

# Information For Gun Users Visiting Canada

**First step.** Register for a shoot in Canada and request a letter of invitation to shoot, from the gun club hosting the shoot. Make sure they include your name(s) on the letter. You'll need this information to fill in aspects of the following forms.

**For information related to the bringing of non-restricted firearms to Canada check the following link:**

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/fs-fd/visit-visite-eng.htm>

## Information

For more information, [contact the CFP](#).

Application forms for Non-Resident Firearms Declarations and Temporary Borrowing Licences may also be obtained from Canadian tourist offices, customs offices, gun clubs and outfitters.

For information on the declaration process, please call the CBSA:

- **Within Canada:** 1-800-461-9999
- **Outside Canada:** 204-983-3500 or 506-636-5064

(Some excerpts from above website. Please make sure to consult the website thoroughly. The information below is only meant to provide some insight to the requirements that must be met in bring non-restricted and restricted firearms into Canada for the purposes of a gun competition)

## 1) Firearm Users Visiting Canada

### Note

This information applies only to firearms that are neither restricted nor prohibited, as set out in Part III of the *Criminal Code* of Canada. For information on visiting Canada with restricted firearms, contact the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Canadian Firearms Program (CFP). **Additional requirements must be met before a restricted firearm can be brought into Canada.**

## 2) Licensing Requirements

Firearm owners and users in Canada must have firearms licences for the class of firearms in their possession. **A licence issued under Canada's *Firearms Act* is different from a provincial hunting licence.**

Non-residents have two options for meeting the Canadian licensing requirements:

### Option 1

Declare firearms in writing to a customs officer at the point of entry to Canada, using the *Non-Resident Firearm Declaration* (form RCMP 5589).

If there are more than three firearms, a *Non-Resident Firearm Declaration Continuation Sheet* (form RCMP 5590) should be added.

The declaration form should be filled out prior to arrival at the point of entry, in order to save time. However, it should not be signed before arriving at the entry point, as a *Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)* customs officer must witness the signature.

A confirmed declaration costs a flat fee of \$25, regardless of the number of firearms listed on it. It is valid only for the person who signs it and only for those firearms listed on the declaration.

Once the declaration has been confirmed by the CBSA customs officer, it acts as a licence for the owner and it is valid for 60 days. The declaration can be renewed for free, providing it is renewed before it expires, by contacting the [Chief Firearms Officer](#) (call 1-800-731-4000) of the relevant province or territory.

## **FORM LINKS**

- Non-Resident Firearm Declaration (Form RCMP 5589 / CAFC 909)

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/form-formulaire/pdfs/5589-eng.pdf>

- Non-Resident Firearm Declaration Continuation Sheet (Form RCMP 5590 / CAFC 910)

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/form-formulaire/pdfs/5590-eng.pdf>

## **From Form 5589**

**g) - h)** If you are declaring a restricted firearm, please print the number of your Authorization to Transport (ATT) and its expiration date. To find out how to apply for an ATT, call the Canadian Firearms Program at 1 800 731-4000 in Canada and the USA, (506) 624-5380 outside Canada and the USA, or visit [our web site](#) before you come to Canada.

**Note: You cannot enter Canada with a restricted firearm without an ATT**

6. Provide the reason for bringing firearms into Canada:  
Hunting, Competition, In transit, Protection against wildlife,  
Other, specify

## Option 2

Apply for a five-year Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL). To apply for a PAL, applicants must provide evidence that they have passed the written and practical tests for the Canadian Firearms Safety Course. A course from another country does not meet Canadian legal requirements. However, it may be possible to take the tests without taking the course.

The CFO of the province or territory to be visited can provide information on any other documents that will be required to complete the background security check.

With a Canadian firearms licence, there is no need to complete the Non-Resident Firearms Declaration. However, an oral declaration must still be made to the customs officer.

### RCMP 5592 / CAFC 921

- Application for a Possession and Acquisition Licence Under the *Firearms Act* (For Individuals Aged 18 and Over)
- Use this form if you do not have a licence or your licence has expired.

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/form-formulaire/pdfs/5592-eng.pdf>

## 3) Storage, Display and Transportation

In order to bring a firearm to Canada, the *Storage, Display, Transportation and Handling of Firearms by Individuals Regulations* must be complied with. For non-restricted firearms:

- A secure locking device, such as a trigger lock or cable lock, should be attached, so the firearms cannot be fired; or
- The firearms should be locked in a cabinet, container or room that is difficult to break into.
- The ammunition should be stored separately or locked up. It can be stored in the same locked container as the firearms.

If left in an unattended vehicle, firearms should be kept in the trunk, or out of sight. The vehicle should be locked.

## **4) Authorization to Transport (ATT)**

### **RCMP 5490 / CAFC 679**

- Application for an Authorization to Transport Restricted Firearms and Prohibited Firearms
- You can also apply by phone, please call 1 800 731-4000.

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/form-formulaire/pdfs/679-eng.pdf>

Download the forms from RCMP. Complete and Fax with your letter to the BC Chief Firearms Officer for BC. Only restricted weapons need to be on this form (pistols and AR15's). Mail your completed application form and all attachments to the Chief Firearms Officer of your province or territory.

**The following information explains certain parts of the ATT form and will help you answer some of the questions. You should read the instructions as you fill in your form. If you are still unsure about a question, call 1 800 731-4000 for assistance.**

**Non-residents must obtain an ATT** to temporarily import restricted firearms into Canada. For further details see Section A - Personal Information, of this Information Sheet.

### **Section A Personal Information Box 1**

If you are not a resident of Canada and hold a valid Canadian firearms licence and registration certificates for the restricted firearms you are transporting into Canada, complete this application to apply for an Authorization to

Transport (ATT), or call 1 800 731-4000 in Canada and the USA or 1 506 624-5380 outside Canada and the USA.

If you are not a resident of Canada and are using a "Non-resident Firearm Declaration" (RCMP GRC 5589) to temporarily import restricted firearms into Canada, please call 1 800 731-4000 in Canada and the USA or 1 506 624-5380 outside Canada and the USA to apply for an ATT.

### **Section C**

#### **Transport Reasons for Non-residents**

#### **Box 8**

If you are a non-resident, the reason for transporting your restricted firearms into Canada must be selected from Box 8 k), m) or n). If you have another reason for transporting a restricted firearm into Canada, put a check mark in Box 8 o) and provide further details in the space provided.

#### **C - Reason for Transport**

n) Transport to and from a target shooting competition under the auspices of an approved shooting club or range (for restricted firearms and prohibited handguns only). Provide shooting competition information.

n1) Event name; n2) Event Location; n3) Shooting club or range approval number (if known)

**Boxes 8 c), i), l), m) and n)** apply only if you are transporting restricted firearms or prohibited handguns. They do not apply to other prohibited firearms. The following definitions may help you to complete this section.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

### **A non-restricted firearm is:**

an ordinary rifle, shotgun or combination gun that is not described below as being restricted or prohibited.

### **A restricted firearm is:**

a handgun that is not a prohibited firearm;  
a semi-automatic, centre-fire rifle or shotgun with a barrel length less than 470 mm (18.5 inches) that is not prohibited;  
a rifle or shotgun that can fire when its overall length is reduced by folding, telescoping or some other means to less than 660 mm (26 inches);  
any firearm prescribed as restricted (including some long guns)

### **A prohibited firearm is:**

a handgun with a barrel length of 105 mm (4.1 inches) or less;  
a handgun designed or adapted to discharge 25 or 32 calibre ammunition;  
a rifle or shotgun that has been altered to make it less than 660 mm (26 inches) in overall length;  
a rifle or shotgun that has been altered to make the barrel length less than 457 mm (18 inches) where the overall firearm length is 660 mm (26 inches) or more;  
an automatic firearm and a converted automatic firearm;  
any firearm prescribed as prohibited.

Certain short-barreled, 25 and 32 calibre handguns have been exempted from the definition of a "prohibited handgun" For a list of these handguns, please call 1 800 731-4000, or visit [our Web site](#).

**Section E**  
**Transport Route**  
**Box 13**

Print the name and complete address of the place to which you will be transporting the firearm. If you are taking it to two or more places, provide the same information in the same order on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your application.

To Destination: (shooting club, shooting range, gunsmith, new residence, etc.)

13. a) Name of business, occupant (if private residence) or other place; 13. b) Street / Land location; 13. c) Suite / Unit; 13. d) City; 13. e) Province / Territory; 13. f) Country; 13. g) Postal code



Contact Kananaski Kid <mailto:brianslater15@shaw.ca> for further assistance. Brian is our Territorial Governor and a very helpful, knowledgeable person.

## CFP Contact Centre - Toll-Free Service

Contact us for information about firearms licensing, registration or transfers; questions about regulatory requirements; and for [forms](#), applications, publications, or any other assistance.

**Hours of Operation:** Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm nationwide

Telephone: 1 800 731-4000 (toll-free number)

Email: [cfp-pcaf@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:cfp-pcaf@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

Fax number - [1-888-895-9955](tel:1-888-895-9955)

Mail:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Canadian Firearms Program

Ottawa, ON K1A 0R2

## Contact a Chief Firearms Officer

1 800-731-4000 (for Canada and the United States)

British Columbia and Yukon	Chief Firearms Officer 118-5477 152 Street Surrey, BC V3S 5A5 Fax: (604) 575-1241
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