California Department of Justice DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT Stephen Woolery, Chief	**INFORMATION BULLETIN**	
Subject: **Changes in Law Effective September 1, 2026 Regarding Renewal CCW Licenses and Mandatory Enrollment in Federal Rap Back Service**	*No.* 2026-DLE-14 *Date:* 08/31/2026	*Contact for information:* Bureau of Firearms (916) 210-2751 CCWInfo@doj.ca.gov

TO: ALL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise law enforcement agencies (licensing authorities) that issue licenses to carry a weapon capable of being concealed (CCW licenses) pursuant to California Penal Code sections 26150, 26155, and 26170 of the following changes effective September 1:

(1) Pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 2 (Stat. 2023, Ch. 249), there are new fingerprinting requirements for CCW renewal applicants, including updated renewal fees, an updated issuance notification process, and a new Department of Justice (Department) mailing address to which licensing authorities shall mail copies of all CCW licenses.
(2) Licensing authorities can start enrolling in a New Federal Rap Back Service from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) starting September 1, and are required to do so by December 31, 2026, pursuant to section 11105, subdivision (u)(4). Enrolling in this program will allow licensing authorities to receive federal-level subsequent notifications regarding arrests and dispositions for CCW licensees, in addition to California-level subsequent notifications from the Department, which may provide information about whether a CCW license should be denied or revoked based on a determination that the applicant is a disqualified person.

This bulletin also includes information reminding licensing authorities about existing requirements to report CCW license denials, revocations, and No Longer Interested Requests to the Department pursuant to sections 26225 and 11105.2.

This bulletin is not legal advice. Rather, it is based on the relevant statutes and regulations as of the date of this bulletin. This bulletin supplements, not supplants, the relevant statutes and regulations. Licensing authorities should consult with their legal counsel when formulating policies and practices, and in addressing any questions regarding the issues covered in this bulletin.

In this Bulletin, "licensing authority" means a sheriff of a county or head of a municipal police department. "Department" means the California Department of Justice.

Changes to CCW License Renewal Process Effective September 1, 2026

- **New Fingerprinting Requirements**

Effective September 1, 2026, pursuant to SB 2, licensing authorities must submit to the Department fingerprint images, with applicable fees, for each applicant applying for a renewal CCW license pursuant to subdivision (u) of Penal Code section 11105. (Pen. Code, § 26185, subd. (b)(2).) Applicants may submit their fingerprints to the licensing authority by completing a REQUEST FOR LIVE SCAN SERVICE (BCIA 8016) form and taking the completed form to a live scan operator in California to initiate the background check process. (Cal. CCR 11, § 4420.) Submission of the applicant fingerprints and fees will act as the "renewal notification" to the Department indicating the licensing authorities' intent to renew the applicant's CCW license.

To prevent any processing delays, licensing authorities shall ensure applicants Live Scan under the appropriate CCW applicant type, pay the appropriate fees, and utilize the most current BCIA 8016 form available at: oag.ca.gov/fingerprints/forms.

Please Note: In accordance with Information Bulletin 2026-DLE-13, a non-resident applicant may submit their fingerprints to the licensing authority via Live Scan or by submitting them on an FBI Form FD-258 fingerprint card after having them taken at a law enforcement agency in their state of residence.

Please be advised, the renewal fees for CCW licenses will increase effective September 1, 2026, pursuant to Penal Code section 26190, to include costs associated with processing the fingerprinting requirement. The revised fees are detailed below:

CCW License Applicant Types	Fee Amount
Employment CCW	$71.00
Standard CCW	$93.00
Judge CCW	$115.00
Reserve Officer CCW	$137.00
Custodial Officer CCW	$137.00

- **New Issuance and Notification Process:**

Starting September 1, 2026, licensing authorities are not authorized to issue a renewal CCW license until both of the following occur: (1) the applicant's fingerprint images and appropriate fees have been submitted to the Department, and (2) the Department has confirmed the applicant's eligibility to possess, receive, own, or purchase a firearm. (Pen. Code, § 26185, subd. (c)(3).) Licensing authorities will receive firearm eligibility notifications for applicants in the Applicant Agency Justice Connection. Licensing authorities shall ensure that the updated renewal process has been completed prior to issuing a renewal CCW license on or after September 1, 2026.

- **New Mailing Address for Copies of CCW Licenses:**

Licensing authorities shall mail copies of all CCW licenses issued on or after September 1, 2026, to the Department at the address below:

Department of Justice
Bureau of Firearms
CCW Program
P.O. Box 160367
Sacramento, CA 95816-0367

Licensing authorities **shall no longer send CCW renewal licenses to**:

Department of Justice
Prescan Unit, K-111
P.O. Box 903417
Sacramento, CA 94203-4170

Please Note: Renewal CCW licenses submitted to the Department on or after September 1, 2026, will be returned if it is determined the applicant's fingerprint images and related information were not submitted to the Department or the licensing authority did not receive confirmation from the Department of the applicant's eligibility to possess, receive, own, or purchase a firearm in accordance with Penal Code section 26185, subdivision (b)(2) before issuing the license.

- **Revisions to BOF 4501:** Additionally, the Department has revised the License to Carry Concealed Pistol, Revolver, or Other Firearm within the State of California (BOF 4501 – Rev. 09/2026) to include non-resident standard and judicial license types. Effective September 1, 2026, licensing authorities shall utilize the revised license when issuing initial or renewal CCW licenses. The revised BOF 4501 is available on the California Law Enforcement Web (CLEW) at: clew.doj.ca.gov/firearms.

Federal Rap Back Enrollment Required by December 31, 2026

Currently, licensing authorities are enrolled to receive **California-level subsequent notifications** regarding arrests and dispositions for CCW licensees, which may provide information as to whether a license issued pursuant to Section 26150, 26155, or 26170 should be denied or revoked based on a determination that the applicant is a disqualified person. (Pen. Code, § 26195.) Additionally, the Department's Bureau of Firearms also receives California-level subsequent notifications and notifies the licensing authorities if the applicant is determined to be prohibited by state or federal law from possessing, receiving, owning, or purchasing a firearm. (Pen. Code, § 26195, subd. (a)(1), (b)(2).)

Beginning September 1, 2026, licensing authorities can start enrolling in the FBI's Next Generation Identification Noncriminal Justice Rap Back Service (Federal Rap Back Service) to also receive **federal-level subsequent notifications** for CCW licensees who submit fingerprint images to the Department. (Pen. Code, § 11105 subd. (u)(4).) Enrollment in the Federal Rap Back Service will allow the Department to provide subsequent notifications to licensing authorities regarding arrests and dispositions from out-of-state or federal

agencies, which may provide information as to whether a CCW license should be denied or revoked based on a determination that the applicant is a disqualified person. (Pen. Code, § 26195.) Additionally, enrollment in Federal Rap Back Service by licensing authorities allows the Bureau of Firearms to receive federal subsequent arrest or disposition notifications, allowing the Department to verify the firearm eligibility status of a CCW licensee.

To enroll, licensing authorities must submit a Federal Rap Back Service Request in the Applicant Agency Justice Connection (AAJC) Portal. Next, licensing authorities will select the appropriate CCW license applicant types and submit the Contract for Federal Subsequent Arrest & Disposition Notifications (BCIA 8050) form, Contract for California Subsequent Arrest & Disposition Notifications (BCIA 8049) form, and an Authorized Recipient User Agreement (BCIA 9005) form to the Department via AAJC for review. Upon approving the enrollment request, the newly fingerprinted applicants will be subscribed to the Federal Rap Back Service and both state and federal subsequent notifications will automatically be sent to the licensing authority and the Bureau of Firearms via AAJC. Licensing authorities must complete enrollment in the Federal Rap Back Service **no later than December 31, 2026.**

For complete information on the Federal Rap Back enrollment process, please refer to the New Federal Rap Back Service Available Information Bulletin available at oag.ca.gov/info-bulletins. You may also contact the Bureau of Criminal Information & Analysis, Authorization & Certification Program by email at ORIQuestions@doj.ca.gov with any state or federal Rap Back questions.

Please Note: Participation in the Federal Rap Back Service requires licensing authorities provide applicants with the appropriate privacy notices regarding use of fingerprints by the FBI and receive acknowledgement through applicant signature on the most recent version of the BCIA 8016 form.

Federal Rap Back Service Costs

There are no additional fees for the Federal Rap Back Service, as it is included in the cost of a federal-level background check for subscribed applicants.

Reminder About Existing CCW Reporting Requirements That Remain Unchanged: Denials, Revocations, and No Longer Interested Requests

- **Reporting Denials and Revocations**

As a reminder, licensing authorities must notify the Department upon denial of an initial or renewal CCW application or revocation of a CCW license by submitting the License to Carry Concealed Pistol, Revolver, or Other Firearm – Notification of Denial or Revocation (BOF 1032) form (Rev. 03/2026). This form can be accessed on CLEW at clew.doj.ca.gov/forms.

- **Reporting No Longer Interested Requests**

Licensing authorities must immediately request that the Department terminate state or federal subsequent notification pursuant to subdivision (d) of Penal Code section 11105.2 if a CCW licensee fails to submit an application for renewal within 90 days of the expiration of their license. (Pen. Code, § 26225, subd. (e).)

Licensing authorities must submit No Longer Interested (NLI) requests to the Bureau of Criminal Information and Analysis via the Applicant Agency Justice Connection (AAJC) Portal.

Penal Code section 11105.2, subdivision (d) states, in part, that any agency which submits the fingerprints of applicants for employment, licensing, or certification or approval to the Department for the purpose of establishing a record of the applicant to receive notification of subsequent arrests, shall immediately notify the Department when employment, license, or certification is terminated or the applicant is not hired or issued a license.

Please be advised that when a CCW license is denied or revoked based on a determination that the applicant is a disqualified person, as set forth in Penal Code section 26202, the licensing authority shall not request that the Department terminate state or federal subsequent notification prior to the deadline for the applicant to request a hearing or prior to the court's decision pursuant to Penal Code section 26206. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 11, § 4430, subd. (a).)