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## How to Acquire a Firearm in Canada

### 1. Obtain a Firearms Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL).

A. Take and pass the Canadian Firearms Safety Course ([CFSC](#)) for non-restricted firearms (rifles and shotguns).

B. If you are applying for a restricted firearm (handgun) you must also take and pass the Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course ([CRFSC](#)).

C. Complete the [license application form](#) and forward with payment. This license is renewable every five years.

### 2. Join a gun club that will permit you to discharge the kind of firearm you wish to acquire.

### 3. Purchase your firearm.

A. Call 1.800.731.4000 and follow the prompts for transfer of the handgun.

B. Obtain a Reference Number for the transaction in case you need to follow up.

C. Obtain a Transfer Authorization Number (TAN) for the transaction.

D. Obtain a short term Authorization to Transport (ATT) to move the handgun from the seller's location to your residence.

E. Obtain a long term ATT to move the handgun from your residence to gun clubs, gun shops, border crossings, etc. This long term ATT may be good for between 2 and 5 years at which time it will need to be renewed.

### 4. Get out and enjoy safe shooting!

Note that the Firearms Act states that the registrar may revoke the registration certificate if the firearm is not being used for the purpose for which the individual acquired it. This means you will have to prove that you use it, or you may lose it.

Consider joining [EXTREME PISTOL \(IPSC\) BC](#). Your certified instructor will teach you to shoot extreme pistol, a challenging and fun way to meet the legal requirement to keep your handguns.