




Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2025-11**

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TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
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FROM: Director Chad Brown 
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SUBJECT: Gun Control Act of 1968

We have received questions regarding the effect of the Gun Control Act of 1968 and subsequent amendments on criminal justice officers and criminal justice trainees and their ability to possess a firearm. This technical memorandum is advisory only. Neither the Commission nor FDLE will determine someone's eligibility to possess a firearm under the act.

The Gun Control Act, as amended in 1997, bars a person who is convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from possessing a firearm or ammunition, whether on or off duty. Employing agencies should review the Gun Control Act to determine if a person is eligible to possess and/or carry a firearm, as there are provisions under which eligibility can be restored. Agencies may wish to contact their agency legal counsel, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Field Division office in Tampa or Miami, call (202) 648-7777, or review the ATF website at <http://www.atf.gov/> to determine a person's eligibility.

If you have any questions regarding this advisory technical memorandum, please contact Training and Research Manager Terry Baker, Bureau of Standards, at TerryBaker@fdle.state.fl.us or (850) 410-8688.

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