A. Dealers may accept any one of the following documents as identification:
- Valid photo drivers license or ID card.
- Valid government-issued photo ID card.

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Q. If I possess a valid license to carry a firearm, am I required to undergo a Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) background check to purchase a firearm?
A. Yes. Section 6111 of the Uniform Firearms Act (UFA) requires that a dealer complete a PICS check before delivering a firearm to a buyer. The exception granted to license to carry holders and law enforcement officers applied to the waiting period which was replaced by the instant check, and no longer applies.

Q. What if I own a firearm, and I am convicted of a crime which prohibits me from possessing firearms?
A. If you have 60 days from the date of the imposition of any disability (such as a conviction which prohibits ownership of a firearm) to sell or transfer any firearms you own to a person who is not a member of your household...

Q. Can I allow persons under the age of 18 to use firearms?
A. You do not need a license to carry to possess a firearm; however, a license to carry is required for the purpose of carrying a firearm concealed on or about your person, or in a vehicle within this Commonwealth. Exceptions can be found in Section 6106(b) of the UFA.

Q. What do I need to do if I want to sell or transfer a firearm to a friend?
A. PA residents can transfer a long gun to another PA resident providing the individual is not prohibited. Handguns transfers must be completed at a licensed firearm dealer’s place of business. Private transfers for any type of firearm to an individual who resides in another state must be processed through a licensed firearm dealer from the buyer’s state of residence.

Q. When processing a private transfer, will the dealer charge me a fee?
A. There is a $2.00 fee to run a PICS check to verify that the intended recipient of the firearm is not prohibited. In addition, most firearm dealers have a processing fee that is determined by the individual dealers. Therefore, you may want to ask the dealer what his fee is prior to initiating the transfer.

Q. If I have a criminal record from many years ago, and I have not committed a prohibited offense since then, is it possible that I may be able to purchase a firearm?
A. The current Uniform Firearms Act does not expire based on prior criminal records from a specific time period in order to acquire a firearm. Also, criminal records are not automatically expunged (deleted) after a period of time. In Pennsylvania, a court order is required to expunge or non-conclusion information. Conviction information may not be expunged. It is possible to obtain court ordered relief from a firearm disability, which may grant eligibility to acquire a firearm.

Q. Can I allow persons under the age of 18 to transfer firearms?
A. Yes, persons under the age of 18 (minors) may possess or transport a legal pistol, revolver, shotgun, or rifle with the expressed consent of the minor's custodial parent or legal guardian, and the minor is engaged in lawful activity; or the firearm is unloaded and the minor is transporting it for a lawful purpose.

Q. What types of identification do I need to purchase a firearm?
A. Dealers may accept any one of the following documents as identification:
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Q. What would prohibit me from lawfully possessing or purchasing a firearm?
A. There are 38 crimes for which a conviction would prohibit a person from lawfully purchasing or possessing a firearm under the UFA. There are nine conditions which would prohibit this also. The prohibiting offenses and conditions listed in the UFA under § 6105 are as follows:

**PROHIBITING OFFENSES & CONDITIONS:**

- **§908 Prohibited offensive weapons**
- **§911 Corrupt organizations**
- **§2502 Murder**
- **§2503 Voluntarymanslaughter**
- **§2504 Involuntary Manslaughter, if reckless use of a firearm**
- **§2702 Aggravated assault**
- **§2703 Assault by prisoner**
- **§2704 Assault by life prisoner**
- **§2709.1 Stalking, engaging in organized crime competition involving the use of a firearm, or the firearm is unloaded and the minor is transporting it for a lawful purpose; or**
  - **§2910 Luring a child into a motor vehicle or structure**
- **§3121 Rape**
- **§3123 Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse**
- **§3125 Aggravated indecent assault**
- **§3301 Arson and related offenses**
- **§3302 Causing or risking catastrophe**