

Maryland Security Guard Firearm Certifications



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Description

To qualify for a State of Maryland Security Guard Certification, an applicant shall be an individual who is a current employee of, or a current applicant for employment with a licensed security guard agency and be of good moral character and reputation. Applicants must also meet any standards set by the Maryland State Police.

An armed guard will need a MD HQL and MD Wear and Carry Permit as a supplement to his or her security guard certification. To be eligible for application, Security Guards must complete the training requirements of both. 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 Handgun Qualification License (HQL).

Our MD Security Guard Firearms Certification is 16 hours of training spread over three days (two in a classroom, one at a firing range) and includes a live fire qualification component. The MD HQL training is provided through our NRA Basic Pistol Course with the MD HQL requirements covered as an added lesson. The MD Wear & Carry training consists of advanced pistol and personal protection training. 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, drawing from a holster, several practical exercises on the firing range, cleaning, storage, and a summary of pistol sports and activities.

NOTE: Individuals who are not current employees of or a current applicant for employment with a licensed security guard agency shall not apply for a State of Maryland Security Guard Certification. The individual will need to meet general fitness requirements and training requirements. The training program is to be approved by the Maryland State Police; a prospective student can search for qualified instructors on the State Police website. **This course does not cover the MD Security Guard Training requirements, only the firearms certification requirements.**

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Course Goal

“To teach the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude for owning and using a pistol safely in the state of Maryland.”

Lessons

NRA Basic Pistol and MD HQL

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. Two-handed and One-handed Standing Shooting Positions
5. Pistol Sports and Activities
6. Handgun Mechanisms and Operation
7. Home Firearm Safety
8. Federal and Maryland Firearm Laws, including Concealed Carry and Self-Defense

Advanced Pistol and Personal Protection

9. Introduction to Concealed Carry Safety and the Defensive Mindset
10. Introduction to Self Defense and Concealed Carry
11. Carry Modes and Concealment
12. Defensive Pistol Shooting
13. Presenting the Handgun from Concealment
14. Presentation, Position and Movement
15. Course Review and Examination
16. Handgun Qualification – Handling and Shooting*
17. Special Shooting Techniques (Time Dependent)

* Shooting Qualification Requirements vary due to type of required HQL License: Basic Shooting; Security Professionals and Private Investigators certifications the student is applying for.

Prerequisites

This course is for adult individuals who are not disqualified from possessing a firearm as defined by applicable federal, state or local law and are of good repute. It is recommended that students have prior basic familiarity with firearms. Participants must also understand the basic legal concepts relating to the use of firearms in self-defense, and must know and observe not only general gun safety rules but also those safety principles that are specific to defensive situations.

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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.

- A Good Learning Attitude
- Pencils or Pens
- Paper or Notebook with stiff backing for taking notes.
- Handgun: Recommend bringing the pistol you would use for personal/concealed carry. Caliber must be equal to or over .38 special. If you do not have a firearm of your own, you must coordinate with the lead instructor prior to the course day – Single Action Revolvers are NOT ALLOWED for this course.
- Ammunition: If the range does not require shooters to use its ammunition, you will be required to bring ammunition to match the pistol you are bringing. Recommend a minimum of 200 rounds, 400 rounds if completing both Level One and Two. Must be factory ammo – NO RELOADS. If the range requires that you use their ammunition, the student is financially responsible for purchasing the ammunition.
- Magazines: Recommend a minimum of two or three if pistol is a semiautomatic.
- Holster: One that attaches on the belt, outside the waistband. (Concealed carry holsters are not allowed in this class. The same principles apply, but all participants might not have their concealed carry permit, so student comfort and knowledge may vary. With that in mind, we require a normal holster of any type that can be worn on the same side as the students shooting hand.)
- Clothing: This course is going to have a significant amount of time devoted to drawing from the holster, so the student's dress attire must make this possible. No dresses or skirts are allowed during the second half of this exercise. Pants are preferred, but shorts are OK as long as the student can wear a belt and holster. Recommend strong, stiff belt to assist with drawing. An outside garment, such as a coat, sweat shirt, etc. is required. Closed toe shoes only. Absolutely no V-neck shirts for either male or female participants.
- Hearing Protection
- Eye Protection
- Optional:
 - Shooting gloves
 - Knee pads
 - Backup handgun with matching ammunition and extra magazines

Course Completion

Students will receive feedback on the live-fire exercise and a course certificate upon successful completion of the lessons. Not only are shooting standards fired during the practical exercises, but a written exam will be given at the end of the course. Throughout the course the instructor will use a individual checklist for each student to ensure the coverage of course material, and satisfactory absorption of the material being taught.

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Students will also receive information concerning how to apply for the Maryland Handgun Qualification License and Maryland Wear and Carry Permit.

Advanced Training Recommendations:

- NRA Personal Protection in the Home
- NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home

See our website for more information at: <https://icefdt.com/self-defense-pp>)

Course overviews for both Personal Protection inside and outside of the home can be found at:

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