

**New Hampshire**  
**Partial Point-of-Contact State**

**Firearm Background Checks Administered By:**

[New Hampshire Division of State Police](#) or  
[FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System \(NICS\)](#)

Handgun background checks conducted by New Hampshire State Police. All other firearm background checks conducted by FBI NICS.

**Identified Background Check Responses:**

Standard NICS Response	POC Response (equivalent)	Explanatory Notes (if any)
Proceed	Approved	FFL may transfer the firearm(s).
Delay	Delayed	FFL may not transfer the firearm until receiving a approved response or three business days have expired since the background check was initiated without the FFL receiving a final response.
Denied	Denied	FFL cannot transfer the firearm(s).
Cancelled	N/A	Background check stopped prior to final response. Firearm cannot be transferred.

**Unique Transaction Number (Format Notes and/or Issuance Timelines):**

Transaction number provided when background check is initiated by an FFL. For state generated transactions, the state may provide a second additional transaction number when a final response is provided.

\* 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](#)).