



Overview of Licensing Structure

	License to Carry Firearms Class A "May" issue license, must be at least 21 years old.	License to Carry Firearms Class B "May" issue license, must be at least 21 years old.	Firearms Identification Card "Shall" issue, must be at least 18, 15 with parental signature. Must be 18 to purchase.	Firearms Identification Card "Restricted" Shall issue, must be at least 18.
What can be possessed? ¹	Any firearm, long gun and shot-gun, ammunition, mace and pepper spray.	Non-large capacity firearms (handguns), ammunition, mace and pepper spray, rifles and shotguns (whether large capacity or not).	Non-large capacity rifles and shotguns, ammunition there-fore, mace and pepper spray.	Mace and pepper spray only.
Can I carry on a public way with this license? ²	Yes for handguns, however, there may be restrictions placed upon the license that might preclude concealed carry. Long guns must be unloaded and cased.	No. Loaded carry of firearms is prohibited whether they are on the person or in a case. All firearms and long arms must be unloaded and in a case.	Only pepper spray or mace. All firearms and long arms must be unloaded and in a case.	Only pepper spray or mace. This FID card is restricted to only chemical sprays and is not valid for firearms, long guns or ammunition.
How do I transport hand-guns in a vehicle? How do I transport large capacity rifles and shot-guns in a vehicle? All others ³	If loaded, must be under direct control. Unloaded and in locked trunk or locked secure container. Shotguns may not be loaded while in or on a vehicle.	Handguns must be transported unloaded and in a locked trunk or locked case or other secure container. ⁴ Unloaded and in locked trunk or locked secure container. Shotguns may not be loaded while in or on a vehicle.	N/A Shotguns may not be loaded while in or on a vehicle.	N/A
How do I store while not under my direct control?	All firearms and long guns must be stored in a locked container or equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety device when they are not in use. ⁴			

¹ Fully automatic firearms requires a machine gun license. Suppressors are limited to FFL and law enforcement only.

² There is no open carry in Massachusetts, firearms ought to be out of public view.

³ Non-large capacity long guns are not specified in the transportation laws, however, GOAL recommends that you transport as you would a large-capacity long gun.

⁴ Note that the law does not stipulate that the firearm or long gun to be unloaded, just locked.

