



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 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). United Gun Shop recommends LTTC Safety Consulting as a HQL instructor. You will want to contact them for class schedule and pricing:

- **LTTC Safety Consulting**
Training takes place in Frederick and 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. United Gun Shop recommends the following fingerprint processor. You will want to contact them to schedule an appointment. Cost is \$60 if you mention us.

- **American Identity Solutions – 301-571-9479**
Book Appointment Online:
<http://www.marylandfingerprint.com/fingerprinting>

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)

Enter all required information, HQL class certificate and fingerprint tracking numbers. Completed applications take about 3-4 weeks to process and become active. You will be mailed your license in 7-10 business days. [You must present your physical HQL license to complete handgun paperwork.](#)

HQL Questions or Issues?

Please contact Maryland State Police firearms division: **410-653-4621**

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