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Discontinuing Printing of Handgun Qualification License Cards

The Maryland Department of State Police, Licensing Division (MDSPLD) is constantly reviewing policy and procedures in order to enhance the experience of our customers, allied agencies, firearms instructors and dealers, all while being as fiscally responsible to the citizens of Maryland as possible. With this in mind, beginning October 1, 2020, the MDSPLD will discontinue printing Handgun Qualification License (HQL) Cards in their current form.

All HQL applicants approved for an HQL, on or after October 1, 2020, will receive, via US mail, a paper HQL, similar to the example below. This paper license, or an electronic copy of the license, must be presented to a dealer or any other person, prior to selling, renting, or transferring a handgun, in accordance with MD Public Safety §5-117.1 and COMAR 29.03.01.06. The discontinuation of printing of the HQL cards will expedite the final process of the HQL and ultimately decrease the time it takes for the applicant to receive their HQL.

Qualified Handgun Instructors (QHI) are also reminded that the individual student/applicant's HQL account must be associated with the individual student/applicant's personal email address.

For further information on the HQL, please visit our website by clicking the following link: [Handgun Qualification License](#). You may also contact us, via email, at: msh.hql@maryland.gov, and Regulated Firearms Dealers may contact us by utilizing the Livehelp feature within their Licensing Portal.

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October 1, 2020

Name
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City, State, Zip

HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE

Dear Name,

The Maryland State Police Licensing Division has reviewed and APPROVED your application for a Handgun Qualification License (HQL). This correspondence serves as your Handgun Qualification License.

Your Handgun Qualification License is valid for 10 years and is required to be presented anytime you intend to purchase, rent or receive a handgun in Maryland. This license is not a Handgun Carry Permit issued pursuant to the Public Safety Article, Title 5, Subtitle 3 and does not authorize you to wear, carry or transport a handgun.

During the issuance period, should you become ineligible to possess a handgun pursuant to State or Federal laws, your license will be revoked. Upon notification of a revocation you will be required to return your Handgun Qualification License to the Maryland State Police address listed below.

If your original or renewal Handgun Qualification License is lost or stolen, you may log in to your eGov account at <https://emdsp.mdsp.org/egov/Login.aspx> and order a replacement license. Replacement licenses require a nonrefundable replacement fee of \$20.

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