns & Training will not transfer any firearm classified by the Commonwealth of Virginia as an "assault rifle" [sic] to a non-U.S. citizen. Acceptable documents that establish U.S. citizenship include:

- ⤴ Voter registration card

- ⤴ Current U.S. Passport
- ⤴ Certified copy of birth certificate
- ⤴ Certified certificate of birth abroad issued by the U.S. State Department
- ⤴ Certificate of naturalization issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

### **HANDGUNS, RECEIVERS, AND AOWs\***

Handguns may only be transferred in the purchaser's home state of residence. You may *purchase* a handgun in another state, but you cannot take possession of it at the point of purchase. You must make arrangements to have the handgun transferred through a licensed firearms dealer in the state of purchase to a licensed firearm dealer in your home state of residence. The dealer in your state of residence will perform the required background check and execute the necessary transfer paperwork.

Receivers and AOWs\* are treated as handguns for the purposes of purchase and transfer. If you are a Virginia resident, you must meet the eligibility requirements to purchase a handgun. For non-residents, the AOW must be transferred to a licensed dealer in their state of residence to complete the transfer.

\* The BATFE has a classification of certain firearms as "Any Other Weapon (AOW)". These are firearms that do not fit into the standard legal definitions of rifle, shotgun, handgun, machinegun, etc. The most common type of AOW encountered is a shotgun with a pistol grip and no shoulder stock. Since it is not designed to be fired from the shoulder (a requirement for the legal definition of shotgun), does not have a rifled barrel (a legal requirement for a handgun), and other particulars pertaining to size, it does not fit either legal definition, and is thus an "AOW".

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