

# Maryland 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. Which of the following is a requirement for obtaining a Wear and Carry Permit in Maryland?**
  - A. Completion of a Firearms Safety Training Course**
  - B. A valid Handgun Qualification License**
  - C. Proof of residency in Maryland**
  - D. All of the above**
- 2. Who is required to complete a Firearms Safety Training Course in Maryland?**
  - A. All firearms owners**
  - B. First-time handgun purchasers**
  - C. Law enforcement officials**
  - D. Minors under 18**
- 3. Which of the following firearms is banned for sale in Maryland?**
  - A. Semi-automatic rifles**
  - B. Assault pistols**
  - C. Bolt-action rifles**
  - D. Non-assault pistols**
- 4. What is the minimum age to purchase a regulated firearm in Maryland?**
  - A. 18 years**
  - B. 21 years**
  - C. 25 years**
  - D. 30 years**
- 5. What is required to carry a concealed firearm in Maryland?**
  - A. A valid government ID**
  - B. A concealed carry permit**
  - C. An HQL**
  - D. Proof of firearms safety training**



- 6. What is the minimum age to purchase a regulated firearm in Maryland?**
- A. 18 years old**
  - B. 21 years old**
  - C. 25 years old**
  - D. 30 years old**
- 7. What action is required if your firearm is lost or stolen in Maryland?**
- A. Notify the police within 24 hours**
  - B. Notify the police within 48 hours**
  - C. Notify the police within 72 hours**
  - D. No action is required**
- 8. How can a Maryland resident purchase a handgun from another state?**
- A. Direct purchase**
  - B. Through a licensed firearms dealer in Maryland**
  - C. Online without restrictions**
  - D. It is not permitted**
- 9. Under Maryland law, which of the following is considered a 'regulated firearm'?**
- A. Antique firearms**
  - B. Handguns**
  - C. Air rifles**
  - D. Replica of an antique firearm**
- 10. Which of the following qualifies a person for exemption from the Handgun Qualification License requirement?**
- A. Prior military service**
  - B. Current law enforcement officers**
  - C. Completion of a firearms safety training course**
  - D. B and C**

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. Which of the following is a requirement for obtaining a Wear and Carry Permit in Maryland?**

- A. Completion of a Firearms Safety Training Course**
- B. A valid Handgun Qualification License**
- C. Proof of residency in Maryland**
- D. All of the above**

The requirement for obtaining a Wear and Carry Permit in Maryland includes several critical elements that ensure responsible firearm ownership and use. Completion of a Firearms Safety Training Course is essential as it equips applicants with knowledge about safe handling, storage, and operation of firearms. Having a valid Handgun Qualification License is also necessary because it demonstrates that the applicant has already met state-mandated criteria regarding firearms training and safety. This license serves as proof that the individual is deemed fit to possess a handgun. Additionally, proof of residency in Maryland is required to ensure that the applicant is a legal resident and can be held accountable under state laws. These components work together to create a thorough vetting process for individuals seeking a Wear and Carry Permit, promoting safety and responsibility among gun owners.

**2. Who is required to complete a Firearms Safety Training Course in Maryland?**

- A. All firearms owners**
- B. First-time handgun purchasers**
- C. Law enforcement officials**
- D. Minors under 18**

In the state of Maryland, first-time handgun purchasers are required to complete a Firearms Safety Training Course. This is mandated by law to ensure that individuals understand the proper handling and use of firearms. The other options are not necessarily required to complete this course. While all firearms owners are encouraged to take a safety training course, it is not legally mandated. Law enforcement officials may have completed similar training in their line of work, but it is not required for them to purchase a handgun. Minors under 18 are not legally allowed to purchase or possess a handgun, so they would not be required to complete a safety training course.

**3. Which of the following firearms is banned for sale in Maryland?**

- A. Semi-automatic rifles**
- B. Assault pistols**
- C. Bolt-action rifles**
- D. Non-assault pistols**

Maryland banned the sale of assault pistols in 2013 as part of the Maryland Firearm Safety Act. Semi-automatic rifles and non-assault pistols are not banned for sale in Maryland, but they do need to comply with certain regulations. Bolt-action rifles are also legal to use and purchase in Maryland. Assault pistols, however, have been deemed dangerous and are specifically prohibited from being sold in the state. Therefore, the correct answer is B Assault pistols.

**4. What is the minimum age to purchase a regulated firearm in Maryland?**

- A. 18 years**
- B. 21 years**
- C. 25 years**
- D. 30 years**

The minimum age to purchase a regulated firearm in Maryland is indeed 21 years. This regulation aligns with state laws aimed at promoting responsible gun ownership and reducing access to firearms among younger individuals who may not have the maturity or experience required for safe handling. In Maryland, this age restriction applies specifically to regulated firearms, which include handguns and certain types of assault weapons, as defined by state law. Ensuring that only those who have reached a certain age can purchase these firearms is part of broader efforts to enhance public safety. Younger individuals, particularly those under 21 years old, are subject to stricter limitations when it comes to firearms, reflecting a legislative intent to mitigate risks associated with firearm usage.

**5. What is required to carry a concealed firearm in Maryland?**

- A. A valid government ID**
- B. A concealed carry permit**
- C. An HQL**
- D. Proof of firearms safety training**

To carry a concealed firearm in Maryland, obtaining a concealed carry permit is essential. This permit demonstrates that the individual has met the necessary legal requirements and has been vetted by law enforcement authorities. The process for obtaining this permit includes submitting an application, passing a background check, and often completing a mandated training course that covers firearm safety and the legal use of firearms. While having a valid government ID is necessary for identification purposes when applying for the permit, it alone does not grant the authority to carry a concealed firearm. An HQL, or Handgun Qualification License, is also important for purchasing handguns but is not specifically tied to concealed carry. Proof of firearms safety training is typically a part of the process for getting the concealed carry permit, but the permit itself is the crucial requirement that allows an individual to legally carry a concealed firearm in Maryland. Thus, the focus is on the concealed carry permit as the key factor in this scenario.

**6. What is the minimum age to purchase a regulated firearm in Maryland?**

- A. 18 years old**
- B. 21 years old**
- C. 25 years old**
- D. 30 years old**

The correct answer is that the minimum age to purchase a regulated firearm in Maryland is 21 years old. This regulation aligns with various laws in the state aimed at promoting responsible gun ownership and enhancing public safety. By setting the minimum age at 21, Maryland seeks to ensure that individuals have reached a level of maturity and responsibility deemed appropriate for firearm possession. This age requirement reflects the legal standards in many contexts, including the purchasing of handguns and certain types of long guns classified as regulated. It helps to reduce the risk of firearms being accessed by younger individuals who may not yet possess the necessary judgment and responsibility associated with owning and operating a firearm.

**7. What action is required if your firearm is lost or stolen in Maryland?**

- A. Notify the police within 24 hours**
- B. Notify the police within 48 hours**
- C. Notify the police within 72 hours**
- D. No action is required**

In Maryland, if your firearm is lost or stolen, you are legally required to notify the police within 48 hours. This requirement helps law enforcement take prompt action to recover the firearm and prevent it from being used in criminal activities. Timely reporting is crucial for tracking stolen firearms and maintaining public safety. By informing the authorities about the loss or theft as soon as possible, you assist in the investigation and increase the chances of recovering the weapon. Additionally, this prompt reporting is a legal obligation that helps ensure compliance with Maryland's firearms laws. The other time frames provided in the options do not align with the state's statutory requirements, making them incorrect in this context. By understanding the correct timeline for reporting, gun owners can fulfill their legal responsibilities effectively.

**8. How can a Maryland resident purchase a handgun from another state?**

- A. Direct purchase**
- B. Through a licensed firearms dealer in Maryland**
- C. Online without restrictions**
- D. It is not permitted**

A Maryland resident cannot purchase a handgun directly from another state (option A) because it is against federal law for a resident of one state to purchase a handgun in another state. Additionally, option C is incorrect because online purchases of firearms are subject to the same laws and restrictions as in-person purchases. Option D is also incorrect as Maryland residents may legally purchase handguns through a licensed firearms dealer, but cannot do so directly from another state. Option B is the only correct answer because it is the only option that adheres to federal laws and regulations.

**9. Under Maryland law, which of the following is considered a 'regulated firearm'?**

- A. Antique firearms**
- B. Handguns**
- C. Air rifles**
- D. Replica of an antique firearm**

In Maryland, a 'regulated firearm' includes handguns and certain semi-automatic rifles, among other categories defined by law. Handguns are specifically categorized as regulated firearms due to their potential for concealment and their higher likelihood of being used in crimes compared to other types of guns. This categorization leads to stricter regulations regarding their purchase, ownership, and sale. Antique firearms, air rifles, and replicas of antique firearms do not fall under the definition of regulated firearms in Maryland, which is why they are not included in this classification. Antique firearms are generally considered those manufactured before 1899, while air rifles do not operate on gunpowder and thereby do not meet the criteria for 'regulated' status. Replicas of antique firearms, though they may resemble actual firearms, typically do not meet the legal definition of regulated firearms as they are considered historical and do not pose the same risks associated with modern regulated firearms. Thus, handguns are the only option that fits the criteria of being a regulated firearm under Maryland law.

**10. Which of the following qualifies a person for exemption from the Handgun Qualification License requirement?**

- A. Prior military service**
- B. Current law enforcement officers**
- C. Completion of a firearms safety training course**
- D. B and C**

The correct answer encompasses both current law enforcement officers and those who have completed a firearms safety training course. This is important because Maryland has specific provisions that exempt these two groups from needing a Handgun Qualification License (HQL). Current law enforcement officers are exempt due to their extensive training and ongoing responsibilities related to firearms. Their professional experience and the requirement to carry a handgun as part of their job make them capable of safely handling firearms without needing to go through the standard HQL process. Similarly, individuals who have completed an approved firearms safety training course are considered knowledgeable in handling firearms safely and responsibly. This training ensures that they have a foundational understanding of firearms laws and safety practices, which is why they may be deemed qualified to bypass the HQL requirement. This exemption reflects the state's acknowledgment of existing training and expertise in firearms handling among these groups, allowing them to carry handguns without going through the additional licensing process.



## 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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