


<div>California Department of Justice DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT Stephen Woolery, Chief</div> 		INFORMATION BULLETIN	
Subject: Guidance to CCW Licensing Authorities Regarding CCW Applications from Nonresident Firearms Policy Coalition Members Pursuant to the Permanent Injunction in <i>Hoffman et al. v. Bonta</i>	No. 2025-DLE-13	Contact for information: Bureau of Firearms (916) 210-2751 CCWInfo@doj.ca.gov	
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TO: ALL CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

This bulletin advises Law Enforcement Agencies issuing licenses to carry concealed weapons (CCWs) that, effective August 21, 2025, members of the Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) who are not residents of California are permitted to apply for CCW licenses in California.

On August 21, 2025, the United States District Court for the Southern District of California issued a permanent injunction (the “Hoffman Order”) in *Hoffman et al. v. Bonta*, No. 3:24-cv-664-CAB-MMP, enjoining enforcement of California Penal Code sections 26150(a)(3) and 26155(a)(3) as applied to CCW applications submitted by members of the FPC who are not residents of California. A copy of the Hoffman Order is attached. The Hoffman Order is limited to non-residents who are FPC members, referred to herein as “FPC Nonresident Applicants.”

Please note that the Hoffman Order does not supersede or otherwise affect the preliminary injunction issued on January 22, 2025 in *California Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc., et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department*, et al., No. 2:23-cv-10169-SPG (“*CRPA v. Los Angeles County*”). Members of (a) the California Rifle & Pistol Association, Incorporated, (b) Gun Owners of America, Inc., (c) Gun Owners of California, Inc., and (d) the Second Amendment Foundation who apply for CCWs under the terms of the *CRPA* preliminary injunction, must comply with the terms of the *CRPA* preliminary injunction, as described in Division of Law Enforcement Information Bulletin 2025-DLE-10 (<https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/2025-dle-10.pdf>). Applicants who are both members of FPC *and* one or more of the organizations in *CPRA v. Los Angeles County* may select either of the two processes to proceed under but not both.

Scope of FPC Nonresident Applicants Who Can Apply for CCWs in California

Members of the FPC who are not residents of California and provide proof of membership in the FPC are entitled to apply for a CCW license with a licensing authority in California.

Types of CCWs Which FPC Nonresident Applicants Can Apply for

FPC Nonresident Applicants can apply for a CCW license as provided for under Penal Code sections 26150 through 26235.

Which Licensing Authority FPC Nonresident Applicants Must Apply to

Because Penal Code section 26150, subdivision (a)(3) and section 26155, subdivision (a)(3) will not apply to FPC Nonresident Applicants, FPC Nonresident Applicants may apply with the sheriff (per Penal Code section 26150) or chief of police (per Penal Code section 26155) of any California jurisdiction.

How FPC Nonresident Applicants Can Apply

FPC Nonresident Applicants must use the Standard Initial and Renewal Application for License to Carry a Weapon Capable of Being Concealed form (BOF 4012) or online application portals utilized by the licensing authorities that incorporate the BOF 4012. To enable compliance with the Hoffman Order, when completing the application, FPC Nonresident Applicants may substitute their out-of-state information in lieu of California specific information. For example, for the portion of the form that asks for a “CA Driver License No.,” FPC Nonresident Applicants would instead provide the driver’s license number or identification number issued to them by their state of residence.

FPC Nonresident Applicants must also provide proof of membership in the FPC (e.g., membership card, membership receipt or letter) to confirm that their application falls within the Hoffman Order. To accommodate this, licensing authorities may use the Nonresident Standard Initial and Renewal Application for License to Carry a Weapon Capable of Being Concealed Supplemental form (BOF 4013). In the BOF 4013, the Nonresident Applicant would provide the driver’s license number or identification number issued to them by their state of residence, indicate that they are a member of the FPC, and provide proof of such membership. In the BOF 4013, FPC Nonresident Applicants need not check the second box in “Section 2-Declaration.” Instead of the BOF 4013, licensing authorities may use another form developed by their agency so long as the form, like the BOF 4013, requests proof of membership in the FPC.

Identification for FPC Nonresident Applicants

An FPC Nonresident Applicant may present a valid driver’s license or valid identification card issued by the FPC Nonresident Applicant’s state of residence, in lieu of a valid California driver’s license or identification card.

If the FPC Nonresident Applicant’s driver’s license or identification card does not set forth the applicant’s current address, the applicant can—consistent with the policy for California resident applicants—submit other reliable documentation, including current utility bills, current out-of-state CCW license with a correct address, or other reasonable indicia of ongoing residency matching the address provided on the application.

Training Course and Live-Fire Shooting Exercises

FPC Nonresident Applicants must complete a training course, including live-fire shooting exercises, as required by the licensing authority to which they apply. (Pen. Code § 26165.)

Disqualified Person Determination Under Penal Code Section 26202

All California statutes and provisions of law set forth in Penal Code section 26202 apply to FPC Nonresident

Applicants, including the requirement for an in-person interview under Penal Code section 26202 subdivision (b)(1).

Psychological Exam

If the licensing authority to which the FPC Nonresident Applicant applies requires a psychological examination before issuing a CCW license, the FPC Nonresident Applicant must complete a psychological examination as required by Penal Code section 26190(e).

Identifying Firearms for Which CCW License Will be Issued; Nonresident Applicant's Responsibility to Carry Firearms That Are Lawful in California

FPC Nonresident Applicants must identify on the application by make, model, caliber, and serial number the handguns capable of being concealed upon the person that they intend to carry in California, and such handguns must be listed on the license to be validly carried in California.

Identification of a handgun that cannot lawfully be carried in California shall be cause for denial of a license as to that handgun. California licensing authorities may choose to request photos of the firearms to ensure that they may be lawfully carried in California (e.g., not an assault weapon under Penal Code sections 30510, 30515). FPC Nonresident Applicants may seek to amend the list of firearms identified on their licenses in the same manner as California residents.

It shall be the responsibility of FPC Nonresident Applicants, if approved and issued a CCW license, to confirm that any handgun they carry in California, in its current configuration, is legal to possess in California. It shall also be the responsibility of FPC Nonresident Applicants to be aware of locations where it is not legal to carry a firearm in California. (See, e.g., Penal Code, § 26230; DLE Information Bulletin 2025-DLE-06, <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/2025-dle-06.pdf>.) It is recommended that licensing authorities notify FPC Nonresident Applicants of relevant California laws.


Fingerprints for FPC Nonresident Applicant

FPC Nonresident Applicants must comply with Penal Code section 26185 and California Code of Regulations, title 11, section 4420. In other words, "fingerprints shall be captured and transmitted electronically by an authorized Live Scan operator." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 11, § 4420.) The FPC Nonresident Applicant must complete a BCIA 8016, REQUEST FOR LIVE SCAN SERVICE form and take the completed form to a live scan operator in California to initiate the background check process. Please refer to the Attorney General's website for live scan locations: [Live Scan Locations | State of California - Department of Justice - Office of the Attorney General](#)

Issuance of CCW License and Submission of BOF 4501 to the Department of Justice

California licensing authorities must use the current version of the BOF 4501 to issue CCW licenses to FPC Nonresident Applicants, which must include a picture of the licensee, the licensee's fingerprint, and the other license criteria as required by Penal Code section 26175, subdivision (i). This form can be accessed on the California Law Enforcement Web at <https://clew.doj.ca.gov/forms>.

Note: This bulletin is not legal advice. This bulletin supplements, not supplants, the Hoffman Order and the relevant statutes and regulations. Licensing authority CCW Coordinators should consult with their legal counsel when formulating policies and practices, and in addressing any questions, regarding the issues covered in this bulletin.

<small>STATE OF CALIFORNIA BOF 4501 (Rev. 03/2025)</small> 	<small>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Page 1 of 1</small> CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUREAU OF FIREARMS License to Carry Concealed Pistol, Revolver, or Other Firearm within the State of California								
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Upon issuance of an FPC Nonresident Applicant's CCW license, the license shall be mailed to the address provided in the application.

Additionally, the requirements of Penal Code section 26225(b) and California Code of Regulations, title 11, section 4432 apply to any issuance, amendment, denial, or revocation of a CCW license for an FPC Nonresident Applicant.

Initial and renewal fees shall be the same for FPC Nonresident Applicants as they are for California resident applicants.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA


CHRISTOPHER J. HOFFMAN, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
ROB BONTA, in his official capacity as
Attorney General of California,
Defendant.

Case No.: 3:24-cv-664-CAB-MMP

PERMANENT INJUNCTION

Defendant Attorney General Rob Bonta; Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys; and any other persons who are in active concert or participation with Defendant, are hereby permanently enjoined from enforcing California Penal Code sections 26150(a)(3) and 26155(a)(3) as to CCW applications submitted by Plaintiff Firearms Policy Coalition's members who are not residents of California, including the named Individual Plaintiffs.

Dated: August 21, 2025


Hon. Cathy Ann Bencivengo
United States District Judge



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF FIREARMS
NONRESIDENT STANDARD INITIAL AND RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR
LICENSE TO CARRY A WEAPON CAPABLE OF BEING CONCEALED
SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR OPTIONAL USE**

Section 1 - Personal Information

Last Name First Name Middle Name

Driver License/ID No. (issued by state or territory of residence) State or Territory of Issuance

Temporary California Residence Address (if known) City State Zip Code

Select Membership Group (indicate below and provide proof of such membership)

- ☐ California Rifle & Pistol Association, Incorporated ☐ Gun Owners of America, Inc.
☐ Gun Owners of California, Inc. ☐ The Second Amendment Foundation
☐ Firearms Policy Coalition

Section 2 - Declaration

By signing below, I hereby attest under oath that:

- ☐ I am a resident of a U.S. state or territory, besides California.
☐ I intend to spend time within the subsequent twelve months in the state of California within the jurisdiction in which I am submitting my application. (Pursuant to *Hoffman et al. v. Bonta*, No. 3:24-cv-664-CAB-MMP, Firearms Policy Coalition members do not need to check this box.)

Applicant Signature Date