firearms purchased with his C&R license. In determining whether the collector is conducting a business, the BATFE would consider the number of firearms sales, the dollar value of firearms sales, and the length of time that firearms were held. In addition, even though the C&R license allows the collector to bypass the FFL dealer and Brady check, the collector still must comply with applicable state and local regulations.

Applying for a C&R license is relatively easy. At the ATF forms distribution website (see below), fill out your mailing address and indicate which application you want (F 7CR (5310.16) - Application for License (Collector of Curios and Relics) Under 18 U.S.C., Chapter 44, Firearms). Read the instructions carefully, make a practice copy of the form to fill out, review this, and then fill out the original forms - one to go to the BATFE with a check or credit card authorization for $30 to cover a three-year license, and one to go to your local chief law enforcement officer (police chief or sheriff) as notification that you are applying for a C&R license. Make copies of both forms, front and back, and because notifying the CLEO is required by federal law, I would advise getting a certificate of mailing from the post office.

In four-to-eight weeks you will receive your license. Do not sign the original. Rather, make several copies of the original, since you will need to send copies of your license with an original signature to send to the dealers from whom you will be purchasing your collectible firearms. As a BATFE license holder, you will need to keep a “Bound Book” to record acquisition and disposition of C&R firearms. Although you will not need to send your “bound book” to the BATFE when you allow your license to lapse (this is different from the requirement for firearms dealers), you should maintain it in a safe place.

Once you have received your C&R license, you will be able to purchase firearms listed on the C&R list directly from dealers. Shotgun News, published three times monthly, carries numerous ads for C&R-eligible firearms, and other listings can be found in the websites listed below.

**BATFE websites:**
- BATFE forms distribution site: [www.atf.gov/dcof/index.htm](http://www.atf.gov/dcof/index.htm)

**C&R hobbyist websites:**
- [www.crufler.com](http://www.crufler.com)
- [www.shellspace.com/~c-r-ffl/noframe.html](http://www.shellspace.com/~c-r-ffl/noframe.html)
- [www.gunslb.net/database.html](http://www.gunslb.net/database.html)
- [www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Bunker/4064/intro.html](http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Bunker/4064/intro.html)
- [www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Gorge/4653/cnrfdx.htm](http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Gorge/4653/cnrfdx.htm)