



QUALIFICATION FOR FIREARMS CERTIFICATION

Firearm Instructor Responsibilities

1. Will ensure that all firearms are checked for safety and serviceability prior to qualification. If a weapon is found to be unsafe, in disrepair or unserviceable, it shall be immediately be removed from service.
2. Will conduct practical training and/or review weapons malfunctions and manipulation drills during all courses of qualifications.
3. Will review range rules with students prior to all qualifications and have each student sign for a copy of the range rules prior to qualification.
4. Will review the Basic Firearms Safety Rules with students prior to all qualifications and have each student sign to acknowledge they know and understand the rules.
5. Will conduct the qualifications as prescribed. Will ensure all target scoring is done as prescribed.

Qualification Guidelines

During each firearms qualification, students shall qualify with a minimum score of eighty percent (80%) on a Q target with their weapon on the course of fire. Should the student fail to qualify during the first attempt, that person will be allowed a second attempt to qualify immediately following the first failed attempt. Students shall be required to qualify once with a minimum score of eighty percent (80%) to be firearms qualified per New Mexico Private Investigations Advisory Board Rules and Regulations, Title 16 Chapter 48 Part 4 Paragraph 8 NMAC.

At all times, every student will abide by the

BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY RULES

(Shooter must sign attached Safety Rules form)

Special consideration for safety during certain points in the course of fire must be given:

- **During positioning for weapon retention shooting**
 - **Particular attention while using indoor ranges or those with low berm protection**
- **Off-hand containment during one-handed drills**
- **While recovering sources off of the ground**
- **While verifying safe and empty weapon systems upon completing qualification course**
- **Ensuring each shooter checking left and right for proper line alignment**



I affirm that I have been provided a copy of the “Range Rules” as outlined buy the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy and adopted by the New Mexico Regulations and Licensing Department, and that I understand and will abide by the provisions therein.

PRINTED NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY RULES

- 1. ALL GUNS ARE ALWAYS LOADED.**
- 2. NEVER LET THE MUZZLE COVER ANYTHING YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DESTROY.**
- 3. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNLESS YOUR SIGHTS ARE ON TARGET AND YOU’VE MADE THE DECISION TO FIRE.**
- 4. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET. Know what it is, what is in line withit, and what is behind it.**

I affirm that I know and understand the Basic Firearms Safety Rules.

Student Name (Print & Sign)

Date



RANGE RULES

1. While on the range, it is mandatory to use approved eye and sound barrier-type ear protection equipment, as required by the Firearms Instructor/Range Master.
2. Unsafe conditions shall be immediately reported to the Firearms Instructor.
3. Other than duty equipment, only firearms and ammunition scheduled for the use on the firing line shall be brought to the line. Any exceptions must be approved by the Firearms Instructor.
4. A firearm shall only be exchanged with another shooter at the direction of the Instructor who, prior to the exchange, shall verify that the cylinder or the action of the firearm is open and that the chamber is empty. If a firearm is exchanged, both parties shall check it for safety (i.e., verify that the chamber is empty and, depending on the type of firearm, that either (a) safety is on or (b) the selector lever is on safe.
5. All firearms shall be carried in the manner specified in the appropriate instruction manual.
6. Firearms shall not be left unattended or unsecured.
7. Fingers shall not be placed on the firearm's trigger or in the trigger guard until the firearm is pointed at the target.
8. Firearm loading and firing shall commence only on command from the Instructor.
9. Shooters shall not be permitted to talk while on the firing line during a firing exercise, except in reply to an Instructor as a part of the exercise or to shout "cease fire" in an unsafe situation.
10. Until the firing line has been declared safe by the Firearms Instructor, shooters shall not bend, reach or move over/in front of the line.
11. All shooters shall be trained and instructed on what constitutes an unsafe condition and to shout, "cease fire" when such a condition is observed.
12. Smoking, tobacco use, eating, or drinking shall be prohibited while on the shooting line.
13. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited on the firing range. If the firearms staff detects the presence of alcohol or drugs on a shooter or if a shooter is believed to be under the influence of either, the firearms staff shall remove the shooter from the range and report the incident to the appropriate officials; appropriate follow-up action shall be taken in accordance with pre-established directives. Shooters taking medication shall report this fact to the staff before reporting to the firing line. The staff shall be responsible for determining whether a shooter is safe to use the range. A medical doctor shall be consulted by the staff, if necessary.
14. When automatic or semiautomatic firearms are being fired, shooters shall take precautions to prevent hot spent cartridge and gunshot residues from getting inside their clothing. Spent cartridge deflectors, when available and practical, shall be required for all shooters.
15. When a training session is completed, each firearm shall be physically examined by the shooter and by a qualified Firearms Instructor to ensure that it is unloaded and in a safe (clear) condition before leaving the range.
16. Shooters shall ensure that their firearms are properly cleaned, stored, and secured after firing. Cleaning materials shall be properly stored or disposed.
17. While a firearm is being cleaned, live ammunition for the weapon shall not be allowed in the cleaning area.



50 Round Day Qualification Course of Fire
(All rounds center mass unless otherwise specified)

Stage I: 6 Rounds. 7 Yard Line.

1. Draw, shoot a failure drill in 7 seconds. Re-holster
2. Draw, shoot a failure drill in 7 seconds. Re-holster

Instructor – mark all head shots on target

Stage II: 4 Rounds. 25 Yard Line.

1. Draw, from standing, shoot two rounds in 10 seconds. Re-holster
2. Draw, go to a kneeling position (CHOICE), shoot two rounds in 12 seconds. Recover to standing and re-holster

Stage III: 8 Rounds. 15 Yard Line.

1. Draw, shoot two rounds in 8 seconds. Re-holster
- Tactical load a 1-round magazine -
2. Draw, shoot two rounds, go to a kneeling position (CHOICE), speed or tac load, and shoot two more rounds in 12 seconds. Recover to a standing low ready position
3. Shoot two rounds in 5 seconds. Re-holster

Stage IV: 8 Rounds. 10 Yard Line.

1. Draw, shoot two rounds, speed or tac load, and shoot two more rounds in 12 seconds. Re-holster
- Tactical load a 1-round magazine -
2. Draw, shoot two rounds, speed or tac load, and shoot two more rounds in 12 seconds. Re-holster

Stage V: 8 Rounds. 7 Yard Line.

1. Shoot two rounds in 4 seconds. Break to a low ready position
2. Shoot two rounds in 4 seconds. Break to a low ready position
- Transition to a support hand only low ready position -
3. Shoot two rounds in 4 seconds. Break to a low ready position
4. Shoot two rounds in 4 seconds.
- Transition to a two-handed strong side shooting position and re-holster -

Stage VI: 10 Rounds. 5 Yard Line.

1. Draw, shoot two rounds in 4 seconds. Break to a low ready position
2. Shoot two rounds in 3 seconds. Re-holster
3. Draw, shoot two rounds, side step to the right, and shoot one round to the head in 10 seconds. Re-holster
4. Draw, shoot two rounds, side step to the left, and shoot one round to the head in 10 seconds. Re-holster

Stage VII: 6 Rounds. 1 Yard Line.

1. Draw to a weapon retention position, shoot two rounds, take one step back, and shoot one round to the head in 7 seconds. Re-holster
2. Draw to a weapon retention position, shoot two rounds, take one step back, and shoot one round to the head in 7 seconds. Make Safe, verify a safe and empty handgun and re-holster

- Course Completed -



(OPTIONAL)
25 Round Night / Low-Light Qualification Course of Fire
(All rounds center mass unless otherwise specified)

- Initiate parking lights or ambient light for sufficient identification of targets -

Stage I: 9 Rounds. 3 Yard Line.

- Handheld or weapon mounted light optional -

1. Draw, shoot two rounds in 6 seconds. Break to a low ready position
2. Shoot a failure drill in 7 seconds. Re-holster

- Tactical load a 1-round magazine -

3. Draw, shoot two rounds, speed or tac load, and shoot two more rounds in 12 seconds. Re-holster
Instructor – mark head shot on target

Stage II: 8 Rounds. 7 Yard Line.

- Handheld flashlight mandatory -

1. Draw, shoot two rounds in 6 seconds. Break to a low ready position
2. Shoot two rounds in 5 seconds. Re-holster

- Tactical load a 1-round magazine; assume a low ready position -

3. Shoot two rounds speed or tac load, and shoot two more rounds in 12 seconds. Re-holster

- Initiate headlights & emergency lights for sufficient identification of targets -

Stage III: 8 Rounds. 15 Yard Line.

- Handheld or weapon mounted light optional -

1. Draw, shoot two rounds in 8 seconds. Re-holster
2. Draw, go to a kneeling position (CHOICE), and shoot two rounds in 10 seconds. Recover to a standing low ready position

- Tactical load a 1-round magazine -

3. Draw, shoot two rounds, go to a kneeling position (CHOICE), speed or tac load, and shoot two more rounds in 12 seconds. Recover to a standing position, Make Safe, verify a safe and empty handgun and re-holster

- Course Completed -





FIREARMS QUALIFICATION SCORE SHEET

Initial Qualification Renewal Qualification – Lic. #: _____

<u>Date:</u>		<u>Time:</u>
	Student Name _____ Year of Birth _____ Last 4 of SSN _____	
	Location of Range (city/state): _____	

<u>Weapon Type</u> (Revolver or Semi-Automatic)	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Caliber</u>	<u>50 Round Day Course Score</u>	<u>Optional Night/Low Light Course Score</u>
Primary:				
Secondary/Backup (if any):				

Firearms Instructor: Student must be able to safely demonstrate each of the below with a Pass or Fail				
<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Pass</u> _____	<u>Fail</u> _____	<u>Comments</u>	
Weapon Presentation & Holstering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Loading/Unloading (Making Ready/Making Safe)				
Class 1 Malfunction (describe & perform immediate action drill)				
Class 2 Malfunction (describe & perform immediate action drill)				
Class 3 malfunction (describe & perform immediate action drill)				
Speed & Tactical Loading (describe & perform)				
Additional/Comments:				

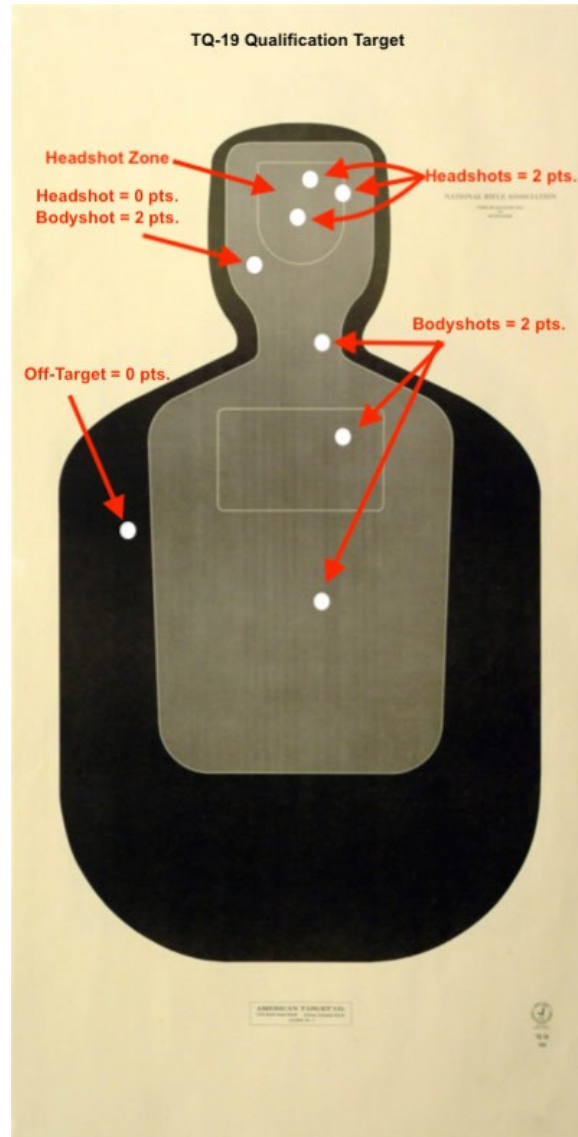
The above named individual has completed the firearms course for the above listed weapon(s) and is hereby certified to carry same weapon(s) pursuant to the requirements set forth in 16.48.4.8 NMAC.

_____	_____	_____
Approved Firearm Instructor (Print)	Signature	Date

Applicant **MUST** attach a copy of the NMRLD-approved Instructor’s certification from one of the following: NM Law Enforcement Academy, federal government entity, military, or the National Rifle Association Law Enforcement Activities Division. Certification(s) Attached (box to be checked by student/applicant)



Only a TQ-19 style target is to be used – Scoring Guide



Day Course Scoring: Each round is worth 2 percentage points, with a minimum passing score of 80% (no less than 40 rounds in hit areas).

Night/Low-light Course Scoring: Each round is worth 4 percentage points, with a minimum passing score of 80% (no less than 20 rounds in hit areas).

Head shots will only be counted if within the perimeter line of the head shot zone.

Body/center mass shots will only be counted if within the gray colored target area. Lines broken by lead bullet marks count as hits; line breaks from torn paper do not count.

Alibis will only be considered for weapon system malfunctions that the shooter performs the appropriate immediate action drill to correct during the course of fire.

Ammunition management is the shooter's responsibility unless specifically designated by the F.I./Range Master.

