

PISTOL PERMIT RECERTIFICATION
FACT SHEET
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- 1) The New York State Police (NYS Police) website for filing your pistol permit recertification:

<https://troopers.ny.gov/Firearms/>

- 2) The recertification transaction is between the NYS Police and the filer, not Niagara County. It is for handguns only, not long guns.
- 3) *If you held a pistol permit **prior to January 31, 2013** you will need to recertify by **January 31, 2018**. After that date, recertification is due 5 years from the date of issuance.*
- 4) Not all pistol permit holders (PPH) will have received a letter informing them of their need to recertify, perhaps due to record discrepancies. Regardless, you are required to recertify your pistol permit.
- 5) The NYS Police *WILL NOT* be issuing a card stating a PPH is recertified. The PPH should receive a letter stating that their permit has been recertified. There is no requirement that a PPH carry proof of recertification.
- 6) The responsibility of the PPH will be fulfilled when the recertification form is submitted to the NYS Police.
- 7) If the form is submitted electronically, the PPH will receive a receipt that can be printed out. If submitted by mail, it has been recommended that the application be sent by certified mail so that there will be proof of mailing.
- 8) Regardless of being filed electronically or by paper, a PPH can check the status of their recertification on the NYS Police website.
- 9) The process of review and revocation (at the end of the recertification period) has not been determined.
- 10) If someone has a suspended pistol permit they will not be allowed to recertify with the NYS Police. Consequently, at the end of the recertification period, the suspension will convert to a permanent revocation.

- 11) PPH who have had their permits suspended due to a 9.46 Mental Health letter will not be allowed to recertify their permits. Their permits will be revoked for failure to recertify.
- 12) In order to recertify, the PPH will need to have a NYS DMV ID NUMBER. If the permit holder resides outside of New York State they will still need to obtain a NYS Non Driver ID.
- 13) All handguns that are co-registered on an individual's pistol permit must be included in the recertification application.

Below is the section of the NYSafe Act that refers to recertification:

Penal Law 400.10 (B)

(b) All licensees shall be recertified to the division of state police every five years thereafter. Any license issued before the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand thirteen which added this paragraph shall be recertified by the licensee on or before January thirty-first, two thousand eighteen, and not less than one year prior to such date, the state police shall send a notice to all license holders who have not recertified by such time. Such recertification shall be in a form as approved by the superintendent of state police, which shall request the license holder's name, date of birth, gender, race, residential address, social security number, firearms possessed by such license holder, email address at the option of the license holder and an affirmation that such license holder is not prohibited from possessing firearms. The form may be in an electronic form if so designated by the superintendent of state police. Failure to recertify shall act as a revocation of such license. If the New York state police discover as a result of the recertification process that a licensee failed to provide a change of address, the New York state police shall not require the licensing officer to revoke such license.

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