

**Wisconsin**  
**Partial Point-of-Contact State**

**Firearm Background Checks Administered By:**

[State of Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement Services, Crime Information Bureau, Firearms Unit](#) or  
[FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System \(NICS\)](#)

Handgun sales background checks conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Handgun pawn redemptions and all other firearm background checks conducted by FBI NICS.

**Identified Background Check Responses:**

Standard NICS Response	POC Response (equivalent)	Explanatory Notes (if any)
Proceed	Approval	FFL may transfer the firearm(s) only after receiving an approved final response.
Delay	Further Review	Utilized for any checks that require a manual review, rather than instant Approval, regardless of the timeframe needed for such review. FFL cannot transfer handgun until State final response is received. State notifies the dealer of the results no later than 5 working days after the search was requested. If no prohibiting result, FFL may transfer firearm. FFL may transfer a long gun after Federally mandated 3-business day timeframe.
Deny	Deny	FFL cannot transfer firearm(s).
Cancelled	Cancel	Background check stopped prior to final response being provided by the state. Firearm cannot be transferred.
	Reverse	Used when response is switched from Approval to Deny or Deny to Approval. FFL should record provided final response.

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

A unique 'Confirmation Number' is given at the time of initiating the check, and a separate and unique 'Approval Number' or 'Non-Approval Number' is given at the time of the final response by State agency for handguns. FFL is provided NICS number for long gun transactions.

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