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Private Protective Services Board

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

The following pages contain the Private Protective Services Board-approved day and night handgun qualification courses of fire for 50 rounds. The courses of fire were most recently reviewed and affirmed by the Board on April 18, 2024.

Pursuant to Administrative Rule 14B NCAC 16 .0807(d), applicants for either an armed licensee permit or an armed security guard firearm registration permit shall attain a score of at least 80 percent accuracy once in three consecutive attempts. Should a student fail to attain a score of 80 percent accuracy, the student shall be given a second opportunity to qualify once in three consecutive attempts on the course of fire the student did not pass. Failure to qualify after the second series of attempts shall require the student to repeat the entire basic training course for armed security guards. All attempts must take place within 20 days of the completion of the initial 20-hour course.

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**DAY HANDGUN QUALIFICATION COURSE
50 ROUNDS**

Stage 1: 3-yard line, 6 rounds

Load and holster.

1. Draw and fire from the standing position 2 rounds in 2 seconds using one hand only. Keep the target covered until given the command to holster.
 2. Draw and fire from the standing position 2 rounds in 2 seconds using one hand only. Keep the target covered until given the command to holster.
 3. Draw and fire from the standing position 2 rounds in 2 seconds using one hand only. Holster an empty weapon unless told to reload.
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Stage 2: 7-yard line, 20 rounds

Load and holster.

1. Draw and fire from the standing position 3 rounds in 5 seconds. Keep the target covered. On command, fire from the standing position 2 rounds in 3 seconds. Keep the target covered. On command, fire from the standing position 1 round, reload and fire 2 rounds with the support hand only, in 15 seconds. Holster an empty weapon unless told to reload.

NOTE: Semi-automatic handgun users must load the first magazine with 6 rounds and the second magazine with 2 rounds. This will prompt an emergency reload with the slide locked to the rear.

Load and holster.

2. Draw and fire from the standing position 12 rounds in:
 - a. Semi-automatic - 20 seconds with a required magazine change.
 - b. Revolver - 25 seconds
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Stage 3: 15-yard line, 12 rounds

Load and holster.

1. Draw and fire 6 rounds from the standing position, and 6 rounds from the kneeling position in:
 - a. Semi-automatic: 30 seconds with a required magazine change in the kneeling position.
 - b. Revolver: 35 seconds

NOTE: Magazines may be loaded any configuration, as long as there are at least six rounds in the first magazine. All reloads must be completed in the kneeling position.

Stage 4: 25-yard line, 12 rounds

Load and holster.

1. Draw and fire 6 rounds from the prone barricade position, and 6 rounds from the standing barricade position in:
 - a. Semi-automatic: 60 seconds with a required magazine change.
 - b. Revolver: 60 seconds

NOTE: Semi-automatic handgun users are required to make a magazine change during this stage of fire. All firing is done from *behind* the barricade. The weapon cannot extend beyond the barricade, nor can the barricade be used for support.

Clear weapon and holster to complete the course of fire.

Scoring: Using the B-27 target, multiply the total number of points by 0.4 to determine percentage the overall score. For example, 250 is the maximum possible points, which equates to a score of 100%.

Qualification: Students must obtain a minimum score of 80% accuracy to pass qualification. The student shall be given an additional three attempts to qualify on the course of fire he or she did not pass, which additional attempts shall take place within 20 days of the completion of the initial 20-hour course. Failure to meet the qualification after three additional attempts shall require the student to repeat the entire basic training course for armed security guards.

The trainer must inform the students if the course of fire is for practice or qualification prior to shooting.

Administration: Students must shoot the required number of rounds from each yard line. Should they fail to discharge the allotted rounds during a given stage, they are not permitted to shoot the missed rounds during another stage to “catch-up.” The missed rounds should be subtracted from their final score.

NIGHT HANDGUN QUALIFICATION COURSE 50 ROUNDS

Stage 1: 3-yard line, 6 rounds – Total darkness

Load and holster.

1. Draw and fire from the standing position 2 rounds in 2 seconds using one hand only. Keep the target covered until given the command to holster.
 2. Draw and fire from the standing position 2 rounds in 2 seconds using one hand only. Keep the target covered until given the command to holster.
 3. Draw and fire from the standing position 2 rounds in 2 seconds using one hand only. Holster an empty weapon unless told to reload.
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Stage 2: 5-yard line, 8 rounds – Flashlight required

Load and holster.

1. Using the flashlight to illuminate the target, draw and fire from the standing position 3 rounds in 5 seconds. Keep the target covered. On command, using the flashlight to illuminate the target, fire from the standing position 2 rounds in 3 seconds. Keep the target covered. On command, using the flashlight to illuminate the target, draw and fire from the standing position 1 round. Reload a magazine containing 2 rounds and shoot 2 rounds using support hand only *without* the aid of a flashlight. This must be completed in 15 seconds.

NOTE: Semi-automatic handgun users must load the first magazine with 6 rounds and the second magazine with 2 rounds. This will prompt an emergency reload with the slide locked to the rear. The flashlight must be turned off during the reload and shall not be used for the final 2 rounds fired with the support hand only.

Stage 3: 7-yard line, 12 rounds – Vehicle emergency lights

Load and holster.

1. Draw and fire from the standing position 12 rounds in:
 - a. Semi-automatic - 20 seconds with a required magazine change. Magazines may be loaded in any configuration.
 - b. Revolver - 25 seconds
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Stage 4: 10-yard line, 12 rounds – Vehicle emergency lights and low-beam headlights (or similar alternative light source)

Load and holster.

1. Draw and fire from the standing position 3 rounds in 5 seconds. Keep the target covered. On command, fire from the standing position 2 rounds in 3 seconds. Keep the target covered. On command, fire from the standing position 1 round in 1 second.

Reload if necessary and holster.

2. Draw from the standing position, assume the kneeling position, and fire from the kneeling position 2 rounds in 5 seconds. Holster and stand on command.
3. Draw from the standing position, assume the kneeling position, and fire from the kneeling position 2 rounds in 5 seconds. Holster and stand on command.
4. Draw from the standing position, assume the kneeling position, and fire from the kneeling position 2 rounds in 5 seconds. Clear the weapon, holster, and stand on command.

Stage 5: 15-Yard Line, 12 rounds – Vehicle emergency lights and high-beam headlights and all available exterior vehicle lighting (or similar alternative light source)

Load and holster.

1. Draw and fire 6 rounds from the standing position, and 6 rounds from the kneeling position in:
 - a. Semi-automatic: 30 seconds with a required magazine change in the kneeling position.
 - b. Revolver: 35 seconds

Clear weapon and holster to complete the course of fire.

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