

Tennessee
Full Point-of-Contact State

Firearm Background Checks Administered By:

[Tennessee Bureau of Investigation-Tennessee Instant Check System \(TICS\)](#)

Identified Background Check Responses:

Standard NICS Response	POC Response (equivalent)	Explanatory Notes (if any)
Proceed	Approved	FFL may transfer the firearm(s).
Delay	Conditional Proceed	Appeal of denial of transfer. State is unable to make a determination within a 15-day period. State is unable to overturn the transaction to approval or sustain the denial. Firearm transfer is at the discretion of the dealer.
	Pending/Research	State is researching background. FFL may not transfer firearm(s).
Denied	Denial/Sustained Denial	Firearm cannot be transferred.
Cancelled	No State Equivalent	State does not issue "cancelled" responses.

Unique Transaction Number:

A unique transaction number is provided when a final response is received (Approval or Denial).

* 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](#)).