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New Jersey State Police Firearms Investigation Unit 28 April 2020 Guidance and Information

1. Q: What does Executive Order No. 129 cover?

Retired Police Officer Permit to Carry licenses that are pending renewal have been extended until 90 days after the end of the Public Health Emergency. In order to comply with the extension, the applicant must submit a renewal application to the Superintendent prior to the expiration of their current permit. The applicant shall submit their most current range qualification scores and remain compliant with the current 12-month cycle as required by the Attorney General's Semi-Annual Firearms Qualification and Requalification Standards. Any permit holder who has their RPO extended shall submit proof of their qualification within 90 days of the expiration of the Public Health Emergency. Should the permit holder fail to submit a new qualification, the renewal application will be denied.

Civilian Permit to Carry applications **have not been extended**. However, the Executive Order authorizes the Superintendent, Chief of Police or a Superior Court Judge to authorize the limited use of a range for the purpose of training, practice or testing that would satisfy the requirements in N.J.A.C. 13:54-2.4 or N.J.A.C. 13:54-2.9. All Permit to Carry applications must be processed in accordance with N.J.S. 2C:58-4 and N.J.S. 2C:58-3c. All efforts must be made to process these applications without excessive delay.

2. Q: Does Executive Order No. 129 open gun ranges?

Under limited circumstances shooting ranges may open for the purpose of providing Permit to Carry applicants the ability to train, practice or test in a manner that would satisfy the requirements in N.J.A.C. 13:54-2.4 or N.J.A.C. 13:54-2.9. The range can only open for an authorized individual and a single instructor who present a *COVID-19 Range Authorization Form S.P. 742*. Shooting ranges must comply with social distancing practices wherever practicable. The authorized individual and the instructor may access the range until the individual is issued or denied a Permit to Carry.



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3. Q: What do I need to know about the COVID-19 Range Authorization Form, S.P. 742?

The Executive Order authorized the Superintendent to publish a form that would authorize an individual access to a range for the purpose of training, practice or testing that would satisfy the requirements in N.J.A.C. 13:54-2.4 or N.J.A.C. 13:54-2.9.

If a Chief Police Officer, the Superintendent and/or the Superior Court find the applicant would qualify for a permit to carry and is unable to show the requisite safe handling and use of a handgun, they may authorize the use of a range to satisfy the requirement. The Chief, NJSP Station Commander or the Superior Court may complete the form and provide it to the applicant, which would authorize them access to a range to complete their application requirements. The Firearms Investigation Unit suggests maintaining either a copy or a log of each authorization issued.

Gun ranges may accept the form as proof of authorization. FIU is suggesting that ranges keep a *copy* of the form and records of who accessed the range for possible future reference. This will assist with social distancing compliance and tracking of interactions if an individual contracts COVID-19.

The COVID-19 Range Authorization Form will be available through the ROIC and at <https://www.njsp.org/firearms/forms.shtml>, located under the Permit to Carry heading.

If you have further questions, please send them via email to FirearmsInvestUnit@gw.njsp.org and we will respond within three business days.