



STATE OF IDAHO  
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Does the state of Virginia recognize Idaho's Concealed Weapons License?

Regular: IDAHO CODE § 18-3302  
 Enhanced: IDAHO CODE § 18-3302K  
 Both  
 Neither

Does the state of Virginia require a reciprocity agreement?

No  
 Yes

If yes, is a formal agreement, such as a Memorandum of Agreement, required or will a less formal agreement, such as exchange of letters acknowledging reciprocity of our states' Concealed Weapons Licenses suffice?

Memorandum of Agreement  
 Exchange of Letters

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Dear Ms. Altig:

This is in response to your letter of July 6, 2017, regarding mutual recognition of concealed handgun permits between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Idaho. I have attached the completed questionnaire forwarded with that letter.

Since July 1, 2016 the Commonwealth of Virginia has continuously recognized Idaho concealed **handgun** carry permits subject to the following requirements:

- **the holder of such permit or license must be at least 21 years of age**
- the permit or license holder must carry on their person the permit and a photo identification issued by a government agency of any state or by the U.S. Department of Defense or U.S. Department of State,
- the holder must display the permit or license and such identification upon demand by a law-enforcement officer,
- the permit or license holder has not previously had a Virginia concealed handgun permit revoked, and
- while in Virginia the permit or license covers handguns only and no other weapons

The recognition of permits as limited above is automatic whether Utah recognizes Virginia permits or not. I should further note that Virginia law no longer requires that the reciprocal state maintain the capability to verify the permit on a 24/7 basis.

I would ask that your office verify if Idaho will recognize Virginia permits and **more specifically** whether that recognition includes both Virginia resident and non-resident permits.

If you have any further questions regarding reciprocity, please contact me at 804 674-2212 or [tom.lambert@vsp.virginia.gov](mailto:tom.lambert@vsp.virginia.gov) . I appreciate your patience and understanding through this process. I look forward to our continued working relationship in matters of mutual interest.

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