



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF FIREARMS**



LAW ENFORCEMENT GUN RELEASE APPLICATION

(Penal Code Section 12021.3, subd. (b).)

This form is to be used only by the owner of a firearm which is in the custody or control of a law enforcement agency or court to redeem the firearm. It only establishes the applicant's eligibility to lawfully possess firearms at the time the application is processed. It cannot be used to transfer a firearm, or to prove ownership of a firearm.

Instructions on Reverse

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE NAME	
ALIAS LAST NAME (If Any)		ALIAS FIRST NAME		ALIAS MIDDLE NAME	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP
DATE OF BIRTH Mo Day Yr	PLACE OF BIRTH (State or Country)		SEX	DAYTIME PHONE # ()	
U.S. CITIZEN? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO			AND Country of Citizenship		
<small>Enter your California Driver's License (CDL), California ID (CID), Military ID (MIL) or Out-of-State ID (OSID) number in the ID number box to the right. If using military identification you must send a copy of your permanent duty station orders stating you are stationed in California. If using an out-of-state Driver's License or Identification number you must send a notarized copy of your Driver's License or Identification card.</small>			ID TYPE (Check One)		ID NUMBER
			<input type="checkbox"/> CDL <input type="checkbox"/> CID <input type="checkbox"/> MIL <input type="checkbox"/> OSID		

B. FIREARM INFORMATION: (Mark one of the following circles to describe the firearms you are reporting):

- Reporting only long guns. Proceed to Part D. (Agency Information)
- Reporting only handguns, or handguns and long guns. Identification information for each handgun must be entered below in Part C. No descriptive information is required for long guns.

C. HANDGUN INFORMATION: (To report additional handguns copy and attach additional applications)

HANDGUN TYPE					SERIAL NUMBER
<input type="radio"/> Semiauto	<input type="radio"/> Revolver	<input type="radio"/> Single Shot	<input type="radio"/> Derringer	<input type="radio"/> Other: _____	
MAKE (As stamped on firearm)	MODEL (3032 Tomcat, KP95, 17C, etc.)	CALIBER	HANDGUN ORIGIN (U.S., Italy, China, etc.) (If known)	BARREL LENGTH <input type="radio"/> IN. <input type="radio"/> CM.	
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D. AGENCY INFORMATION:

Name of Law Enforcement Agency or Court in Possession of the Firearm(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____ Incident/Case Number _____

E. DECLARATION:

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that I am the lawful owner of all firearms that I seek to have returned. I expressly authorize DOJ to perform firearms eligibility checks of all relevant state and federal databases, including the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. I also understand that if I currently possess or own firearms and the results of this check reveal that I am ineligible either to lawfully possess or purchase firearms, I must relinquish any and all firearms in my possession.

Signature _____

Date _____

Submit completed application and fees to:

**Department of Justice
Bureau of Firearms - LEGR
P.O. Box 820200
Sacramento, CA 94203-0200**

FOR DOJ USE ONLY

- AFS reflects applicant as owner. Unable to verify ownership of firearms via AFS. Court or LEA must confirm.

Date Received: _____ Date Paid: _____ Date Processed: _____ Processed By: _____ NTN # _____

California Department of Justice
Bureau of Firearms

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT GUN RELEASE APPLICATION

Proper Use of LEGR Application Form

This form is only to be used by the owner of the firearm who is seeking to redeem his/her firearm in the custody or control of a law enforcement agency or court. In the case of a handgun, the applicant must already have a record on file in the DOJ Automated Firearms System reflecting that he or she is the lawful owner or possessor of the handgun. It is the responsibility of the court or law enforcement agency with custody or control of the firearm to verify that the applicant is the lawful owner or possessor of the firearm.

Application Submission Requirements

Individuals seeking the return of a firearm that is in the custody or control of a law enforcement agency or court must submit this application with the appropriate fees to the Department of Justice (DOJ). A firearms eligibility check will be conducted to determine whether the person is eligible to possess firearms under state and federal law. A notice of results will be sent to the applicant via U.S. Mail. Complete all requested information. Incomplete applications will be returned without processing. If reporting more than two handguns, make extra copies of this form to meet your reporting needs. Once issued, a determination notice is valid for 30 days. Be advised that any unclaimed firearm may be disposed of by an agency or court 180 days after the owner has been notified that the firearm is available for return.

Fee Submission Requirements

The processing fee for a Law Enforcement Gun Release is \$20 for the first firearm (long gun or handgun), and \$3 for each additional handgun being reported (e.g., 1 handgun and 1 long gun = \$20; 2 handguns and 1 long gun = \$23). If the agency or court determines the firearm was reported stolen pursuant to Penal Code section 12021.3(b)(3), the fees for the stolen firearm(s) will be waived. Provide documentation from the agency or court with this application to qualify for the waiver of fees. DOJ will process your application within 30 days from the date of receipt unless delayed by circumstances beyond the control of the department.

Part A: Owner Information

Enter the information requested. If you are using a military number for identification, you must submit a copy of your permanent duty station orders indicating you are stationed in California with this application. Out of state residents must submit a notarized copy of their home state Driver's License or Government-issued Identification Card.

Part B. Firearm Information

Check the box that describes the firearms you are reporting. If you are reporting only long guns, you do not need to provide any firearm description. Proceed to Part D, but note that DOJ will not be able to confirm your ownership of a long-gun via AFS records. In most cases, DOJ is not allowed by law to retain any record of long-gun ownership, purchase or transfer. Please check with the court or law enforcement agency in possession of a long-gun about how to establish that you are the legal owner of the firearm who is therefore entitled to its return.

Part C. Handgun Information

If you submit an LEGR application for a handgun not already recorded under your name in DOJ records, DOJ will process your application but will not change its ownership records of the handgun. In most cases, the name of the owner can only be changed when the firearm is transferred by a licensed firearms dealer. In an unusual case, where a dealer transfer is not required by law, firearm ownership information can be changed by submitting a Firearm Ownership Record to DOJ. A Firearm Ownership Record application can be obtained on the Bureau of Firearms website: <http://ag.ca.gov/firearms/forms/>.

A law enforcement agency or court may not release a handgun to a person unless the handgun is recorded in DOJ records in the name of the individual who seeks its return. (Pen. Code, § 12021.3, subd. (b)(2).)

For each handgun, you must provide the descriptive information requested. Most of this information can be found on the property receipt you received from the law enforcement agency or court. Please refer to your handgun owner information or the sample chart below to assist you in providing the required information:

Serial Number	May be all numeric or a combination of alpha and numeric characters and located on the frame of the handgun.
Make	The manufacturer of the handgun (e.g. Beretta, Ruger, Glock, Smith and Wesson).
Model	The model name of the handgun (e.g. 3032 Tomcat, KP95, 22A).
Caliber	The caliber of the handgun (e.g. .38, .45, 9 mm).
Handgun Origin	The country of origin of the handgun (e.g. United States, China, Italy).
Barrel Length	Enter the barrel length as stated in your owner information, or estimate the length of the barrel.

Part D. Agency Information

Enter the name and address of the law enforcement agency in possession of the firearm(s).

Part E. Declaration

You must sign and date the application. For questions, refer to the Bureau of Firearms website: <http://ag.ca.gov/firearms>