

Florida
Full Point-of-Contact State

Firearm Background Checks Administered By:

[Florida Department of Law Enforcement](#) or
[FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System \(NICS\)](#)

FDLE conducts all firearm background checks with the limited exception for pawn brokers who are running a background check for a pawn redemption occurring less than 90 days from the date of pawn. These firearm dealers may contact the FBI NICS for these background checks.

Identified Background Check Responses:

Standard NICS Response	POC Response (equivalent)	Explanatory Notes (if any)
Proceed	Approved	FFL may transfer the firearm(s).
Delay	Decision Pending	FFL may not transfer firearm(s) without receiving an "Approved" response from the state agency.
Denied	Non-Approval	FFL cannot transfer firearm(s).
Cancelled		Background check stopped prior to final response being provided by the state. Firearm cannot be transferred.

Unique Transaction Number:

Unique transaction number provided when background check is initiated by an FFL. At conclusion of transaction, a character of "A" for approval or "N" for non-approval will be added to the end of the transaction number. Firearms may not be transferred without a final state determination and response.

* All Federal Firearm Licensees are responsible for verifying whether Background Check alternatives exist in their state of operation ([Permanent Brady Permit Chart](#)) as well as any other applicable state laws affecting firearm transactions ([State Laws & Published Ordinances](#)).