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SUBPART A: DEFINITIONS

**Section 1231.10 Definitions**

In addition to the definitions included in this Section, any additional definitions created in Section 5 of the Act apply.

"Act" means the Firearms Concealed Carry Act [430 ILCS 66].

"All Applicable State and Federal Laws Relating to the Ownership, Storage, Carry and Transportation of Firearms Instruction" means, at a minimum, instruction on the Act in its entirety, with emphasis on Sections 10(h) and 65 of the Act; the Firearm Owner Identification Card Act [430 ILCS 65]; relevant portions of the Criminal Code of 2012, including but not limited to, use of force in defense of a person [720 ILCS 5/7-1], use of force in defense of dwelling [720 ILCS 5/7-2], use of force in defense of other property [720 ILCS 5/7-3], and unlawful use of a weapon [720 ILCS 5/Art. 24].

"Application Verification Document" means the documents electronically generated by the Department upon submission of a completed Firearms Instructor Approval Application, which authorizes the Department to verify the answers given and confirm the validity of the information provided.

"B-27 Silhouette Target" means any target that complies with the National Rifle Association of America B-27 50 Yard non-scaled Target Specifications which measures 24 inches by 45 inches.

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"Basic Principles of Marksmanship Instruction" means, at a minimum, instruction on stance, grip, sight alignment, sight picture and trigger control.

"Care, Cleaning, Loading and Unloading of a Concealable Firearm Instruction" means, at a minimum, instruction on gun identification, ammunition identification and selection, safety and cleaning protocols, cleaning equipment, and firearms loading and unloading.

"CCLRB" means the Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board.

"Completed the required training and has been issued a firearm control card by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation" shall, for purposes of Section 75 of the Act, mean that at the time of application or renewal, the applicant has an active firearm control card and is current with all on-going training requirements established for the card.

"Department" means the Illinois Department of State Police.

"FCCL" means Firearms Concealed Carry License issued pursuant to the Act.

"Firearms Safety Instruction" means, at a minimum, instruction on the four basic firearms handling safety rules, home storage, vehicle storage and public storage.

"FOID Act" means the Firearm Owner's Identification Card Act [430 ILCS 65].

"Four Basic Firearms Handling Safety Rules" means:

Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction and never at anything the shooter is not willing to destroy;

Keep finger off the trigger until the sights are aligned on target and the shooter is ready to shoot and do not press on the trigger unless the shooter intends to fire;

Treat all guns as though they are always loaded; and

Know the target and what lies beyond the target.

~~For purposes of Section 75(e) of the Act, "hit the target" shall mean hit the scoring area of the B-27 Silhouette Target.~~

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"Hit the target" means fired bullets hit within the scoring rings numbered from X to 7 of the B-27 Silhouette Target. Only shots within the rings numbered 7, 8, 9, and X will count as a hit.

"Illinois Resident" means a person who qualifies for an Illinois driver's license, other than a Temporary Visitor's Driver's License (TVDL), or an Illinois State identification card due to his or her establishment of a primary domicile in Illinois.

"In Person" means during a live, face-to-face interaction and not via video conference, webinar or any other electronic media, except that pre-recorded materials may be used by an instructor during a live presentation.

"Law Enforcement Official" means an employee of a government agency who:

is authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution or incarceration of any person for any violation of law;

has statutory powers of arrest or custodial detention;

is authorized by the agency to carry a firearm while on duty;

is not the subject of any disciplinary action by the employing agency that could result in termination;

meets the standards established by the agency that require the employee to regularly qualify in the use of a firearm; and

is not prohibited by federal law from possessing a firearm.

"LEADS" means the Illinois Law Enforcement Agencies Data System maintained by the Department. It is a statewide, computerized telecommunications system designed to provide services, information and capabilities to the Illinois law enforcement and criminal justice community.

"NICS" means the National Instant Criminal Background Check System maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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"NLETS" means the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System.

"Public Storage" means storage at publicly-owned location, for example in a storage locker provided by a public or government facility, which may or may not have its own storage rules or protocols.

"Substantially Similar" means the comparable state regulates who may carry firearms, concealed or otherwise, in public; prohibits all who have been involuntarily committed to a mental health treatment facility for mental health treatment from obtaining or possessing firearms, in accordance with Federal law; and either (1) maintains a database of individuals who have voluntarily admitted themselves into a mental health treatment facility for mental health treatment within the last 5 years, or (2) upon the request of an individual, allows, or does not prohibit, the submission to the Department of a sworn statement from a licensed mental health professional verifying that the individual has not voluntarily admitted themselves into a mental health treatment facility for mental health treatment within the last five years. ~~prohibits all who have involuntary mental health admissions, and those with voluntary admissions within the past 5 years, from carrying firearms, concealed or otherwise, in public; reports denied persons to NICS; and participates in reporting persons authorized to carry firearms, concealed or otherwise, in public through NLETS.~~

"United States Armed Forces" shall, for purposes of Section 75 of the Act, include all branches of the U.S. Military (Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy), as well as the Federal Reserve Components (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard) and National Guard (Army and Air).

"Valid Driver's License" or "Valid State Identification Card" means current and not suspended, revoked, expired, cancelled, invalidated, denied or disqualified. It does not include a temporary visitor's driver's license (TVDL).

"Valid Firearms Instructor Certification" means certification as:

a current Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor; or

a Firearms Instructor qualified to teach either handgun safety or a handgun training course that requires in-person classroom or lecture sessions totaling at least 3 hours and a live handgun firing component that was issued by:

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a law enforcement entity;

a State or federal government entity (e.g., Military, Coast Guard, etc.);

the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board;

the National Rifle Association of America (NRA); or

any other entity recognized by at least 3 state or federal government agencies-as being qualified to provide education and training in the safe and proper use of firearms that maintains a program or process to certify instructors.

"Weapons Handling Instruction" means, at a minimum:

handgun fundamentals;

handgun concealment;

live fire qualification instruction; and

live fire qualification with a concealable firearm using a B-27 silhouette target consisting of a minimum of 30 rounds and 10 rounds from a distance of 5 yards, 10 rounds from a distance of 7 yards and 10 rounds from a distance of 10 yards.

"Within a Vehicle" means within the passenger compartment of a passenger or recreational vehicle or within a lockable container secured to a motorcycle.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

SUBPART B: INSTRUCTOR AND CURRICULUM APPROVAL

**Section 1231.20 Instructor Approval**

- a) Applicants for Concealed Carry Firearm Instructor (Instructor) approval shall ~~meet the requirements of Section 80 of the Act and shall maintain:~~

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- 1) be subject to Section 35 of the Act;
  - 2) meet the requirements of Section 80 of the Act;
  - 34) maintain a ~~A~~-valid Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) Card or, if an out-of-state resident, the applicant must meet all of the eligibility requirements to obtain a FOID Card other than Illinois residency (see 20 Ill. Adm. Code 1230); and
  - 42) maintain after ~~After~~ April 16, 2014, a valid FCCL, unless the applicant is not required to possess an FCCL to conceal and carry handguns in Illinois, or, if the applicant is an out-of-state resident not from a substantially similar state, that person shall provide proof to the Department upon request that he or she is not required to possess an FCCL to conceal and carry handguns in Illinois, or that he or she is eligible to carry under the laws of his or her state or territory of residence.
- b) Application to be a Concealed Carry Firearms Instructor shall be made by first submitting a full set of fingerprints to the Department in an electronic format using a Live Scan Vendor licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or a law enforcement agency registered by the Department. Manual fingerprints will not be accepted.
  - c) Upon receiving a Live Scan Fingerprint Transaction Control Number (TCN) from the Licensed Live Scan Vendor or law enforcement agency registered by the Department, the applicant shall electronically complete and submit the Department's Concealed Carry Firearms Instructor Approval Application (Application), available on the Department's website at [www.isp.state.il.us](http://www.isp.state.il.us).
  - d) The Application must be complete and accurate. Incomplete Applications will not be accepted or processed. Upon receipt of an incomplete Application, the Department shall notify the instructor applicant and advise what information is missing. If an instructor applicant has not provided the missing information in response to the Department's notification within 60 days after notice from the Department, the Application shall be denied.
  - e) Applicants must have read the Act in its entirety and understand the rules and requirements of this Part.
  - f) Applicants must meet all of the requirements of Section 30 of the Act.

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- g) ~~Approved Instructors must review all informational bulletins within 2 months of their posting on the electronic computer database established for Instructors by the Department. Upon completing and submitting the Application electronically, the applicant must print the Application Verification Document, sign it, have it notarized, attach the required Valid Firearms Instructor Certifications, and submit the Certification documents to:~~

~~Illinois State Police  
Concealed Carry Firearms Instructor Approval  
P.O. Box 19333  
Springfield IL 62724~~

- h) ~~Once an Instructor application is denied and the Department issues a letter of denial, the applicant may appeal the denial to the Director of the Department and present evidence that the facts surrounding his or her application which resulted in the denial do not support the Department's decision.~~
- 1) ~~If the Director determines that approval of the Instructor's application is proper, the applicant shall be approved. Should such an approval occur, the applicant shall be notified in writing and the name of the applicant shall be added to the registry of approved Instructors.~~
- 2) ~~If the Director determines that the denial was warranted and that the Instructor's application should not be approved, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the decision, and the applicant may request a formal administrative hearing pursuant to Section 1231.170(c) of this Part.~~

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 1231.30 Instructor Suspension and Approval Revocation**

- a) Revocation or expiration of either the FOID Card or FCCL shall result in the immediate revocation of the Instructor's approval.
- b) The Department may: ~~revoke an Instructor's approval upon receiving substantiated information that the Instructor is not teaching the curriculum in a manner consistent with Section 75 of the Act.~~



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- 1) suspend an Instructor's approval for up to 90 days, upon opening an investigation into, and determining reasonable suspicion exists supporting, that the Instructor is not in compliance with the Act or this Part, pending the outcome of an investigation; or
  - 2) suspend an Instructor's approval for failure to review informational bulletins posted on the electronic computer database established for Instructors by the Department; or
  - 3) revoke an Instructor's approval upon substantiating allegations that the Instructor is not in compliance with the Act or this Part.
- c) The Department may, without providing prior notice, audit an Instructor's scheduled training for purposes of investigating allegations that an Instructor and/or curriculum is not in compliance with the Act and this Part.
- 1) To facilitate an adequate audit trail, instructors shall maintain all records to support any training certification as required by Section 75(f) of the Act, which shall include:
    - A) copies of training certificates currently accepted to satisfy the prior training credit submitted by students; and
    - B) written training rosters that shall include:
      - i) instructor's name and CCT number;
      - ii) curriculum name and CCC number;
      - iii) student's full legal name;
      - iv) student's date of birth;
      - v) student's address;
      - vi) student's phone number;
      - vii) total hours attended, broken down to identify hours per topic covered as approved in Section 1231.40;

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- viii) pass/fail live fire qualification indicating at least 70% of hits were within the 7, 8, 9, and X scoring rings of a B-27 target; and
  - ix) an indication of yes/no on issuance of ISP CCL training certificate, which shall serve as proof of completion of training.
- d) Complaints regarding Instructors may be made by contacting the Department (see the Department's website at [www.isp.state.il.us](http://www.isp.state.il.us)).
- e) Upon suspension or revocation of an Instructor's approval, the Instructor's name and suspension or revocation status information shall be ~~removed from~~ included on the registry of approved Instructors maintained by the Department and available on its website.
- f) Within 90 days of suspending an Instructor's approval, the Department shall reinstate or revoke the Instructor's approval. If an Instructor is suspended for failing to review required informational bulletins, and the Instructor fails to review the required informational bulletins within 90 days of their date of suspension, the suspension will be extended until all informational bulletins are reviewed.
- gf) Once an Instructor's approval is revoked and the Department issues a letter of revocation to the Instructor, the Instructor may appeal the revocation to the Director of the Department and present evidence that the factors resulting in the revocation have been resolved. ~~If the Director determines that the revocation of approval was not warranted, or that the issues that resulted in revocation have been remedied, the Instructor's approval shall be reinstated, the Instructor shall be notified and the name of the Instructor shall be restored to the registry of approved Instructors.~~
- 1) If the Director determines that reinstatement of the Instructor's approval is proper, or that the issues that resulted in revocation have been remedied, the Instructor's approval shall be reinstated, the Instructor shall be notified in writing, and the name of the Instructor shall be restored to the registry of approved Instructors.

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- 2) If the Director determines that the revocation of approval was warranted, the Instructor shall be notified in writing and the Instructor may request a formal administrative hearing pursuant to Section 1231.170(c) of this Part.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 1231.40 Curriculum-Approval**

- a) No later than January 1, 2016, the Department shall approve a minimum standardized curriculum which it shall make available for use by all approved Instructors. Application for curriculum approval shall be made by completing and submitting a Request for Approval of a Concealed Carry License Firearms Curriculum form, which is available on the Department's website.
- b) No later than January 1, 2016, the Department shall create and make available to all approved Instructors a train-the-trainer instructional program regarding the minimum standardized curriculum. The application must be complete, accurate, signed, and notarized. If the application is not completed properly, it will be returned to the applicant and will not be processed.
- e) The applicant shall verify that the proposed curriculum meets the requirements set forth in the Act and that the course will be taught in person, as described in this Section.
- cd) The minimum standardized curriculum Training necessary for training pursuant to Section 75 of the Act issuance of the FCCL shall consist of 16 hours of classroom and firearm training. Any firearm training involving the live discharge of a firearm shall be limited to 6 students per Instructor. Pursuant to Section 75(g), (h) and (i) of the Act, fewer hours of training, or no additional training, will be acceptable in certain instances (see Appendix B) indicating prior firearms training.
- 1) The 12 or A-16 hour standardized training curriculum shall course must, at a minimum, cover the following topics:
- A) Firearms Safety – a minimum of 1 hour;
  - B) Basic Principles of Marksmanship – a minimum of 1 hour;

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- C) Care, Cleaning, Loading and Unloading of a Concealable Firearm – a minimum of 1 hour;
- D) All Applicable State and Federal Laws Relating to the Ownership, Storage, Carry and Transportation of a Firearm and appropriate and lawful interaction with law enforcement while transporting or carrying a concealed firearm – a minimum of 2 hours; and
- E) Weapons Handling – a minimum of 1 hour.

2) ~~The A-~~8 hour standardized training curriculum shall ~~course must~~, at a minimum, cover the following topics:

- A) All Applicable State and Federal Laws Relating to the Ownership, Storage, Carry and Transportation of a Firearm and appropriate and lawful interaction with law enforcement while transporting or carrying a concealed firearm – a minimum of 2 hours; and
- B) Weapons Handling – a minimum of 1 hour.

3) For the topics to be included in the 16 hour and 8 hour training courses, the minimum hours established in this subsection (d) have been determined to be sufficient for the experienced shooter and shall be adjusted upward by the approved instructor based upon the skill level of those to be trained to ensure proficiency by all upon the completion of the required training component.

~~de~~) ~~The A-~~3 hour standardized licensure renewal curriculum shall ~~course must~~, at a minimum, cover the following topics:

- 1) Two hours to cover:
  - A) any updates to Illinois or federal firearms laws governing concealed carry in Illinois;
  - B) updates in the Criminal Code Sections listed in Section 1231.10; and
  - C) appropriate and lawful interaction with law enforcement while transporting or carrying a concealed firearm; and

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- 2) One hour of instruction to include a live fire qualification with a concealable firearm using a B-27 silhouette target consisting of a minimum of 30 rounds and 10 rounds from a distance of 5 yards, 10 rounds from a distance of 7 yards and 10 rounds from a distance of 10 yards.

~~ef) Effective March 1, 2016, the Department approved standardized training curriculum shall be taught by approved Instructors for training credit under Section 75 of the Act. The Department may request a complete course outline and instructional notes or any additional course related information from the applicant. If the applicant refuses the request, the application will be deemed incomplete and returned to the applicant.~~

~~fg) Once approved by theThe Department; approved standardized the curriculum may only be taught by an Instructor approved by the Department under Section 1231.20 who is listed on the registry of approved Instructors.~~

~~h) Upon receiving substantiated information that a curriculum is not consistent with Section 75 of the Act, the Department may remove that curriculum from the list of approved curriculums maintained on the Department's website.~~

~~i) Once a curriculum is removed from the list of approved curricula, the decision to remove the curriculum from the list may be appealed to the Director of the Department and evidence must be presented that the factors resulting in the revocation have been resolved. If the Director determines that the removal of the curriculum from the list was not warranted, or that the issues that resulted in that removal have been remediated, the curriculum approval shall be reinstated to the list.~~

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 1231.50 Training Certification**

~~a) Effective March 1, 2016, the Instructor shall begin using the electronic computer database established by the Department. After March 1, 2016, approved Instructors shall, at least 72 hours prior to conducting a Department approved standardized training course for purposes of issuing a Concealed Carry Firearms Training Certification, submit to the Department the dates, times, and locations of the training sessions.~~

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- | ba) Approved Instructors shall complete for FCCL applicants the Department's Concealed Carry Firearms Training Certification form, which is available on the Department's website.
  
- | cb) The Certification form shall only be completed for those FCCL applicants who the Instructor trained in person for whom the Instructor can verify:
  - 1) successful completion of the appropriate Department approved curriculum; or
  - 2) that the FCCL applicant has already successfully completed training through a Department approved curriculum.
  
- | de) On the Certification form, the Instructor shall:
  - 1) certify the number of hours the FCCL applicant successfully completed; and
  - 2) provide the unique identification number assigned by the Department to the approved curriculum and the Instructor.
  
- | ed) For those FCCL applicants who provided proof of up to 8 hours of training already completed toward the 16 hours training, the Instructor shall:
  - 1) verify the aggregate number of hours for which the FCCL applicant provided proof of instruction in Firearms Safety, Basic Principles of Marksmanship, and Care, Cleaning, Loading and Unloading of a Concealable Firearm, based upon a list provided by the Department of accepted training courses, and provide the necessary additional hours of training to equal 16 hours total;
  - 2) certify whether the FCCL applicant successfully completed the 8 hours training required by Section 1231.40; and
  - 3) identify which prior training credits the Instructor verified, as identified on the Department's Concealed Carry Firearm Training Certification form.

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- fe) The Instructor may certify up to 8 hours of prior training, consistent with Section 75 of the Act. The prior training may be substituted for no more than the following number of hours in any of the topics required by Section 1231.40(d)(2):
- 1) Firearms Safety – a maximum of 2 classroom hours;
  - 2) Basic Principles of Marksmanship – a maximum of 3 classroom and range hours; and
  - 3) Care, Cleaning, Loading and Unloading of a Concealable Firearm – a maximum of 3 classroom and range hours.
- g) Beginning March 1, 2016, and thereafter, Instructors shall complete and submit all training records (e.g. training certificates; underlying proof of any statutorily permitted prior training for which credit is being granted) consistent with the training requirements of Section 75 of the Act, via electronic transmission to the Department's electronic database established for approved Instructors within 72 hours after completion of a training course.
- Should an applicant being trained by an Instructor wish to submit as part of his or her required records, his or her military identification card, the Instructor shall not save or submit a copy of the card to the Department. Instead, the applicant shall, within 72 hours after completion of his or her training course, submit a copy of the military identification card directly to the Department via electronic transmission to the applicant's file in the Department's electronic database.
- h) Beginning March 1, 2016, and thereafter, the FCCL application shall not be deemed complete and the provisions of Section 10(e) of the Act shall not apply until the Instructor completes and submits to the Department all necessary training records.
- i) Training Certification forms, including those for renewal applications, may be used as proof of training for 1 year after the date of issue.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

SUBPART C: FIREARM CONCEALED CARRY LICENSURE

**Section 1231.60 Issuance of License**

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- a) An FCCL shall expire 5 years after the date of issuance.
- b) The Department shall, at least 60 days prior to the expiration of an FCCL, forward to the last known address of each person whose FCCL is to expire a notification of the expiration.
- c) The Department shall make applications available via its website no later than January 5, 2014. No later than July 1, 2014, the Department will provide an alternative to the web-based application process for Illinois residents who have limited or no access to the web-based application process.
- d) FCCL applicants who are completing the web-based application process shall utilize the electronic signature technology provided by the Department while applying for an FCCL. ~~must obtain a digital signature through the Department of Central Management Services (see 14 Ill. Adm. Code 105) before applying for an FCCL. The Department will provide a link to the digital signature application through its website.~~
- e) Applicants submitting fingerprints shall do so electronically by submitting a full set of fingerprints to the Department in an electronic format using a Live Scan vendor licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or a law enforcement agency registered by the Department. Manual fingerprints will not be accepted.
- f) Upon receiving a Live Scan Fingerprint Transaction Control Number (TCN) from the licensed Live Scan vendor or law enforcement agency, the applicant shall electronically complete and submit the FCCL to the Department.
- g) The TCN for FCCL applicants will have a unique purpose code for the FCCL application process. Concealed Carry Firearm Instructors may use the TCN previously obtained for the instructor application process. No other previously obtained TCNs may be used as they will not have the appropriate purpose code.
- h) The database of FCCL applicants maintained by the Department pursuant to Section 10(i) of Act shall be exempt from FOIA pursuant to FOIA Section 7.5(v) [5 ILCS 140/7.5(v)].
  - 1) Persons authorized to access the database shall register with the Department to obtain a unique password granting them secure access to the database.



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- 2) The entity employing persons requesting access to the database shall appoint a person to act as the entity's point of contact and shall enter into an agreement with the Department defining the security protocols of the database and access to the database.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 1231.70 Objections**

- a) Criminal history background checks for all FCCL applicants will be conducted by the Department. Law enforcement officials who wish to raise an objection to an FCCL applicant shall not use LEADS to run background checks to determine FCCL eligibility.
- b) Law enforcement officials may submit objections outside of the criminal history background check procedure via an electronic objection process available on the Department's website. Manual submissions and LEADS information will not be accepted. Law enforcement officials submitting an objection shall:
  - 1) ~~Law enforcement officials submitting an objection shall~~ provide a narrative outlining the detailed reason for the objection;:-
  - 2) ~~Law enforcement officials submitting an objection shall~~ attach any available documentation, other than information obtained from LEADS, supporting their objection; and-
  - 3) make reasonable efforts to confirm the identity of the applicant by reviewing full name; date of birth; photographs, if available; and ensure the objection and supporting information relate to the applicant.
- c) The Department may deny an application based upon a disqualifier identified pursuant to Section 25 of the Act; however, the local law enforcement official shall be permitted to submit objections for the duration of the objection period prescribed by Section 15 of the Act.
- d) If, upon or after receiving an objection from a local law enforcement official, an FCCL applicant is disqualified through the criminal history background check conducted under Section 25 of the Act, the Department will maintain a record of those objections. The objections will not be forwarded to the CCLR~~B~~ Conealed

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~~Carry Licensing Review Board~~ for further consideration unless the FCCL applicant is later determined to be qualified upon a successful appeal pursuant to Section 1231.170 below.

- e) A law enforcement agency may withdraw an objection to an application at any time prior to the determination of the CCLRB.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 1231.80 Referral to Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board**

- a) The ~~CCLRB Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board~~ is part of the criminal justice process responsible for reviewing an FCCL applicant's criminal history record and eligibility pursuant to Section 20 of the Act.
- b) Applicants disqualified pursuant to Section 25 of the Act shall not be referred to the ~~CCLRB~~ unless the FCCL applicant is later determined to be qualified upon a successful appeal pursuant to Section 1231.170 ~~Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board.~~
- c) If the applicant is subject to review pursuant to Section 20 of the Act, the Department will make the results of the applicant's State criminal history background check and federal and out-of-state fingerprint-based criminal history background check, as well as any local law enforcement objections, available to the ~~CCLRB Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board.~~
- d) The ~~CCLRB Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board~~ shall provide the Department with its final decision on each applicant in an electronic report authored by the Chairperson of the Board. The report shall include, but not be limited to: the applicant's full name, license application number, and, when the CCLRB determines that the applicant is ineligible for a license, the basis for the CCLRB's determination.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 1231.90 Qualifications for a License**

- a) Applicants shall meet the requirements of Sections 25 and 30 of the Act, as well as Sections 4 and 8 of the FOID Act, except that non-resident applicants shall be

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exempt from the Illinois residency requirement of item (xiv) of paragraph 2 of subsection (a) of Section 4 of the FOID Act.

- b) FCCL applicants who are Illinois residents must have a valid FOID Card. Illinois residents who have applied for a FOID Card may apply for an FCCL before the FOID Card is issued. The Department will not approve the FCCL application until the applicant has been issued a FOID Card. If the FCCL applicant's FOID Card application is denied, the FCCL fee is not refundable (see Section 60(a) of the Act).
- c) The Department shall deny the FCCL application for any FCCL applicant who is prohibited under State or federal law from possessing or receiving a firearm.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 1231.100 Application**

- a) The application shall include the information required in Sections 25 and 30 of the Act, as well as the information required in Sections 4 and 8 of the FOID Act. The application shall also include the FCCL applicant's citizenship, race, gender, phone number, e-mail address (if available) and state of residence. For Illinois residents, the application shall include the FCCL applicant's driver's license or identification card number and its expiration date.
- b) As part of the application process and pursuant to Section 30(b)(10) of the Act, FCCL applicants must electronically upload proof of compliance with the training requirements of Section 75 of the Act. FCCL applicants exempt from the training requirements of Section 75 of the Act must electronically upload proof of exemption (e.g. official documentation from the employing agency demonstrating that the applicant is an active law enforcement or corrections officer, has completed the required firearms training and is authorized to carry a firearm; official documentation from the Department approving the Concealed Carry Firearms Instructor's application that includes the Instructor Number; official documentation from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board; information from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation that includes the licensee's name, license number, and license status; etc.). ~~(e.g., training certificates; official documentation from the employing agency demonstrating that the applicant is an active law enforcement or corrections officer, has completed required firearms training, and is authorized to carry a firearm; official documentation from the Department approving the~~

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~~Concealed Carry Firearm Instructor's application that includes the Instructor Number; official documentation from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board; printouts from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations' "License Look-up" that includes the licensee's name, license number and license status; etc.) with the training requirements of Section 75 of the Act. For every certificate submitted, FCCL applicants must include the Instructor's name and contact number and the name of the approved curriculum, as well as the unique identification numbers assigned by the Department to the instructor and the curriculum.~~

- c) Where possible, all AH documentation required pursuant to Section 30 of the Act, or a request by the CCLRb, or required pursuant to this Part, shall be submitted to the Department electronically by uploading it as an attachment to the FCCL application. Applicants who have limited or no access to the web-based application process shall contact the Department at (217) 782-7980 to initiate the application process with a customer service representative telephonically and receive further instruction regarding necessary documentation and payment of fees.
- d) FCCL applicants shall select whether they prefer to receive Department notification via e-mail or written notification. If selecting e-mail notifications, applicants shall provide a current e-mail address to the Department as part of the application process and are responsible for checking the e-mail address provided for correspondence from the Department regarding the application.
- e) If any of the FCCL applicant's contact information changes, including but not limited to his or her e-mail address, the FCCL applicant shall amend his or her application to notify the Department of the corrected contact information. Applicants who have limited or no access to the web-based application process shall notify the Department of corrected or updated contact information by contacting the Department via telephone at (217) 782-7980.
- f) Upon receipt of an incomplete application, the Department shall notify the FCCL applicant and advise the applicant as to what information is missing. The application shall not be deemed complete and the provisions of Section 10(e) of the Act shall not apply until the FCCL applicant provides a complete application including the requested missing information.

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- g) If an FCCL applicant has not provided the missing information in response to the Department's notification within 60 days after notice from the Department, the application shall be denied.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 1231.110 Non-Resident Application**

- a) Pursuant to Section 40(b) of the Act, non-resident FCCL applications will only be accepted from persons who reside in a substantially similar state as defined in 1231.10 licensed or permitted to carry firearms, concealed or otherwise, in public, in a substantially similar state.
- b) The Department shall post on its website a list of all states determined to be substantially similar.
- c) The Department shall, as part of its process to determine which states are substantially similar, ~~as defined in Section 1231.10,~~ to Illinois in their manner of regulating possession concealed carry of firearms, use information obtained by surveying all other states as to their firearms laws.
- d) A non-resident FCCL applicant who resides in a state that the Department has determined to be substantially similar, and whose state does not maintain a database of individuals who have voluntarily admitted themselves into a mental health treatment facility for mental health treatment within the last 5 years, shall submit to the Department as part of their application a sworn affidavit from a licensed mental health professional who has knowledge of the applicant's medical history, stating that the applicant does not pose a threat to himself or herself or to others, and has not voluntarily admitted himself or herself into a mental health treatment facility for mental health treatment within the last 5 years. Should the non-resident applicant be granted a FCCL, so long as the applicant maintains residence in a substantially similar state that does not maintain a voluntary mental health admission database, the applicant shall annually submit to the Department an updated sworn affidavit from a licensed mental health professional who has knowledge of the applicant's medical history, stating that the applicant does not pose a threat to himself or herself or to others, and has not voluntarily admitted himself or herself into a mental health treatment facility for mental health treatment within the last 5 years.

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ed) Non-resident FCCL applicants shall obtain a non-resident eligibility affidavit, as required by the Act, from the Department's website, or by contacting a customer service representative telephonically at (217) 782-7980.

- 1) The affidavit must be completed and notarized by all non-resident FCCL applicants.
- 2) A copy of the affidavit must be submitted as an electronic attachment to the non-resident's FCCL application through the on-line application process.
- 3) The original affidavit with notary stamp must be retained by the non-resident FCCL applicant and provided to the Department upon request.

fe) FCCL applicants applying under the non-immigrant visa exception to the FOID Act (see 430 ILCS 65/8(i-5) and 20 Ill. Adm. Code 1231.20(g)) shall provide a letter from their foreign government stating the purpose for travel to Illinois, the date the applicant's non-immigrant visa expires, and the need for the FOID Card, or a waiver from this provision granted by the U.S. Attorney General.

gf) All documentation required by Section 40(c) and (d) of the Act, or elsewhere within the Part, shall be submitted to the Department electronically by uploading it as an attachment to the non-resident's FCCL application. Applicants who have limited or no access to the web-based application process shall contact the Department at (217) 782-7980 to initiate the application process with a customer service representative telephonically and receive further instruction regarding necessary documentation and payment of fees.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 1231.120 Renewal**

- a) All documentation required pursuant to Section 50 of the Act shall be submitted to the Department electronically by uploading it as an attachment to the FCCL renewal application. Applicants who have limited or no access to the web-based application process shall contact the Department at (217) 782-7980 to initiate the renewal application process with a customer service representative telephonically and receive further instruction regarding necessary documentation and payment of fees.

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- b) FCCL renewal applicants may submit a full set of fingerprints to the Department in an electronic format using a Live Scan vendor licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or a law enforcement agency registered by the Department if the renewal applicant did not do so at the time of his or her original FCCL application.
  - 1) Renewal fingerprints must comply with the provisions set forth in Section 1231.60.
  - 2) FCCL renewal applicants who submitted fingerprints at the time of their original FCCL application need not submit additional sets of fingerprints upon renewal.
- c) The Department shall grant or deny an FCCL renewal application no later than 90 days after receipt of a completed application, except that the Department is granted by Section 30(b)(8) of the Act 30 days in addition to the 90 days if the applicant has not previously submitted a full set of fingerprints in electronic format.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 1231.140 Fees**

- a) FCCL applicants shall pay the fee required by Section 60 of the Act, in full, when submitting their application.
- b) All application fees shall be collected using the Illinois State Treasurer's E-Pay program, which is linked to the electronic FCCL application on the DSP website. A convenience fee will be charged in accordance with the Illinois State Treasurer's E-Pay program. Applicants who have limited or no access to the web-based application process and who completed the application with a customer service representative telephonically shall provide payment information as directed during the application process.
- c) Application, renewal and replacement fees are non-refundable.
- d) All fees collected for criminal history records checks required by Section 35 of the Act will be collected by the licensed Live Scan Vendors or local law enforcement agencies at the time of fingerprinting and transmitted to the Department for deposit in the State Police Services Fund. A convenience fee may

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be charged by the licensed Live Scan Vendors or local law enforcement agencies as provided by Section 31-5 of the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 [225 ILCS 447/31-5].

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 1231.160 FCCL Suspension, ~~and~~ Revocation ~~and~~ Invalidation**

- a) Section 70 of the Act specifies violations resulting in suspension, ~~or~~ revocation ~~or~~ ~~invalidation~~ of an FCCL.
- b) The Department will provide written notice to the licensee of a suspension, ~~or~~ revocation ~~or~~ ~~invalidation~~.
- c) The license of a person in violation of Section 70(d) or (e) ~~shall~~ ~~will~~ be suspended for a period of 6 months upon conviction of the second violation and shall be permanently revoked for a third violation.
- d) Surrender/Seizure of an FCCL
  - 1) A person whose FCCL has been revoked or suspended shall surrender the FCCL to the local law enforcement agency where the person resides within 48 hours after receiving notice of the revocation or suspension.
  - 2) If the licensee whose FCCL has been revoked or suspended fails to comply with the requirements of this subsection, the law enforcement agency where the person resides may petition the circuit court to issue a warrant to search for and seize the FCCL.
  - 3) The local law enforcement agency shall provide the licensee a receipt for the revoked or suspended FCCL and transmit the FCCL license to the Department of State Police, within 10 business days.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 1231.170 Appeals**

- a) Appeals to CCLRB  
An individual whose application for an FCCL is denied or whose FCCL is suspended or revoked may petition the Department for relief unless the denial is



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based upon a determination of the CCLRB. A denial based upon a determination of the CCLRB may be appealed through petition to the circuit court in the county of the applicant's residence, pursuant to Section 87(a) of the Act.

- b) Informal Administrative Review Relief Proceeding
- 1) Individuals who wish to request administrative review relief from the Department shall provide written notice to the Department within 60 days after receipt of the notice that their FCCL application is denied or their FCCL is revoked to begin the appeal process.
  - 2) The petitioner must provide to the Department any reasonable documentation requested by the Department related to the request for administrative review-determination for granting relief.
  - 3) Upon receiving complete documentation for the administrative review appeal, the Department ~~shall~~ will investigate the circumstances surrounding the denial or revocation. If the Director determines is satisfied that the application was denied or license was revoked in error, the Director shall grant the application or reinstate the license substantial justice has not been done through the denial or revocation and that it is not likely that the applicant or any other party will be injured by the granting of the relief, the Director or his or her designee may grant relief.
  - 4) The administrative review appeal process shall not begin until the Department has received all the necessary documentation.
  - 5) In the event the Director or his or her designee desires additional information concerning the circumstances surrounding the denial or revocation action, the Director may schedule a fact-finding conference with the petitioner or request additional information.
  - 6) The Director or his or her designee may grant the application or reinstate the license or deny relief as a result of the fact-finding conference.
  - 7) In an informal administrative review relief proceeding, the petitioner may be represented by counsel or present witnesses who have direct knowledge of the circumstances of the denial or revocation and may present any evidence or information relating to the Department's action.

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8) If the Department has reason to believe an application was approved or denied in error, the Director or his or her designee may initiate the Informal Administrative Review Procedure with the applicant.

c) Formal Administrative Hearing

- 1) If the Director does not provide relief as a result of the investigation or a fact-finding conference, the petitioner may request a formal administrative hearing. The request for hearing must be in writing and sent to the DSP Firearms Services Bureau, Appeals Unit.
- 2) The administrative law judge (ALJ) for contested hearings shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Illinois appointed by the Director. The ALJ may be disqualified for bias or conflict of interest.
- 3) The procedures for the hearing shall be as described in Article 10 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act [5 ILCS 100/Art. 10] and as ordered by the ALJ.
- 4) In the event relief is denied, a new application from the petitioner will not be accepted until two years have passed since the date of the last denial.

d) Administrative Review Law

All final administrative decisions of the Department or the CCLRB shall be subject to judicial review under the Administrative Review Law.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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**Section 1231. Appendix A Prohibited Area Posting**

Pursuant to Section 65(d) of the Act, signs must be of a uniform design. The Department has adopted the following sign format. The background is white, with no text, other than the reference to 403 ILCS 66/65, and no other marking within the one-inch area surrounding the graphic design. The graphic design is a handgun in black ink surrounded by a red circle with a diagonal slash across the handgun. ~~The circle shall be 4 inches in diameter.~~ The black rectangle surrounding the image must measure 4 inches tall by 6 inches wide.

The image is available on the DSP website for download.

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**Section 1231.Appendix B Prior Training Credit**

- a) Section 75(g) and (i) of the Act provides that prior handgun training can be substituted for a portion of the training required for an FCCL. The following is a list of training courses that qualify for prior training credit and the amount of credit awarded for each.
- b) It is the responsibility of the Instructor to verify successful completion of prior training and apply credit as listed. Once this credit is combined with additional

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training hours provided by the Instructor, the Instructor will certify that the 16 hour training requirement was met.

- c) Instructors should inform applicants how much credit they will receive for their prior training and remind them the prior training certificates must be submitted with the FCCL Training Certificate when they apply.
- d) The following are courses for which prior training credit can be awarded. This list will be updated as additional courses are submitted and approved by the Department.

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Acceptable Credit</u>
Illinois Hunter Safety Course.....	4 hours
Utah Concealed Carry .....	4 hours
Florida Concealed Carry .....	4 hours
Nevada Concealed Carry .....	4 hours
Missouri Concealed Carry .....	4 hours
Kentucky Concealed Carry .....	4 hours
Michigan Concealed Carry .....	4 hours
Chicago Firearms Safety Course .....	4 hours
NRA Basic Pistol .....	8 hours
NRA Personal Protection in the Home .....	8 hours
NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home.....	8 hours
Active, Retired or Honorably Discharged member of the United States Armed Forces .....	8 hours
Prior Law Enforcement or Corrections Officer Training (see Section 75(j) of the Act) .....	8 hours

- e) Section 75(g) of the Act requires that any hours remaining after the credit has been granted must at least cover the classroom subject matter and range qualifications listed in Section 1231.40(d) and (e)(2).
- f) To submit training for recognition by the Department, mail the basic course outline of the training following items to Illinois State Police, FCCL Prior Credit, Post Office Box 19333, Springfield IL 62794.÷

- ~~1) Basic course outline of the training submitted; and~~
- ~~2) A letter from another state indicating it recognizes the course.~~

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