



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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TO: **Class "K" Firearm Instructors**

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SUBJECTS: Important Changes concerning the Class "K" Firearms Instructor License

House Bill 7209 was passed by the Legislature during the recent session and was signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott on June 21. I am sending you this Important Notice to inform you of how this legislation will affect applicants seeking an initial Class "K" license as well as those current licensees seeking to renew their licenses.

There are three important changes, and all of these changes will take effect on July 1, 2011.

First, a person submitting an application for a Class "K" Firearm Instructor License will need to submit one of the following certificates in order to qualify for that license [s. 493.6106(6), F.S.]:

- The Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission Instructor Certificate and written confirmation by the commission that the applicant possesses an active firearms certification;
- The National Rifle Association Private Security Firearm Instructor Certificate; or
- A firearm instructor certificate issued by a federal law enforcement agency.

Second, licenses issued on or after July 1, 2011, will be valid for a period of three years. The one-year increase does not come with any corresponding increase in fees [s. 493.6111(2), F.S.].

Third, a person who currently holds a valid Class "K" license and submits an application to renew that license on or after July 1, 2011, will need to submit one of the certificates specified above as proof that he or she remains certified to provide firearms instruction [s. 493.6113(3)(d), F.S.].

If you have any questions concerning these changes, please call our Public Inquiry Section at 850-245-5691, or contact the Regional Office nearest you.