Chapter 446-09 WAC
FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECK

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WAC 446-09-010 Right to appeal. If the appellant believes they have been erroneously denied a firearms transfer due to a determination made by the Washington state patrol firearms background division, they have the right to appeal that determination, within three years of the submission of the original background check.

(1) The appellant may submit their appeal by:

(a) Obtaining an appeal form at www.wsp.wa.gov/firearms-background-division.

(b) The appeal document must be notarized to provide proof of identity.

(c) The appellant must submit the appeal form along with an image of the identification to firearmappeal@wsp.wa.gov or Washington State Patrol, Firearms Background Appeals, P.O. Box 42619, Olympia, WA 98503.

(2) The Washington state patrol firearms background research and appeals unit will provide the denial reason to the appellant to the address or via email provided in the appeal form.

(3) If the appellant believes the information used to make the original determination is incomplete or incorrect in any respect, the appellant must make a request for correction directly to the appropriate court of record or provide documents proving the information used was incorrect or not applicable to the appellant.

(4) If the prohibiting factor(s) has been corrected, the appellant must forward the new documentation to firearmsappeal@wsp.wa.gov or Washington State Patrol, Firearms Background Appeals, P.O. Box 42619, Olympia, WA 98503.

(5) Upon receipt of new information from the appellant, the Washington state patrol firearms background division research and appeals unit will review all appeal requests and make a final determination based on all available information, which may include a new denial if other prohibiting information is discovered. This process will be a records review only, not a hearing.

(6) The appellant will be notified of the appeal decision by mail or via email.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.43.580. WSR 23-20-053, § 446-09-010, filed 9/28/23, effective 10/29/23.]

WAC 446-09-020 Administration and fees. The Washington state patrol shall establish a fee for firearms background checks sufficient to recover the costs of administering the program. The current fee will be published on the Washington state patrol's public website.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.43.020 and 43.43.580. WSR 26-14-027, s 446-09-020, filed 6/23/26, effective 7/24/26.]