



Acquiring a PAL Card – Possession and Acquisition License

A PAL card is perfect for the avid Canadian hunter. It allows you to register your firearms for a five-year period so that you don't have to do the firearms declaration every time you cross the border. Saving you time and making each hunting trip easier for crossing the border.

You can apply for a five-year [Possession and Acquisition License](#) (PAL) and [register](#) your firearms in Canada. You must wait until you get your PAL before you register your firearms.

If you apply for a PAL, you must provide evidence that you have passed the written and practical tests for the [Canadian Firearms Safety Course](#). If you wish to be licensed for restricted firearms, you must also have passed the tests for [Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course](#). A course from your own country would not meet the requirements of Canadian law. You can take the tests without taking the courses.

Contact the [Chief Firearms Officer](#) (CFO) of the province where you will most likely be using the firearm for information on any other documents you need to provide from authorities in your country to assist with the background safety check.

Once you have your PAL, you can apply to [register your firearms online](#) for free or by submitting a paper application ([CAFC 998](#)). The firearms must be [verified](#) by an approved verifier before they are registered. Call 1 800 731-4000 (Canada and the U.S.) or 1 506 624-5380 (outside Canada and the U.S.) for help to verify your firearms.

If you have a valid license and registration certificate, you will not have to complete the Non-Resident Firearm Declaration and pay a fee. However, you will still have to make an oral declaration to the customs officer.