

Hawaii
Full Point-of-Contact State

Firearm Background Checks Administered By:

Background checks are conducted by the county police department in the transferee's county of residence. There are four county police departments – Hawaii County PD, Honolulu County PD, Kauai County PD and Maui County PD. When the background check is cleared, the transferee is issued a “*Permit to Acquire*” which is presented to the FFL in lieu of a background check at the time of transfer.

Identified Background Check Responses:

Standard NICS Response	POC Response (equivalent)	Explanatory Notes (if any)
Proceed	Permit to Acquire issued by County Police Department	Allows purchase of a firearm.
Delay	(No equivalent response)	FFL cannot transfer firearm without “Permit to Acquire” issued by local LE. Permit serves as alternative to FFL background check.
Denied		
Cancelled		

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

A Permit to Acquire is issued by law enforcement only after a background check is performed. No unique transaction number is issued.

* 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](#)).