

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 an 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](#)).