

# DC Gun Laws & Firearms Safety Practice Exam (Sample)

## Study Guide



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# Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

# How to Use This Guide

**This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:**

## **1. Start with a Diagnostic Review**

**Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Don't worry about getting everything right, your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.**

## **2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions**

**Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations, and take breaks to retain information better.**

## **3. Learn from the Explanations**

**After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.**

## **4. Track Your Progress**

**Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.**

## **5. Simulate the Real Exam**

**Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.**

## **6. Repeat and Review**

**Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning.**

## **7. Use Other Tools**

**Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.**

**There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly — adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!**

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## **Questions**

- 1. Is it legal to sell a firearm privately without a background check in Washington D.C.?**
  - A. Yes, with no restrictions**
  - B. Yes, but only for shotguns and rifles**
  - C. No**
  - D. Yes, but limited to close family members**
- 2. What type of ammunition is prohibited in Washington, D.C.?**
  - A. Hollow-point**
  - B. Armor-piercing**
  - C. Frangible**
  - D. Full metal jacket**
- 3. How long is a concealed carry permit valid in DC?**
  - A. 1 year**
  - B. 2 years**
  - C. 3 years**
  - D. 5 years**
- 4. Is there a waiting period to purchase a handgun in Washington D.C?**
  - A. No waiting period**
  - B. 3-day waiting period**
  - C. 10-day waiting period**
  - D. 30-day waiting period**
- 5. What is the penalty for carrying an unregistered firearm in Washington D.C?**
  - A. A fine of up to \$1,000**
  - B. Up to 1 year in prison**
  - C. Both a fine and prison time**
  - D. Mandatory community service**

- 6. Is it legal to carry a concealed firearm in public transportation in DC?**
- A. Yes, with a permit**
  - B. No, it is prohibited**
  - C. Yes, but only for non-residents**
  - D. Only on trains, not buses**
- 7. Can non-residents apply for a concealed carry permit in DC?**
- A. Yes, without any restrictions**
  - B. Yes, but they must work in DC**
  - C. No, permits are only for residents**
  - D. Yes, if they meet certain criteria**
- 8. What is the age requirement for registering a firearm in DC?**
- A. 18 years and older**
  - B. 21 years and older**
  - C. 25 years and older**
  - D. No age requirement**
- 9. What is the maximum magazine capacity allowed in DC?**
- A. 10 rounds**
  - B. 15 rounds**
  - C. 20 rounds**
  - D. No limit**
- 10. Who is required to have their firearm registered in DC?**
- A. Only law enforcement officers**
  - B. Every owner of a firearm**
  - C. Non-residents only**
  - D. Only residents who carry outside their home**

## **Answers**

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1. C
2. B
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. B
7. D
8. B
9. A
10. B

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## **Explanations**

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**1. Is it legal to sell a firearm privately without a background check in Washington D.C.?**

- A. Yes, with no restrictions**
- B. Yes, but only for shotguns and rifles**
- C. No**
- D. Yes, but limited to close family members**

In Washington D.C., it is not legal to sell a firearm privately without a background check. It is important to note that private sales of firearms are prohibited without a background check in D.C. to help regulate the transfer of firearms and ensure that they do not end up in the wrong hands. It is crucial to follow the law and conduct background checks for all firearm sales in Washington D.C.

**2. What type of ammunition is prohibited in Washington, D.C.?**

- A. Hollow-point**
- B. Armor-piercing**
- C. Frangible**
- D. Full metal jacket**

Armor-piercing ammunition is prohibited in Washington, D.C. because it is designed to penetrate armor and can cause significant damage to both the target and surrounding areas. Hollow-point ammunition, while also banned in some states, is designed to expand upon impact, making it more effective for self-defense and less likely to cause collateral damage. Frangible ammunition is designed to break apart into smaller pieces upon impact, which reduces the risk of over-penetration and also makes it safer for use in close quarters. Full metal jacket ammunition is the most common type of ammunition and is not prohibited in Washington, D.C., but it is still important to handle and store it safely to prevent accidental injuries.

**3. How long is a concealed carry permit valid in DC?**

- A. 1 year**
- B. 2 years**
- C. 3 years**
- D. 5 years**

A concealed carry permit in DC is valid for 2 years. During this period, individuals with a valid permit are allowed to carry a concealed firearm in the District of Columbia as long as they comply with all relevant laws and regulations. It is essential for permit holders to renew their permit before it expires to ensure they can continue to lawfully carry a concealed weapon.

**4. Is there a waiting period to purchase a handgun in Washington D.C?**

- A. No waiting period**
- B. 3-day waiting period**
- C. 10-day waiting period**
- D. 30-day waiting period**

In Washington D.C., there is a 10-day waiting period to purchase a handgun. During this waiting period, the dealer must conduct a background check on the buyer before the firearm can be transferred. This waiting period allows for thorough background checks to be completed and helps prevent impulsive firearm purchases.

**5. What is the penalty for carrying an unregistered firearm in Washington D.C?**

- A. A fine of up to \$1,000**
- B. Up to 1 year in prison**
- C. Both a fine and prison time**
- D. Mandatory community service**

The penalty for carrying an unregistered firearm in Washington D.C is both a fine of up to \$1,000 and up to 1 year in prison. This means that if someone is caught carrying an unregistered firearm in Washington D.C, they could potentially have to pay a fine of up to \$1,000 and serve up to 1 year in prison. Option A, B, and D are incorrect because they only mention one of the penalties, rather than both. Option A only mentions the fine, option B only mentions the prison time, and option D only mentions mandatory community service. It is important to note that in addition to these penalties, there may also be further legal consequences for carrying an unregistered firearm, such as probation or losing the right to own firearms in the future. Ultimately, the correct answer is C because it accurately reflects the potential consequences of this illegal action.

**6. Is it legal to carry a concealed firearm in public transportation in DC?**

- A. Yes, with a permit**
- B. No, it is prohibited**
- C. Yes, but only for non-residents**
- D. Only on trains, not buses**

In Washington D.C., it is not legal to carry a concealed firearm in public transportation. This is because carrying a concealed firearm on public transportation is generally prohibited under D.C. gun laws. Therefore, option B, stating "No, it is prohibited," is the correct answer. Options A, C, and D are not correct as they suggest that carrying a concealed firearm on public transportation is allowed under certain conditions, which is not the case according to D.C. gun laws.

**7. Can non-residents apply for a concealed carry permit in DC?**

- A. Yes, without any restrictions**
- B. Yes, but they must work in DC**
- C. No, permits are only for residents**
- D. Yes, if they meet certain criteria**

Non-residents can apply for a concealed carry permit in DC if they meet certain criteria. It is essential to understand that although non-residents have the possibility to apply for a concealed carry permit in DC, there are specific eligibility requirements and criteria that must be met for their application to be considered. This option (D) is correct because it accurately reflects the nuanced process non-residents need to follow to potentially obtain a concealed carry permit in DC.

**8. What is the age requirement for registering a firearm in DC?**

- A. 18 years and older**
- B. 21 years and older**
- C. 25 years and older**
- D. No age requirement**

In Washington DC, the age requirement for registering a firearm is 21 years and older. This means that individuals who are at least 21 years of age are eligible to register a firearm in the District of Columbia. It is important to note that being of legal age is a crucial aspect when it comes to firearm ownership and registration to ensure responsible handling and ownership of firearms. Options A, C, and D are incorrect: - Option A (18 years and older) is incorrect because the age requirement for registering a firearm in DC is 21 years and older. - Option C (25 years and older) is incorrect as the correct age requirement for firearm registration in DC is 21 years old. - Option D (No age requirement) is incorrect because there is indeed an age requirement of 21 years and older for registering a firearm in Washington DC.

**9. What is the maximum magazine capacity allowed in DC?**

- A. 10 rounds**
- B. 15 rounds**
- C. 20 rounds**
- D. No limit**

In the District of Columbia, the maximum magazine capacity allowed is 10 rounds. This restriction is in place to promote firearms safety and reduce the potential harm in case of misuse or accidents involving firearms. It's important to be aware of and comply with these regulations to ensure safe and responsible gun ownership in the district. Option B, C, and D are incorrect because the maximum magazine capacity allowed in DC is limited to 10 rounds, as specified by the law.

**10. Who is required to have their firearm registered in DC?**

- A. Only law enforcement officers**
- B. Every owner of a firearm**
- C. Non-residents only**
- D. Only residents who carry outside their home**

Every owner of a firearm is required to have their firearm registered in DC. This is in accordance with Washington D.C. law, which mandates that all firearms must be registered with the Metropolitan Police Department. Failure to register a firearm in D.C. is illegal and can result in serious consequences. It is essential for all firearm owners in D.C. to adhere to this requirement to ensure compliance with local laws and promote responsible gun ownership.

## Next Steps

**Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.**

**As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.**

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