



Pennsylvania State Police
 Lethal Weapons Training Program
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ACT 235 STUDENT
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Date of Approval Letter is good 6 months from the date indicated, ALL training needs to be completed before this approval expires. If you allow this letter to expire, you will need to complete all of the approval steps again.

Dear ACT 235 STUDENT,

Your application for the certification required by Act 235, Lethal Weapons Training, has been reviewed:

It has been determined that you are eligible to enroll in a:
Basic Course With Firearms

You shall select a school or training facility which has been certified by the Commission of the Pennsylvania State Police. It is your responsibility to contact a certified school on the Training and Certification System website <http://www.psp.pa.gov/lethalweapons/Pages/certified-schools.aspx>. You must present this letter to a certified school at the time of enrollment to be enrolled in the course of instruction specified above. This letter, verifying your eligibility to attend a training program under the Lethal Weapons Training Act, expires on **February 1, 2020**. All training must be completed prior to the expiration date.

Upon successful completion of the course of instruction, please login to your TACS profile (<https://www.tacs.pa.gov/tacs/>). From there you need to click on the "pay now" button to pay \$30.00 for your certification. Upon payment you will receive your certification card within 5 - 7 business days.

* Please note that in August 2017, the Pennsylvania Superior Court issued an opinion in Commonwealth v. Anderson, ___ A.3d ___ (Aug. 23, 2017), and ruled that an Act 235 certification is not a substitute for a license to carry. Agents are reminded of the Regulations governing Act 235, at Section 21.26(d), which state "The issuance of a certification card to a privately employed agent does not grant the agent the right or privilege to carry, possess, own, or have under his control a firearm contrary to 18 Pa.C.S. § § 6101—6120 (relating to Uniform Firearms Act)." In light of this ruling, it may be prudent for agents to obtain a license to carry their firearms while in an off-duty status, including traveling to and from places of employment, or in instances where agents are required to conceal a firearm on duty, including loaded carry inside of a vehicle. Agents should direct questions regarding this to their employers.

Sincerely,

Major Troy S. Lokhaiser
 Executive Director