

# **GUNS OF THE GOLDEN WEST ASSOCIATION**

## **Licensing and Firearms Guide**

### **Licensing**

As of 2007, Firearms Licences and permits fall under the jurisdiction of the RCMP in Canada. To obtain a Firearms Licence in Canada, individuals need to complete the appropriate safety training courses and exams (or complete a successful challenge), and send an application for a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) (form CAFC 921) to the Canada Firearms Centre with a copy of their safety course completion forms. Licence applications take approximately 6 to 8 weeks for the Canadian Firearms Centre to process.

### **Canada Firearms Centre Information**

The Canada Firearms Centre is the starting point for finding detailed firearms information as it applies in Canada. All relevant forms, including application forms, can be downloaded from their website.

Canada Firearms Centre  
Ottawa, ON K1A 1M6  
Canada  
Phone: 1-800-731-4000  
Fax: 613-957-7325  
Email: [cfc-cafc@cfc-cafc.gc.ca](mailto:cfc-cafc@cfc-cafc.gc.ca)  
Website: [www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca](http://www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca)

### **Safety Courses**

#### **Canadian Firearms Safety Course (CFSC)**

The CFSC is the basic course all individuals wishing to obtain a Possession and Acquisition Licence must take. Successful completion will allow you to apply for a Possession and Acquisition Licence for firearms classed as non-restricted (i.e. long guns; rifles and shotguns).

#### **Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course (CRFSC)**

The CRFSC is a supplementary course to the CFSC, and is not necessary to obtain a Possession and Acquisition Licence for non-restricted firearms, but is necessary to obtain a Possession and Acquisition Licence for restricted firearms. Successful completion will allow you to apply for a Possession and Acquisition Licence for firearms classed as restricted (i.e. hand guns not classified as prohibited; pistols).

As a rule, Prohibited licenses are no longer given out to new applicants. Individuals who had a Prohibited licence before this regulation was put in place are grandfathered and allowed to keep their Prohibited status. Under some special circumstances, an individual may apply for a new Prohibited licence (i.e. being willed a prohibited firearm by a family member).

The two safety courses can typically be taken at certain places that deal with firearms as part of their business. The following establishments located in Calgary are recommended:

Safety Course Establishment	Notes
Alberta Hunter Education Instructor's Association (A.H.E.I.A.) 911 Sylvester Crescent, SW Calgary, AB T2W 0R8 Phone: (403) 252-8474 Fax: (403) 252-3770 Email: info@aheia.com Toll Free: 1-866-852-4342 www.aheia.com	A.H.E.I.A. delivers very thorough courses that provide a lot of theoretical knowledge as well as a lot of hands on experience that will help individuals become familiar with different types of firearms. The two safety courses are also offered at no charge, but individuals can choose to contribute to the Association. A.H.E.I.A. is a very well-respected organization and their courses are highly rated and recommended, especially for individuals who do not have a lot of experience with firearms. Classes fill up quickly and there is usually at least a two-month waiting list, so individuals who choose to pursue this route should register as soon as possible. Phone for information on available course dates and to register.
Pro Line Shooters II 1426 9 Avenue SE Calgary, AB T2G 0T5 Phone: (403) 265-6666	Pro Line Shooters II holds the CFSC and CRFSC approximately once every 5 weeks on a Sunday. The two safety courses (non-restricted & restricted) are offered for \$130.00 total. Individuals that choose to go this route can complete both courses in one day. Alternatively, the courses could also be taken individually for \$90.00 and \$65.00 if so desired.

Once the safety course(s) have been completed, an individual will need to send copies of the completion forms with the Possession and Acquisition Licence application. Application forms can be downloaded from the Canada Firearms Centre website, and are often available at establishments where the safety courses are offered. Be sure to follow all instructions carefully when filling out applications, and be sure to complete the application in full with all required information. Incomplete applications can lead to delays in processing. Completed applications must be mailed to the following address:

Central Processing Site  
 PO BOX 1200  
 Miramichi, NB  
 E1N 5Z3

Applications typically take 6 to 8 weeks to process.

### **Firearms Possession and Acquisition**

Once a Possession and Acquisition Licence is issued, an individual can legally purchase and possess firearms belonging to the class or classes permitted by their licence. The regulations for owning, transporting, and legal use of non-restricted and restricted firearms differ slightly.

### **Non-Restricted Firearms Possession and Acquisition**

When an individual purchases a non-restricted firearm acquired through transfer, it must be registered. Non-restricted firearms may be registered by phoning the Canada Firearms Centre at 1-800-731-4000. The process can be completed by phone. Alternatively, an individual may download the form (CAFC 681) from the Canada Firearms Centre website or request to obtain the registration form over the phone, and have the document mailed to them. Individuals should keep their Licences and Registrations on them at all times when in Possession of a non-restricted firearm. An Authorization To Transport (ATT) is not needed to transport non-restricted firearms. Proper safety procedures should be followed when transporting and storing non-restricted firearms.

## **Restricted Firearms Possession and Acquisition**

When an individual purchases a restricted firearm acquired through transfer, it must be registered. In addition, the individual must also obtain a temporary Authorization To Transport (ATT) permit to transport the restricted firearm to its place of storage. Individuals must also apply for a long-term Authorization To Transport permit, must state a purpose (i.e. target shooting, western re-enactment, etc.) and provide proof of membership to an authorized shooting club or range. Alternatively, individuals can apply for and obtain a collector's licence, which will also allow them to apply for a long-term Authorization To Transport permit.

Restricted firearms may be registered by phoning the Canada Firearms Centre at 1-800-731-4000. The process can be completed by phone. Alternatively, an individual can download the registration form (CAFC 681) and the ATT application form (CAFC 679) from the Canada Firearms Centre website, or request to obtain the documents over the phone, and have them mailed.

Individuals should keep their Licences, Registrations and Authorization To Transport Permits on them at all times when in Possession of and transporting restricted firearms. Proper safety procedures should be followed when transporting and storing restricted firearms.

## **Authorization To Transport Permits and Conditions**

Authorization To Transport Permits are issued by the Chief Firearms Officer (CFO) via the Canadian Firearms Centre. Generally, each Province has a Chief Firearms Officer. They can be reached through phone transfer by calling the Canada Firearms Centre. Alberta and Northwest Territories share a Chief Firearms Officer:

Chief Firearms Officer  
Alberta and Northwest Territories  
Suite 720, 10909 Jasper Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5J 3L9  
Phone: 1-800-731-4000  
Fax: (780) 495-7970

Conditions of an Authorization to Transport permit are typically defined in a similar manner to the following:

- Applicable firearms may be transported within the four western Provinces (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba) and to the Canadian border
- Applicable firearms may be taken to and from a gunsmith or repair shop
- Applicable firearms may be taken to and from the range or practice area the individual is a member of
- Applicable firearms may be used in activities under the auspices of the club (in the case of the Guns of the Golden West Association)
- Applicable firearms may not be discharged using live fire (i.e. blank ammunition only) (in the case of the Guns of the Golden West Association)

## **Proper Safety Procedures for Transporting Firearms**

- Non-Restricted Firearms
  - Firearms should be rendered inoperable with the use of a trigger guard, cable, and/or removal of the firing pin
  - Firearms should be placed inside an opaque case or covering
  - Firearms should be placed in the trunk or out of sight where possible
  - Licence and Registration should be carried at all times
  
- Restricted Firearms
  - Firearms should be rendered inoperable with the use of a trigger guard, cable, and/or removal of the firing pin
  - Firearms should be placed inside an opaque case that can be locked and not easily broken into
  - Firearms should be placed in the trunk or out of sight where possible
  - Licence, Registration, and Authorization To Transport should be carried at all times

## **Temporarily Transporting Firearms into the United States**

The Authorization To Transport Permit issued to individuals by the Chief Firearms Officer should allow individuals to transport restricted firearms to the Canadian border as part of the conditions stated within. Individuals who wish to temporarily transport firearms into the United States for hunting or other lawful sporting purposes will need to obtain ATF Form 6 NIA (The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives application/permit for nonimmigrant aliens temporarily bringing firearms or ammunition into the United States for hunting or other lawful sporting purposes). The form may be obtained in the following ways:

- Downloaded from the ATF website at [www.atf.gov/firearms/form6nia/](http://www.atf.gov/firearms/form6nia/)
- Requested in writing from the following address:
  - ATF Distribution Center  
P.O. Box 5950  
Springfield, VA 22150-5950
- Requested by phone by calling 703-455-7801

The ATF Form 6NIA application should be submitted to the following address:

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch  
244 Needy Road  
Martinsburg, WV 25401

The ATF will take approximately 6 to 8 weeks to process the forms. Individuals with questions or concerns regarding the importation of firearms or ammunition into the United States may contact the ATF Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch at 304-616-4550.

## Firearms and Firearms Accessories Dealers and Suppliers

Individuals may find the following establishments useful when searching for period correct firearms and firearms accessories:

Items	Supplier	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firearms</li> <li>• Accessories</li> <li>• Supplies</li> </ul>	Pro Line Shooters II 1426 9 Avenue SE Calgary, AB T2G 0T5 Phone: (403) 265-6666	Pro Line Shooters carries mostly consignment firearms as well as some accessories. They are one of the best places to find period-correct firearms.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firearms</li> <li>• Accessories</li> <li>• Supplies</li> </ul>	Russell Sporting Goods 128-8228 MacLeod Trail SE Calgary, AB T2H 2B8 Phone: (403) 258-0545 <a href="http://www.russellsports.com">www.russellsports.com</a>	Russell Sporting Goods carries a large selection of firearms accessories that can be difficult to find from other suppliers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firearms</li> <li>• Accessories</li> <li>• Supplies</li> </ul>	Wholesale Sports 25 Heritage Meadows Way SE Calgary, AB Phone: (403) 253-5566 <a href="http://www.wholesalesports.com">www.wholesalesports.com</a>	Wholesale Sports carries a lot of firearms accessories. They also get consignment firearms in on occasion.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antique Firearms</li> <li>• Accessories</li> <li>• Supplies</li> </ul>	Alberta Arms and Cartridge Collectors Association (A.A.C.C.A.) AACAA PO Box 75019, Westhills RPO Calgary, Alberta T3H 3M1 Phone: (403) 771-8348 Fax: (403) 686-1801 Email: <a href="mailto:holmbh@telusplanet.net">holmbh@telusplanet.net</a> <a href="http://www.calgarygunshow.com">www.calgarygunshow.com</a>	The A.A.C.C.A. has a spring gun show at the roundup centre each year on the Easter long weekend, as well as another show during the year at the Thorncliffe Community Centre, 5600 Centre St. N in Calgary. The shows are a good place to find antique and collectable firearms.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firearms</li> <li>• Accessories</li> <li>• Supplies</li> </ul>	Canadian Tire (various locations) <a href="http://www.canadiantire.ca">www.canadiantire.ca</a>	Canadian Tire is a good place to find basic firearms accessories such as trigger locks and cleaning kits. They also have a small selection of used firearms.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firearms Parts</li> </ul>	Western Gun Parts 18124 107 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T5S 1K5 Phone : (780) 489-5711 <a href="mailto:wpg@westerngunparts.com">wpg@westerngunparts.com</a> <a href="http://www.westerngunparts.com">www.westerngunparts.com</a>	Western Gun Parts carries a large selection of new, used, and obsolete firearms parts.

## Common Old West Firearms Models and Reproductions

Individuals may find the following list useful as a guide when deciding what type of period correct old west firearm to acquire. As a general rule, models that were originally produced between 1835 and 1900 in the Americas and in some parts of Europe (i.e. Britain, France) and are usually single action are considered period correct to the old west. A helpful website resource for learning about common old west firearms is [www.uberti.com](http://www.uberti.com). Uberti is one of many Italian companies (some others are Armi San Marco, Pieta and F.I.E.) that manufacture authentic reproductions of original models that were common in this timeframe. Their website has descriptions and videos that provide good information on common makes and models of old west firearms.

Type	Make	Model	Common Calibers
Percussion Cap (Black Powder) Revolvers	Colt	1836 Patterson	36
		1847 Walker	44
		1848 Dragoon	44
		1849 Pocket	31
		1851 Navy	36
		1860 Army	44
		1861 Navy	36
		1862 Pocket Navy	36
	1862 Police	36	
	Remington	1858 New Army	44
1858 Target Carbine		44	
LeMat	1856 LeMat	44	
Cartridge Revolvers	Colt	1873 Single Action Army (also know as a "Peacemaker")	44/40, 45 Colt
		1873 Single Action Bird's Head	44/40, 45 Colt
		1873 Single Action Bisley	44/40, 45 Colt
		1873 Buntline	44/40, 45 Colt
		1873 Revolving Carbine	44/40, 45 Colt
	Remington	1875 Outlaw	45 Colt
		1875 Frontier	45 Colt
		1890 Police	45 Colt
Smith & Wesson	1874 Russian Top Break	44/40, 45 Colt	
	1875 Schofield Top Break	44/40, 45 Colt	
Rifles	Henry	1860 Henry	44/40, 45 Colt
	Winchester	1866 Yellowboy	44/40, 45 Colt
		1873 Winchester	44/40, 45 Colt
		1876 Winchester	45/60
	Springfield	1873 Trapdoor	45/70
	Sharps	1874 Sharps	45/70, 45/90, 45/120
	Colt	1884 Lightning	44/40, 45 Colt
"Creedmores"	1885 High-Wall	45/70, 45/90, 45/120	
Shotguns	Various	Various Manufacturers (Burgess, Colt, Hunter Arms, Ithaca, Parker, Remington, Savage-Stevens, Westly Richards) Double Barrel, Side by Side Configuration	12 Gauge, 10 Gauge
	Winchester	1897 Pump Action with External Hammer	12 Gauge, 10 Gauge