



Memorandum

To : California Penal Code Section 26175(a)(2) Committee
Members

Date: July 17, 2026

From : Attorney General's Office

Subject : Agenda Item No. 2 for Committee Meeting on July 27, 2026

The California Penal Code section 26175(a)(2) Committee (Committee) is meeting on July 27, 2026, to discuss and possibly take action regarding revisions to the Standard Initial and Renewal Application for License to Carry a Weapon Capable of Being Concealed (BOF 4012).

Staff presents the following attachment for consideration by the Committee in connection with Agenda Item No. 2. It includes (1) the standard application form currently in use, most recently revised in January 2024 (current form), and (2) a revised standard application form that takes into account the statutory changes made by Assembly Bill (AB) 1078 (revised form). Staff recommends the Committee approve and adopt the revised form for use beginning on September 1, 2026. For the Committee's reference, also attached is the Firearms Prohibiting Categories document (last revised January 1, 2026) that would be enclosed with, but is separate from, the revised form.

The edits in the revised form include the following:

- Edits throughout the application to revise "CCW license" to "carry license" in order to reflect that the application may be used to apply for both concealed carry licenses and open carry licenses (where permitted).
- Additional edits on page 1 to the language beneath the heading to further clarify that the form can also be used, in counties with a population of less than 200,000 persons, to apply for a license to carry loaded and exposed only in that county a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person.
- Edits on page 1 to reflect the requirement of live-fire shooting exercises to obtain a license under Penal Code sections 26150 and 26155 and the requirement for applicants to specify the make, model, caliber, and serial number of the firearm for which they are seeking the carry license on the application.
- Edits on page 1 to reflect that non-California residents can apply for a license under Penal Code section 26150, subdivision (b) and section 26155, subdivision (b).

- Edits to page 1 to reflect the requirement for applicants for a license under Penal Code section 26170 that they are the recorded owner, with the Department of Justice, of the pistol, revolver, or other firearm for which the license will be issued, or are authorized to carry a firearm that is registered to the agency for which the licensee has been deputized or appointed to serve as a peace officer and carry the firearm consistent with that agency's policies.
- Edits to page 1 to reflect that, beginning September 1, 2026, an applicant to renew a license will need to submit fingerprints for an eligibility check and that a licensing authority cannot issue a renewal carry license unless the California Department of Justice confirms the applicant's eligibility, pursuant to Penal Code section 26185, subdivisions (b)(2) and (c)(2).
- Edits to the language beneath the heading "Disqualified Persons Who Cannot Receive or Renew a Carry License" to track amendments made to Penal Code section 26202 by AB 1078.
- Edits to the heading "Training Required" to make it "Training Required for Applications Submitted Under Penal Code Sections 26150 or 26155" and to the language beneath the heading to set forth the training requirements for California resident and non-California resident applicants.
- Edits to the language under the heading "Psychological Testing" to make clear that psychological assessments may be required for new applicants to assist in determining whether the applicant is "reasonably likely to be a danger to self, others, or the community at large" pursuant to Penal Code section 26202, subdivision (a)(1) and to track the options for psychological assessments for non-California residents set forth in the amended Penal Code Section 26190.
- Edits to the language under the heading "Completing the Application" to explain which categories of applicants can provide a business address or alternative mailing address in lieu of a residence address; to make clear that knowingly providing any inaccurate or incomplete information in connection with this application will result in a denial of the application or revocation of an issued license (Pen. Code, § 26195, subds. (a)(2), (b)(1)(B)); to make clear that a licensing authority is required to conduct an investigation that meets the minimum requirements set out in Penal Code section 26202(b) to determine whether an applicant is a disqualified person; and to specify that California resident applicants must complete Sections 7 and 8 of the application in the presence of an official of the licensing authority while non-California resident applicants may complete these sections in the presence of an official of their local law enforcement agency, unless they are temporally residing in California at the time of completing the application, in which case they must complete the sections in the presence of an official of the licensing authority.
- Edits to Section 1 to remove the request for the applicant's age because the application already requests a birthdate; to make several changes to reflect that non-

California residents can apply for concealed carry licenses under Penal Code section 26150, subdivision (b) and section 26155, subdivision (b) (e.g., clarify that non-California resident applicants may provide a driver's license or identification number from another state; to request the issuing state of the applicant's driver's license or identification; to request that non-California resident applicants list any temporary California addresses and complete an oath that they are a lawful resident of a state or territory besides California and that the jurisdiction in which they are applying is the primary location in California in which they intend to travel or spend time); and to ask the applicant, in the event that they are a California resident and live in a county of less than 200,000 persons, whether they are applying for an open carry license.

- Edits to Section 2 to inquire whether the applicant has or has ever had an open carry or concealed carry license or has ever been denied an open carry or concealed carry license.
- Edits to Section 2 to inquire whether the applicant has been subject to any restraining order, protective order, or other court order issued pursuant to any federal law or law of any state with comparable elements to the listed statutory provisions, consistent with amendments made to Penal Code section 26202 by AB 1078.
- Edits to Section 4 to specify that California resident applicants must be the recorded owner, with the Department of Justice, of any firearm listed in the section and can only list firearms that may be lawfully carried or possessed in California.
- Edits to Section 5 to clarify exceptions to the prohibition against a licensee carrying a firearm for which they are not the recorded owner, consistent with Penal Code section 26200 and amendments made to Penal Code sections 26150 and 26155 by AB 1078.
- Edits to Section 5 to state under what conditions a license must be revoked, consistent with amendments made to Penal Code section 26202 by AB 1078.
- Edits to Section 6 to update the applicable California Penal Code sections.