

Individuals Authorized Pursuant to NCGS 14-269(b)

1. Officers and enlisted personnel of the armed forces of the United States when in the discharge of their official duties as such and when acting under orders requiring them to carry arms and weapons;
2. Civil and law enforcement officers of the United States;
3. Officers and soldiers of the Militia and the National Guard when called to actual service and any National Guard member with a valid Concealed Handgun Permit, who has been designated by the N.C. Adjutant General to carry firearms in the discharge of his/her duties;
4. Officers of the State, or of any county, city, or town, charged with the execution of the laws of the State, when acting in the discharge of their official duties;
5. Any person who is a district attorney, an assistant district attorney, or an investigator employed by the office of a district attorney and who has a Concealed Handgun Permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of this Chapter or considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24; provided that the person shall not carry a concealed weapon at any time while in a courtroom or while consuming alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance or while alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance remains in the person's body. The district attorney, assistant district attorney, or investigator must secure the weapon in a locked compartment when it is not carried on their person;
6. Any person who is a qualified retired law enforcement officer as defined in G.S. § 14 - 415.10 and meets **any one** of the following conditions:
 - a. Is the holder of a NC Concealed Handgun Permit.
 - b. Is exempt from obtaining a permit pursuant to G.S. § 14-415.25.
- c. Is certified by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education Training Standards Commission pursuant to G.S. § 14-415.26.
7. Detention personnel or correctional officers employed by the State or a unit of Local government who park a vehicle in a space that is authorized for their use in the course of their duties may transport a firearm to the parking space and store that firearm in the vehicle parked in the parking space, provided that: (i) the firearm is in a closed compartment or container within the locked vehicle; or (ii) the firearm is in a locked container securely affixed to the vehicle;
8. State probation or parole certified officers and State correctional officers, when off-duty, provided that an officer does not carry a concealed weapon while consuming alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance or while alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance remains in the officer's body;
9. Sworn law enforcement officers, when off duty, provided that an officer does not carry a concealed weapon while consuming alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance or while alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance remains in the officer's body;
10. A North Carolina District Court Judge, North Carolina Superior Court Judge, North Carolina magistrate or N.C. administrative law judge who has a Concealed Handgun Permit, provided that the person cannot carry a concealed weapon at any time while consuming alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance or while alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance remains in the person's body. The judge or magistrate shall secure the weapon in a locked compartment when the weapon is not on their person;
11. A NC clerk of court or register of deeds with a valid Concealed Handgun Permit, provided that the person cannot carry a concealed weapon at any time while consuming alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance or while alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance remains in their body. The clerk of court or register of deeds must secure the weapon in a locked compartment when the weapon is not on their person. This allowance **does not** apply to assistants, deputies or other employees of the clerk or register of deeds.
12. Employees of the Department of Public Safety who have valid Concealed Handgun Permits and are designated in writing by the Secretary of the Department to carry a firearm.
13. Valid concealed handgun permittees and the handgun is in a closed compartment or container within the person's locked vehicle, and the vehicle is in a parking area that is owned or leased by state government.