

Texas LTC Online Course Tips and Links

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR TEXAS LICENSE TO CARRY APPLICATION

For Train Protect Defend online course students

How to apply for the Texas License to Carry (formerly Concealed Handgun License / CHL) and how to submit the paperwork is the most common question asked. The Texas DPS website is not the most intuitive and can be frustrating to navigate. That also makes it difficult to explain the process without being able to see the website. The same goes for the LTC renewal process. The steps below detail what is needed and how to complete it.

If you have any questions or issues with the **DPS application process**, contact the Texas DPS Regulatory Services Division:

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/contact/Contact?sProgram=LTC>

Questions about **Train Protect Defend** online courses or range scheduling: email info@trainprotectdefend.com or comment on TikTok [@train_protect_defend](https://www.tiktok.com/@train_protect_defend).

Step 1 — Apply Online

Go to the Texas DPS License to Carry application portal to begin (or to check status if you already started):

<https://txapps.texas.gov/txapp/txdps/ltc/>



Scan to open the DPS LTC application.

Unless you are returning to check application status, select the **Apply** button under **New Users** at the bottom of the page.

DPS processing fee (separate from the TPD class fee)

- \$40 — Standard fee for initial license
- \$25 — Military veteran (ETS or retired over 365 days)
- \$0 — Active duty (includes Active Guard, Texas State Guard & Reserves)

After you finish the application, save a copy of the confirmation page. You should also receive an email confirmation from DPS. The sender address often includes “RSD” (Regulatory Services Division). These emails sometimes land in spam — watch for them.

Step 2 — Fingerprinting (IdentoGO)

All fingerprinting is done through IdentoGO (a private vendor). Even if you have been fingerprinted by them before, you will still need a new appointment for the LTC. Your DPS confirmation email includes a link to schedule with IdentoGO. They do not accept walk-ins. You must schedule an appointment and pay (typically about \$10 — confirm the current fee on IdentoGO when you book).

Signing up on the IdentoGO site is fairly straightforward. One spot that confuses people is the page that asks what identification documents you will bring. Read the options carefully. If you will use a U.S. state driver's license (the most common ID), choose the option that matches that.

IdentoGO then sends the fingerprint results to the state for you.

Step 3 — Complete online classroom + shooting proficiency, then submit LTC-104

After you finish the online classroom portion, schedule the in-person range instruction and shooting proficiency.

To complete shooting proficiency with Train Protect Defend at **Proactive Defense Outdoor Gun Range & Training Center** (13862 FM 1171, Northlake / Argyle, TX 76262), use this booking page. It is already set to your **TPD online-course student discounted rate — no promo code needed**:

<https://trainprotectdefend.com/training-ltc-shooting-proficiency-tpd-course-customers/>



Scan to open your TPD student LTC shooting proficiency booking page (discounted rate — no promo code).

Submit the LTC-104

After your certificate is complete and signed, upload / submit the LTC-104 through DPS Regulatory Services (handgun licensing). Start here:

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/contact/ltcatt.aspx>



Scan to open the DPS LTC-104 submission page.

You must complete Step 1 (apply online) before uploading LTC-104 documents.
Make sure you signed the document.

Step 4 — Wait

All that is left is to wait. DPS states that applications can take up to 60 days to process; recently many applicants report roughly 2–4 weeks. Timing can change — use the DPS portal to check status.

LTC renewal

An initial Texas License to Carry is typically valid for 4 years. Renewal licenses are typically good for 5 years. Before the license expires, a renewal notice should arrive by mail with expiration date and renewal instructions. DPS charges \$40 for the renewal. Renewals generally do not require a new class or shooting qualification.

Other helpful links

- Confident Carry program: <https://www.trainprotectdefend.com/confident-carry/>
- U.S. LawShield (promo code **TPD**): <http://qr.uslawshield.com/bdYe8b>
- **Do not go to a DPS Driver License office to apply for your LTC — the application is online.**