

# Combined NRA Basic Pistol & Maryland HQL



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## Description

A pistol, or handgun, is a firearm designed to be fired while being held in one hand. While such firearms are small and compact, they can be the hardest to learn.

This is a combined NRA Basic Pistol and a Maryland Handgun Qualification License course that can be as short as ten hours. In it students will get the NRA's *The Basics of Pistol Shooting* handbook and intensive lessons in safety, gun handling, the various types of pistols, the fundamentals of pistol marksmanship, various pistol firing positions, several practical exercises on the firing range, cleaning, storage, and a summary of pistol sports and activities. For the Maryland Handgun License and unless otherwise exempt, as of October 1, 2013, a Maryland resident must possess a valid Handgun Qualification License before he/she may purchase, rent, or receive a handgun. The structure and content of this class is established by the State of Maryland and is mandatory for those applying for a HQL.

There is a mandatory range time. For students that currently do not own a handgun or ammunition, those will be provided by ICEFDT instructors.

## Course Goal

“To teach the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude for owning and using a pistol safely and to cover the basic requirements of the Maryland HQL.”

— [The combined NRA Basic Pistol Shooting and Maryland HQL Course Lesson Plans](#)

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## Lessons

1. Pistol Knowledge and Safe Gun Handling
2. Ammunition Knowledge and Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting
3. Firing the First Shots (includes cleaning and storage)
4. Home Firearm Safety
5. Maryland Firearm Laws
6. Two-handed and One-handed Standing Shooting Positions
7. Pistol Sports and Activities
8. Handgun Qualification – Handling and Shooting

## Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for taking this course.

## Bring to the Course

Students are required to bring the following supplies with them to class. These are all basic necessities every shooter needs to have in his or her possession, both for your safety while shooting, as well as for maintaining and storing your firearm. No V-neck shirts for either male or female participants.

- A Good Learning Attitude
- Valid State Issued ID or Driver's License
- Pencils or Pens
- Paper or Notebook with stiff backing for taking notes
- Hearing Protection
- Eye Protection
- Absolutely no V-neck shirts for either male or female participants

## Course Completion

Students will receive feedback on the live-fire exercise and a course certificate upon successful completion of the lessons. There is a short, written test on the lesson material at the end of the course.