

**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)
<b>Proceed</b>	Approved	FFL may transfer the firearm(s).
<b>Delay</b>	Decision Pending	FFL may not transfer firearm(s) without receiving an "Approved" response from the state agency.
<b>Denied</b>	Non-Approval	FFL cannot transfer firearm(s).
<b>Cancelled</b>		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](#)).