



Firearm Owner's Identification Card - Appeal Requirements
430 ILCS 65/10(c-5)
20 Ill. Admin. Code 1230.70(a)

If your Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) card application was denied or your card has been revoked, you may appeal to the Director of the Illinois State Police for relief. **Your appeal will NOT be reviewed until ALL documentation listed below is submitted to the Firearms Services Bureau Appeals Unit.**

PETITION FOR RELIEF – LEO EXPEDITED RELIEF/MENTAL HEALTH ADMISSION

430 ILCS 65/8(e) – A person who has been a patient of a mental health facility within the past 5 years or a person who has been a patient in a mental health facility more than 5 years ago who has not received the certification required under subsection (u) of this Section. An active law enforcement officer employed by a unit of government who is denied, revoked, or has his or her Firearm Owner's Identification Card seized under this subsection (e) may obtain relief as described in subsection (c-5) of Section 10 of this Act if the officer did not act in a manner threatening to the officer, another person, or the public as determined by the treating clinical psychologist or physician, and the officer seeks mental health treatment.

ELIGIBILITY: *The officer has not received treatment involuntarily at a mental health facility, has not been voluntarily admitted for more than 30 days, has not had more than one incident within the past 5 years, the officer has not left the mental institution against medical advice and the officer was not reported or determined to present a threat to themselves or others (Clear and Present Danger Determination).*

1. Revoked FOID cards (if applicable) must be surrendered and the Firearm Disposition Record (FDR) form must be presented to the local law enforcement agency where you reside. The Firearms Services Bureau must receive the card, receipt from law enforcement agency or affidavit and the FDR signed by a law enforcement officer to process your appeal.
2. Completed Request for FOID Appeal form.
Forms can be found at: <https://ispfsb.com/Public/Firearms/FOID/AppealRequest.pdf>
3. Completed Request for Investigation and Waiver of Liability form.
Forms can be found at: <https://ispfsb.com/Public/Firearms/FOID/Investigation.pdf>
4. Notarized, signed and dated, statement in your own words, including the following information:
 - a. Details and circumstances regarding any and all mental health admissions or treatment.
 - b. Statements regarding any police involvement concerning your mental health admission.
 - c. Statements or other proof to support your suitability for the restoration of your firearm rights including evidence that you will not be likely to act in a manner dangerous to public safety and that granting relief would not be contrary to the public interest.
5. Illinois State Police Affidavit certifying you meet the requirements of Section 10(c-5) of the Act for expedited relief. **To request the affidavit, email: ISP.FOID.Appeals@illinois.gov.**
6. Any mental health hospitalization or outpatient treatment records; including, but not limited to the evaluation, treatment and discharge. **Records must be mailed directly from the facility to the Illinois State Police - Office of Firearm Appeals.**
7. Any court documents related to the petitioner's mental health designation.

8. A letter from an authorized representative of your employer on official letterhead (signed and dated) that provides:
 - a. The current status of petitioner’s employment including job title.
 - b. Records of any discipline or investigation surrounding the mental health admission or revocation of the petitioner’s FOID card.
 - c. A statement from the employer as to their opinion as to the suitability of the petitioner to possess a firearm.

The letter must be mailed directly from the law enforcement agency to the Illinois State Police – Office of Firearm Appeals.

9. At least two current (within 45 days), notarized letters from adults (signed and dated), stating:
 - a. His/her full name, date of birth, and relationship to you.
 - b. His/her knowledge of your request to seek relief from a firearm prohibitor related to your mental health admission and addresses your current mental state.
 - c. His/her opinion of your current suitability to possess firearms.

10. A law enforcement psychological fitness for duty evaluation conducted after the discharge of the hospitalization. ***The evaluation must be mailed from the employer or Illinois Psychologist/Psychiatrist to the Illinois State Police – Office of Firearm Appeals.***

11. A current forensic evaluation or letter from a treating Illinois licensed psychiatrist or clinical psychologist. See attached instructions. ***The evaluation must be mailed from the Psychologist/Psychiatrist to the Illinois State Police – Office of Firearm Appeals.***

12. Any additional documentation you wish to offer to assist the Illinois State Police in making a determination of your suitability to obtain a FOID card and possess firearms.

Incomplete or inadequate documentation may delay processing or result in the denial of your request. In accordance with 430 ILCS 65/10(c-5)3, officers eligible for the expedited relief in paragraph (2) of this subsection (c-5) have the burden of proof on eligibility and must provide all information required. The Director may not consider granting expedited relief until the proof and information is received. If your request for an appeal/relief is denied, you will be offered the opportunity for an Administrative Hearing.

All documents must contain your full name and date of birth, and should be mailed to:

Illinois State Police
Office of Firearm Appeals
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