



Maryland HQL Information

As of October 1, 2013, a Maryland resident must possess a valid Handgun Qualification License (HQL) before he/she may purchase, rent, or receive a handgun. You do not need a HQL to own a gun you already have. A HQL is valid for 10 years once issued.

Who is exempt from a HQL?

Those except from needing an HQL are active law enforcement officers or a person retired in good standing from a law enforcement agency of the United States, the State, or a local law enforcement agency of the State OR an active or retired member of the United States Armed Forces or National Guard that possesses a valid military identification card.

Steps to Obtain a HQL:

1. You will need to take a MD approved HQL Handgun Safety Course taught by LTTC Safety unless you already own a handgun or registered assault rifle (you will use the serial # off your gun as proof when you register for the HQL online). LTTC Safety is our in-house training company. They offer courses taught by active and retired law enforcement officers. The instructors teaching for LTTC are all active or retired law enforcement officers. Below is the contact information for course registration and questions:

- **LTTC Safety Consulting**
Training takes place at United Gun Shop in Rockville
Jonathan Bennett – 240-277-0439 – www.LTTCsafety.com

2. You will also need to get your fingerprints submitted electronically to the Maryland State Police. The fingerprint processor will provide you a tracking # that will be used when you register for the HQL online. LTTC Safety will have a fingerprint vendor at each of the on-site training courses providing fingerprint services to simplify the process for you!
3. When steps 1-2 are complete, **create** an account on Maryland State Police's website:
DIRECT LINK – <https://emdsp.mdsp.org/egov/Login.aspx> (Bookmark in Browser) United Gun Shop employees will complete the application process in store for you if you would like.

Enter all required information, HQL class certificate and fingerprint tracking numbers. Completed applications take about 1-2 weeks to process and become active. You will be mailed your license in 7-10 business days. You must present your physical HQL license or HQL license # to complete handgun paperwork.

HQL Questions or Issues?

Please contact Jonathan Bennett at 240-277-0439 or United Gun Shop 888-736-0262.

Be sure to come back to United Gun Shop for all your firearm needs!
888-736-0262 – www.unitedgunshop.com – sales@unitedgunshop.com