

**CHAPTER 54**

**FIREARMS AND WEAPONS**

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION  
CARD AND PERMIT TO PURCHASE A  
HANDGUN**

**13:54-1.1 Firearms purchaser identification cards and permits to purchase handguns**

This subchapter prescribes the requirements and procedures for the issuance of firearms purchaser identification cards, permits to purchase handguns and the general rules for holders of such permits and identification cards.

**Case Notes**

Statute making falsifying answers on "any instrument required by law" in purchasing a firearm a State offense includes falsification on Federal as well as State forms; State has jurisdiction over offense involving Federal forms if offense occurred within the State's borders (citing former N.J.A.C. 13:54-5.8). *State v. Pleva*, 203 N.J. Super. 178, 496 A.2d 375 (App.Div.1985) certification denied 102 N.J. 323, 508 A.2d 203.

**13:54-1.2 Definitions**

The words and terms used in this chapter shall have the following meanings.

"Ammunition" means various projectiles, including bullets, missiles, slugs or balls together with fuses, propelling charges and primers that may be fired, ejected, projected, released, or emitted from firearms or weapons.

"Antique cannon" means any weapon which satisfies the definition of an antique firearm and which is also capable of firing a projectile of a caliber greater than .60 caliber, except a shotgun or shotgun ammunition generally recognized as suitable for sporting purposes.

"Antique firearm" means any firearm which is incapable of being fired or discharged, or which does not fire fixed ammunition regardless of date of manufacture, or was manufactured before 1898 for which cartridge ammunition is not commercially available, and is possessed as a curiosity or ornament or for its historical significance or value.

"Assault firearms" means:

1. The following firearms:

Algimec AGM1 type

Any shotgun with a revolving cylinder such as the "Street Sweeper" or "Striker 12"

Armalite AR-180 type

Australian Automatic Arms SAR

Avtomat Kalashnikov type semi-automatic firearms

- Beretta AR-70 and BM59 semi-automatic firearms
  - Bushmaster Assault Rifle
  - Calico M-900 Assault carbine and M-900
  - CETME G3
  - Chartered Industries of Singapore SR-88 type
  - Colt AR-15 and CAR-15 series
  - Daewoo K-1, K-2, Max 1 and Max 2, AR 100 types
  - Demro TAC-1 carbine type
  - Encom MP-9 and MP-45 carbine types
  - FAMAS MAS223 types
  - FN-FAL, FN-LAR, or FN-FNC type semi-automatic firearms
  - Franchi SPAS 12 and LAW 12 shotguns
  - G3SA type
  - Galil type
  - Heckler and Koch HK91, HK93, HK94, MP5, PSG-1
  - Intratec TEC 9 and 22 semi-automatic firearms
  - M1 carbine type
  - M14S type
  - MAC 10, MAC 11, MAC 11-9 mm carbine type firearms
  - PJK M-68 carbine type
  - Plainfield Machine Company Carbine
  - Ruger K-Mini-14/5 and Mini-14/5
  - SIG AMT, SIG 550SP, SIG 551SP, SIG PE-57 types
  - SKS with detachable magazine type
  - Spectre Auto carbine type
  - Springfield Armory BM59 and SAR-48 type
  - Sterling MK-6, MK-7 and SAR types
  - Steyr A.U.G. semi-automatic firearms
  - USAS 12 semi-automatic type shotgun
  - Uzi type semi-automatic firearms
  - Valmet M62, M71S, M76, or M78 type semi-automatic firearms
  - Weaver Arm Nighthawk
2. Any firearm manufactured under any designation which is substantially identical to any of the firearms listed in paragraph (1) above;