

**Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL) or Certification Under
the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA):**

WHICH DO I CHOOSE?

MCOLES does **not** offer legal advice. If you have questions regarding the law, be sure to contact your family attorney, the gun board in your county, or your local prosecutor. Michigan law enforcement officers who have left service in good standing may pursue three different avenues to legally carry concealed firearms. They may obtain:

- A Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL), issued by a local gun board, pursuant to Michigan’s carry concealed law for civilians. Officers may carry as a civilian, but some may meet the definition of a “retired law enforcement officer.”
- A LEOSA Certificate, as obtained from the agency from which the officer has separated from employment. To qualify, you must meet the federal definition of a “separated law enforcement officer.”
- A LEOSA Certificate from MCOLES, pursuant to the Michigan Retired Law Enforcement’s Officer’s Firearm Carry Act. To qualify, you must meet the federal definition of a “separated law enforcement officer.”

Officers may choose to obtain a Michigan CPL and carry as a civilian or as a retire law enforcement officer. Or, qualified separated officers may choose to obtain a LEOSA Certificate from their former agencies or MCOLES. Some may wish to obtain both.

Comparison Chart

	LEOSA Certification	Michigan CPL
Will I have to train?	Yes, annually.	No, if you are a qualified retired law enforcement officer, you need not attend the civilian pistol safety training course.
Where can I carry?	In any state, but LEOSA Certificate holders are subject to the laws of the state in which they are carrying.	Some other states recognize the Michigan CPL. On the web, go to www.mcrgo.org and click on “reciprocity” for a list of states.
Can I carry in pistol free zones?	No, LEOSA Certificate holders must comply with the pistol free zone restrictions in any state.	Yes, if you are a qualified retired law enforcement officer. Gun boards may require a letter from the former agency.
How often must I renew?	Annually.	Every 5 years.

