

WEAPON REGISTRATION FAQ (Updated 21 Jan 2015)

1. What is a weapon that must be registered?

A weapon is considered to be a firearm—rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader, or handgun. Air-powered guns (BB or pellet guns, air rifles, paint ball guns, etc.), bows, and slingshots are NOT required to be registered.

2. Where does it apply?

Anywhere on Fort Drum including skeet shooting in the Cantonment Area and using any firearm in the Training Area.

3. Who does it apply to?

Anyone possessing a firearm anywhere on Fort Drum including recreationists that are hunting or target shooting.

4. Is this new?

Yes and no. The registration of weapons has been a long-standing requirement for people living on-post. However, a new Army regulation (Army Regulation 190-11) in was revised in August 2011 which pertained to all privately-owned weapons on Army installations across the United States. Other installations (e.g., Fort Riley, Kansas) have already required the registration of hunting weapons. The Fort Drum regulation was revised in October 2013 to focus on the registration of firearms only and not anything that could fire a projectile as originally enacted.

5. How do I register a weapon if I have a DoD identification card and can access Fort Drum?

There are two ways to register weapons:

(1) Complete FD Form 601-E, print it, physically sign on page 2, and then bring the form to the DES desk sergeant window at the Directorate of Emergency Services/Military Police Station (Bldg. P-10715). (If you are unsure where this building is located, it is listed as the Military Police Station #45 on the Fort Drum Post Map available at the gate.)

OR

(2) Complete FD Form 601-E, electronically sign the form on page 2, and then e-mail the form to: usarmy.drum.imcom-atlantic.mbx.des-law-enforcement@mail.mil. Allow 48 hours for processing.

If the registrant is a Soldier or Family Member, FD Form 601-E, must be signed by the Commander in order to register the weapons.

When the weapons have been registered, the DES will issue a Private Weapons Registration Card (FD Form 605) or computer generated COPS registration form to the individual to retain as verification that the weapons have been properly registered. These forms must be picked up in person, and will have a raised seal to verify authenticity.

6. How do I register a weapon if I do NOT have a DoD identification card or sponsor that can access Fort Drum?

If you do not possess a DoD identification card or have a sponsor to access the MP Station, then complete FD Form 601-E, electronically sign the form on page 2, and e-mail the form to: usarmy.drum.imcom-atlantic.mbx.des-law-enforcement@mail.mil. Make a note on the e-mail that the registration will be picked up at the Gas Alley gate off of NYS Rte. 26. Allow 72 hours for processing to ensure the registration is at the gate. The gate is staffed 24/7.

7. What do I do with the Weapons Registration Card?

You must have the Weapons Registration Card with you while in possession of a weapon on Fort Drum. Only the weapon you have in your possession on Fort Drum needs to be registered and you must have that Weapons Registration Card for that weapon in your possession.

8. How many weapons can I register at one time?

There is no limit to the number of weapons that can be registered. One form can be used for up to four weapons. If you would like to hunt with more than four weapons during the year, fill out additional forms.

9. Do I need to bring the weapon with me?

No. Only the form.

10. What information needs to be provided for my hunting implements?

Serial number; type (e.g., bow, shotgun, etc.); model, maker, caliber, and finish.

11. What if my weapon does not have a serial number?

Just provide all the information you can.

12. How long does it take to register a weapon?

If in person, only a few minutes depending on the number of people in front of you.
If via e-mail, allow 48 hours for processing.

13. What do I do if I want to register a new or different weapon after I have done it once?

Follow the same procedures in #5.

14. When does the registration expire?

At this time, there is no expiration date.

15. If I have already registered a weapon (e.g., NYS pistol permit, Fort Riley, etc.), do I have to do it again at Fort Drum?

Yes.

16. What if I lose my Weapon Registration Card?

You must re-register your weapons by following the procedures in #5 or #6.

17. How does this apply to youth (under age 18)?

Youth will not be able to register a weapon. The parent or legal guardian will have to register the weapon, but the Weapon Registration Card will have to be possessed by the youth when they are on Fort Drum.

18. When does the rule go into effect?

All persons with weapons must have a Weapons Registration Card in their possession starting October 1, 2011.

19. What is the penalty if I don't have a registered weapon or the Weapons Registration Card in my possession?

For the first offense, a fine will be levied and recreational privileges will be lost until adjudicated. For the second offense, there will be a fine and recreational privileges will be lost for a year. A third offense will result in the permanent loss of recreational privileges.

20. What keeps this information from being shared or accessible to others?

All information provided is protected by the Privacy Act of 1974, Title 5, U.S.C. 552a.

21. If I have a comment about the weapons registration or its process, who do I contact?

Go to Fort Drum's ICE comment directory at the following web address and http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=service_provider_list&site_id=45&service_category_id=29&dep=*DoD and click on "DES, Physical Security."