

CCW Carrier Training Requirements Checklist

Six Verified States, 2026 Snapshot

This checklist covers six states GunCarrier independently verified against official sources while researching this topic: Colorado, California, Washington, Indiana, Montana, and New Mexico. It is a starting reference, not a complete 50-state matrix, and state training rules change almost every legislative session. Confirm your specific state directly at the official source listed before you enroll in a class or apply for a permit.

State Snapshot

State	Permit Status	Training Hours	Live-Fire Required	Verify At
Colorado	Permit required (shall-issue)	8 hrs new / 2 hrs renewal	Yes	leg.colorado.gov, HB24-1174
California	Permit required (shall-issue)	16 hrs new / 8 hrs renewal	Yes	CA Penal Code Sec. 26165 (SB 2)
Washington	Permit required (CPL)	None currently required	No	dol.wa.gov
Indiana	Permitless, age 18+	None for the basic right	No	indy.gov, Permitless Carry
Montana	Permitless, age 18+	None	No	MCA Title 45, Chapter 8
New Mexico	Permitless right; optional license available	15 hrs, optional license only	Yes, for optional license	NM DPS Concealed Carry Unit

Before You Carry

- ☐ Confirm your state's current requirement at the official source listed above, not this page alone.
- ☐ If a class is required, confirm it includes a live-fire component before you pay for it.
- ☐ Bring hearing protection, eye protection, and ammunition per your instructor's supply list.
- ☐ Start a dated training folder the day you complete any course. Keep the certificate, the date, and the instructor's name.
- ☐ Re-verify training and reciprocity rules before carrying in a second state. A permit being honored is not the same as your training being recognized.

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