

Washington State
Full Point-of-Contact State

Firearm Background Checks Administered By:

[Washington State Police-Firearm Background Division](#)

Identified Background Check Responses:

Standard NICS Response	POC Response (equivalent)	Explanatory Notes (if any)
Proceed	Approved	FFL may transfer the firearm(s) after receiving approval from the state and waiting the 10-day state mandated waiting period.
Delay	Draft	Assigned upon starting to complete background check. Drafts over three days old are purged.
	Submitted	Background check has been submitted to state for review. FFL cannot transfer firearm using this response.
	Processing	Background check has been submitted and is being reviewed. FFL cannot transfer firearm using this response.
	Research/Delay	Utilized for any checks that require a manual review, not given instant Approval, regardless of the timeframe needed for such review. FFL may not transfer the firearm until they have received a final approved response from the state and ten day state mandated waiting period has transpired.
Deny	Deny	FFL cannot transfer firearm(s).
	Stopped	Firearm involved in transaction has been reported as stolen.
Cancelled	Text	Background check stopped prior to final 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](#)).