



ALBERTA

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Range Safety Officer (RSO) Course Information FOR ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

HOSTING A COURSE

To hold an RSO course, a gun club or range is required to have a minimum of eight (8) participants. If this is not possible, the AFSS may be able to supplement the number with candidates on their waitlist.

The gun club must have access to a range.

Once the date is confirmed, an instructor can be arranged.

COURSE INFORMATION

- The course is a full day, approximately 7 hours.
- It begins with an ice breaker quiz to promote discussion and provide an overview of the course content. This quiz has no effect on your final mark.
- There is a practical test which consists of live fire and each participant acting as the Range Safety Officer. This test is marked, but the main benefit is a learning experience both as an RSO and from watching other participants perform range safety officer duties.

PREREQUISITES

- Restricted and Non-Restricted Possession and Acquisition License (RPAL). You may be required to show your RPAL.
- The course can be taken if you hold a current Possession and Acquisition License (PAL), but your certification card will not be issued until a copy of your RPAL is received.

ALSO MANDATORY

1. Successful completion of the Canadian Firearms Safety Course in both Restricted and Non-restricted Firearms.
2. Fluent in English.

WHAT TO BRING

- Pen and paper.
- Appropriate clothing. The venue may be chilly and the range may be cold. The course proceeds rain, shine or snow.
- A firearm and ammunition. One hundred (100) rounds of ammunition are recommended.
- The practical test includes live fire. A firearm suitable for use on most ranges is appropriate. A rimfire rifle, or a rimfire or centrefire handgun, is a good choice. If bringing a firearm is not practical, firearms will be available.
- Eye and ear protection.
- Lunch, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. Restaurant options may not be available.
- Most importantly, bring an open mind and an interest in learning. Sharing your experience and ideas can contribute to the learning of others.

CERTIFICATION

1. Written test
2. Practical test
3. The registration fee includes first year membership with the Alberta Federation of Shooting Sports.

COURSE CONTENT

Areas Covered:

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| • Requirements for RSO | • Laws |
| • Types of range rules | • Responsibility |
| • RSO Ethics | • Interactions |
| • RSO Etiquette | • Tips |
| • Equipment | • Range commands |
| • Authority | • Misfires |
| • Keeping ranges open | • Headspace |
| • Negligence | • Pressure signs |
| • Emergency action plan | • Details of some actions |

COURSE COSTS

- \$100.00 per participant.
- The gun club is responsible for the instructor's mileage to and from the range, if it is more than one hundred (100) kilometers from their home base.
- Additionally, if the range is more than three (3) hours from the instructor's home, the gun club pays for the hotel room.
- If a hotel room is required, the AFSS will arrange for it.

COURSE PAYMENT

The gun club/range can pay for the number of participants they have and send the AFSS an e-transfer or cheque – preferred method.

OR

Arrangements can be made with the AFSS to have the participants register directly with the AFSS.

Once AFSS knows how many students the club will have in the course, an invoice can be generated.

If students are registering directly with AFSS, the club will receive an invoice for the instructor's mileage and/or hotel room.

ORGANIZER RESPONSIBILITIES

A minimum of seven (7) days prior to the course, the organizer must provide the AFSS with a list of registrants with email addresses, directions to the site and any gate codes or special instructions needed to access the facilities.