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Most Frequent Reasons for Denial of Application

1. FAILURE to Disclose on the Application ALL “Arrested for or Convicted of” (page 2) Information.

Being arrested (or convicted) does not automatically equate to denial of a permit. However, knowingly omitting information from the application that later through records checks show either a criminal record or arrest record is grounds for denial (misstatement=denial). Please complete the entire application.

2. FAILURE to Meet Montana Residency Requirements.

Residence requirements are that you have been a resident in the State of Montana for a minimum of six (6) months. Most issues arise from persons stationed here while on active duty in the military who are not originally from Montana. This issue is an anomaly to active duty military and not addressed in statute (nor formally addressed by Attorney General's office), because Great Falls is the only active duty military base in the state. Until fixed/addressed, if you are not a member of the regular Armed Forces of the United States that was a resident of the State of Montana at the time of entry into the service the following is required.

- a. Be currently stationed in and actively assigned to duty in Montana and your primary residence or primary place of abode is within Cascade County Montana.
- c. Must provide a copy of financial statement (LES) showing Montana as declared state of residency.
- d. Must not claim residency in any other state or country for any purpose.

3. INABILITY to Provide Evidence of Familiarity with a Firearm.

NOTE: If using a military record, award, or certification it must include a reference to Handgun in the wording. Example: “Pistol Expert Qualified” with M-9, Pistol or Handgun.