

# Michigan Firearm Purchase Process

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## Long-gun:

- Purchase directly from seller (i.e., Federal Firearm License (FFL) or private party). SOM/MSP/local law enforcement is not involved if purchasing from an FFL.
  - If seller is FFL:
    - FFL will initiate a NICS check.
    - FBI NICS completes a background check and responds PROCEED, DENY, or DELAY.
    - If PROCEED, FFL proceeds with sale.
    - FFL completes and provides a copy of the Firearms Sales Record (FSR) to the purchaser.
    - Registration is not required for non-pistol (i.e., Over 26 inches in length).
  - If seller is private party and purchaser holds a valid Concealed Pistol License (CPL), Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) or Federal Firearm License (FFL) number:
    - No background check is conducted.
    - Seller fills out the FSR with Purchaser/Seller/Firearm information and provides a copy to purchaser.
    - Registration is not required for non-pistol (i.e., Over 26 inches in length).
  - If seller is private party and purchaser **does not** possess a valid CPL, MCOLES or FFL:
    - Purchaser applies for a License to Purchase a Firearm (LTP) from local PD/SO.
    - Local PD/SO conducts background check through LEIN (to include NICS and NCIC) and APPROVES or DENIES.
    - If APPROVED, Purchaser proceeds to make purchase with private party within 30 days of LTP issuance.
    - Seller fills out the LTP with Seller/Firearm information and provides a copy to purchaser.
    - Registration is not required for non-pistol (i.e., Over 26 inches in length).

## Handgun/pistol (MCL 28.422/422a):

- Purchase from Federally Licensed Firearm dealer (FFL).
  - If purchaser holds a valid CPL, MCOLES or FFL:
    - FFL will initiate a NICS check.
    - FBI NICS completes a background check and responds PROCEED, DENY, or DELAY.
    - If PROCEED, FFL proceeds with sale.
    - FFL completes and provides a copy of the FSR to the purchaser.
    - FFL returns the law enforcement copy of FSR to their (FFL's) law enforcement jurisdiction (PD/SO) within 10 days.
    - PD/SO enters pistol information into MiPistol and mails the FSR to MSP Firearms Records Unit (FRU).
  - If purchaser **does not** possess a valid CPL, MCOLES or FFL:
    - Purchaser applies for LTP from local PD/SO.

- Local PD/SO conducts background check through LEIN (to include NICS and NCIC) and APPROVES or DENIES.
  - If APPROVED, Purchaser proceeds to FFL to make purchase within 30 days of LTP issuance.
  - FFL may also initiate a NICS check.
    - FBI NICS completes a background check and responds PROCEED, DENY, or DELAY.
    - If PROCEED, FFL proceeds with sale.
  - FFL completes and provides a copy of the LTP to the purchaser.
  - FFL returns the LTP to the Licensing Authority within 10 days.
  - PD/SO enters pistol information into MiPistol and mails LTP to MSP FRU.
- Purchase from private party.
  - If purchaser holds a valid CPL, MCOLES or FFL:
    - Seller fills out the FSR with Purchaser/Seller/Firearm information and provides a copy to purchaser.
    - Seller returns the law enforcement copy of FSR to their (seller's) law enforcement jurisdiction (PD/SO) within 10 days.
    - PD/SO enters pistol information into MiPistol and mails the FSR to MSP Firearms Records Unit (FRU).
  - If purchaser **does not** possess a valid CPL, MCOLES or FFL:
    - Purchaser applies for LTP from local PD/SO.
    - Local PD/SO conducts background check through LEIN (to include NICS and NCIC) and APPROVES or DENIES.
    - If APPROVED, Purchaser proceeds to make purchase with private party within 30 days of LTP issuance.
    - Seller fills out the LTP with Seller/Firearm information and provides a copy to purchaser.
    - Seller returns the LTP to the Licensing Authority within 10 days.
    - PD/SO enters pistol information into MiPistol and mails LTP to MSP FRU.