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## Ohio and Kansas Sign Concealed Carry Reciprocity Agreements

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt have signed an agreement permitting reciprocity between their states for citizens who have valid concealed carry permits.

"This agreement between Ohio and Kansas allows Ohioans with valid concealed carry permits the same rights to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Kansas," said Attorney General DeWine. "Likewise, it also allows Kansans who have valid concealed carry permits to do the same in Ohio."

Ohio law permits the Attorney General to enter into written agreements with other states whose laws are "substantially comparable" to Ohio's eligibility requirements for a license to carry a concealed handgun. In Kansas, this authority falls under the state Attorney General's office.

Concealed carry permit holders will be required to comply with all of the other state's laws regarding possession, transportation, storage, and use of concealed weapons and all other applicable laws except those regarding issuance, suspension, revocation and renewal of concealed weapons licenses, which remain within the power of the issuing state.

Each state will make their verification systems available to the other to enable the status of the other state's concealed carry licenses to be checked.

The agreement remains in force unless statutory authority for it is withdrawn by either of the state's legislatures or terminated in writing by either party upon 30 days of notice.

With the addition of Kansas, Ohio now has reciprocity agreements with 23 states.



## MUTUAL RECOGNITION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Between the Attorneys General for  
Kansas & Ohio

**THIS “MUTUAL RECOGNITION ACKNOWLEDGMENT”** is being expressed by and between the offices of the Kansas Attorney General and Ohio Attorney General. By express statutory authority within each State, the Attorneys General of Kansas and Ohio (currently Derek Schmidt and Mike DeWine, respectively) have the authority to recognize and honor Concealed Carry Handgun (CCH) licenses which they determine have issuance standards which are reasonably similar to or greater than those of their own respective State.

In keeping with those prescribed duties, and after thorough review of one another’s issuance standards, the Attorneys General of Kansas and Ohio hereby set-out their express determinations to recognize each other’s CCH licenses.

Further, it is acknowledged between the Attorneys General of Kansas and Ohio that the laws of the jurisdiction where the license holder is present will govern the license holder’s conduct. As such, it is understood that both jurisdictions only allow license holders to carry a concealed “handgun” as that term is defined within each State’s laws. See K.S.A. 75-7c02 and Ohio Rev. Code § 2923.11.

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Mutual Recognition Acknowledgment is to acknowledge that the Kansas Attorney General’s office has extended recognition of the Ohio CCH license to the Ohio Attorney General and that the Ohio Attorney General’s office has extended recognition of the Kansas CCH license to the Kansas Attorney General;

**WHEREAS** it is absolutely and clearly understood between the parties that this Acknowledgment:

- (1) IS REVOCABLE AND IS NOT ABSOLUTE OR BINDING;
- (2) MAY BE CANCELED AT ANY TIME AS SET OUT FURTHER BELOW;  
and
- (3) NEITHER CREATES NOR ACKNOWLEDGES ANY REMEDIES OR CAUSES OF ACTION FOR REVOKING THE PARTY’S PREVIOUS RECOGNITION.

**WHEREAS**, both Attorneys General are authorized to extend CCH recognition on behalf of their respective States; and,

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the matters described herein, and of the mutual benefits and obligations set forth in this Mutual Recognition Acknowledgment, the Parties hereby acknowledge as follows:

1. The State of Kansas will recognize valid Ohio CCH licenses while the holders of said Ohio CCH licenses are present in the State of Kansas and as further set out in Kansas law, K.S.A. 75-7c01 *et seq.*;

2. The State of Ohio will recognize valid Kansas CCH licenses while the holders of said Kansas CCH licenses are present in the State of Ohio and as may be further set out in Ohio law, Ohio Rev. Code § 109.69, and 2923.125 *et seq.*;

3. This Mutual Recognition Acknowledgment shall apply only to the carrying of “handguns” by the aforementioned license holders from the respective states and shall not entitle the license holder to carry concealed any other type of weapon or firearm. After the effective date of this Acknowledgment, should either (or both) State(s) determine that its (their) CCH license shall encompass other weapons or firearms, the Attorneys General of Kansas and/or Ohio are free to reconsider this provision at such time;

4. The Attorneys General for Kansas and Ohio acknowledge that they will inform each other of any changes to their respective concealed handguns statutes that may affect this Mutual Recognition Acknowledgment. Both parties acknowledge that this Mutual Recognition Acknowledgment may be modified in the future as is necessary and acknowledged by each party;

5. The Attorneys General for Kansas and Ohio will provide each other with copies of their current statutes, regulations and other laws regarding the issuance of their CCH licenses;

6. The Attorneys General for Kansas and Ohio hereby acknowledge that each State will provide verification of the authenticity and status of their respective CCH licensees twenty-four (24) hours per day and seven (7) days per week.

Attorney General Schmidt acknowledges that the verification and authentication of a Kansas CCH license can be performed by an NLETS “DQ” or “DNQ” query of the Kansas CCH license number - which is one-in-the-same as the individual’s Kansas driver’s license or non-driver’s license identification card.

Attorney General DeWine acknowledges that the verification and authentication of an Ohio CCH license can be performed by an NLETS CWQ query;

7. The Attorneys General for Kansas and Ohio hereby acknowledge that their respective State conducts a background check of all concealed carry applicants.

Attorney General Schmidt acknowledges that Kansas performs a fingerprint-based record check of concealed carry applicants which searches Kansas and federal National Instant Criminal background check System (NICS) databases including NICS Index, NCIC and III.

Attorney General DeWine acknowledges that Ohio performs a background check of all applicants under the provisions of Ohio Rev. Code § 311.41 and 2923.125.

8. The Attorney General for Kansas and Ohio hereby acknowledge that their respective State requires its concealed carry applicants to complete a training requirement prior to licensure, with no the following exceptions:

Attorney General Schmidt acknowledges that Kansas requires its concealed carry applicants to complete a concealed carry training course. Attorney General Schmidt also acknowledges that Kansas does allow certain classes of individuals to bypass the Kansas training requirement, specifically: certified retired Kansas law enforcement officers; individuals who move to Kansas with a valid license issued from a jurisdiction that is recognized by Kansas. Attorney General Schmidt acknowledges that any concealed carry license recognized by Kansas requires its holder to complete a training course.

Attorney General DeWine acknowledges that Ohio requires its concealed carry applicants to complete ten hours of training, two hours of range time as well as complete an examination as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 2923.125

### **Cancellation Clauses**

**WHEREAS** the Attorneys General for Kansas and Ohio hereby acknowledge that this Mutual Recognition Acknowledgment is contingent upon and shall only remain effective as long as the respective statutory authority in each state authorizes the continued recognition of other States' CCH licenses.

**FURTHER**, the Attorneys General for Kansas and Ohio hereby acknowledge that **THIS MUTUAL RECOGNITION ACKNOWLEDGMENT MAY BE CANCELLED, REVOKED OR RESCINDED AT ANY POINT IN TIME FOR ANY REASON.** The Attorneys General hereby further acknowledge that such a cancellation, revocation or rescission shall be executed upon 30 days notice to the other Attorney General's Office. This 30 day period will be used so further notice may be provided to the Licensees of each State that their CCH license may no longer be honored in Ohio or Kansas and to continue carrying therein could result in criminal and/or administrative penalties.

**FURTHER**, and as stated previously herein, because this Mutual Recognition Acknowledgment is absolutely a nonbinding acknowledgment between the Attorneys General of Kansas and Ohio, **THE CANCELLATION, REVOCATION OR RESCISSION OF ONE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RECOGNITION ACKNOWLEDGMENT SHALL NOT ENTITLE THE OTHER STATE (OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF) OR ANY LICENSE HOLDER TO ANY CIVIL ACTION OR REMEDY OF ANY FORM.**

9. This Mutual Recognition Acknowledgment shall become effective three (3) days after the final Attorney General's signature has been affixed and a copy thereof has been forwarded to the first signor.

WITNESSETH that each Party to this Mutual Recognition Acknowledgment has caused it to be executed on the dates indicated below.

State of Kansas:

Derek Schmidt

Hon Derek Schmidt  
Attorney General

Date: 3/14/2012

State of Ohio:

Mike DeWine

Hon. Mike DeWine  
Attorney General

Date: 3/18/2012

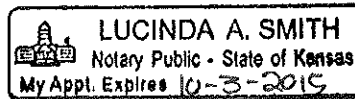
STATE OF KANSAS,  
COUNTY OF Shawnee,

To-Wit:

The above and foregoing Mutual Recognition Acknowledgment was subscribed and sworn to me by Derek Schmidt, to be his true official act and deed, on this 14th day of March, 20 12

Lucinda A. Smith

Notary Public  
My Commission expires: 10/30/2015.



STATE OF OHIO,  
COUNTY OF Franklin,

To-Wit:

The above and foregoing Mutual Recognition Acknowledgment was subscribed and sworn to me by Mike DeWine, to be his true official act and deed, on this 8th day of March, 20 12.

Susan C. Wain

Notary Public  
My Commission expires: 1/1/20  
does not expire. See