

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When will the new BFS course be ready?
 - a. EOPSS is diligently working with the MSP and the MPTC to operationalize the requirements of section 74 of the *Act*, including the new curriculum requirements for the BFS course, in accordance with the deadlines prescribed by the new law.
2. May a licensing authority accept a basic firearms safety certificate pursuant to the requirements of the current law prior to the *Act* taking effect?
 - a. Yes, and a licensing authority may continue to do so until section 74 takes effect.
3. If I am issued an FID or LTC after August 1, 2024, but before the law goes into effect, will I have to take a new BFS course and complete the live fire requirement when I renew my license?
 - a. Yes, but only if you applied for the permit or license after August 1, 2024.
4. I am a BFS instructor. What are the new requirements for the issuance of satisfactory basic safety firearms certificate?
 - a. Course instructors will be required to upload copies of completed certificates to the MIRCS Portal created by DCJIS. Individuals who completed the course will have access to the certificate via the MIRCS Portal. Specific information will be forthcoming.
5. Can I renew or apply for a new resident alien permit to possess non-large capacity rifles and shotguns?
 - a. No. This is no longer a valid license type.
6. Can I apply for or renew a LTC in the town where I own a business?
 - a. No. Applicants can only apply for or renew a firearms license in the city/town where they reside, or a non-resident of the Commonwealth through the Firearms Records Bureau.
7. Will I need to register all my firearms?
 - a. Yes. However, you will not be required to register your firearms into the new registration system until 10/23/2026. The Commonwealth is working on building the registration system and will provide additional guidance at a later date on how to register firearms.

8. I am moving to Massachusetts – do I need to register my firearms?
 - a. Yes. A new resident of Massachusetts has 60 days to obtain a firearms license. Firearms must be registered once the license is issued.
9. When will the FCAB convene?
 - a. EOPSS is currently working with the offices and stakeholders who have representation on the board so that individuals may be selected, and the Chair may convene the board's first meeting as soon as practicable.
10. Are firearms dealers permitted to sell handguns currently on the "Approved Firearms Roster"?
- a. Yes, please see the information above concerning the firearms rosters.
11. Will DCJIS be updating the MIRCS system to reflect the requirements of the new law?
 - a. Yes. DCJIS will be updating the MIRCS system based on data shared with its agency by the Trial Court and other agencies. Further information will be made available at a later date regarding the updates to the MIRCS.
12. When will the section 12 database, as required by Section 12 of the *Act*, be operational?
 - a. DCJIS, in consultation with I.T. partners, is in the process of developing the database and expects to be ready to launch once the *Act* takes effect. DCJIS, in consultation with the MPTC, will be providing trainings on all new systems and processes.
13. How will the recording of ammunition sales be implemented, and will it be in place by the time the *Act* takes effect?
 - a. An electronic record of ammunition sales will not be required by DCJIS at this time. A written record that complies with the requirements as specified in Section 37 of the *Act* will suffice.