

# New Hampshire 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**

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**1. Is there a waiting period for purchasing a firearm in New Hampshire?**

- A. Yes, 3 days**
- B. Yes, 7 days**
- C. No, there is no waiting period**
- D. Yes, but only for handguns**

**2. Is it required to report lost or stolen firearms in New Hampshire?**

- A. Yes, within 24 hours**
- B. Yes, but there is no specific time frame**
- C. No**
- D. Only for federally licensed firearms dealers**

**3. What is the legal blood alcohol content (BAC) limit while carrying a firearm in New Hampshire?**

- A. 0.08%**
- B. 0.02%**
- C. 0.00%**
- D. No specific limit**

**4. What is the minimum age to purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer in New Hampshire?**

- A. 18 years old**
- B. 21 years old**
- C. 16 years old**
- D. 25 years old**

**5. Which of the following places is it illegal to carry a firearm, even with a permit, in New Hampshire?**

- A. State parks**
- B. Public schools**
- C. Bars and restaurants**
- D. Private vehicles**

**6. Is it legal to possess machine guns in New Hampshire, if registered properly with the federal government?**

A. Yes  
B. No  
C. Only for law enforcement  
D. Yes, but only for collectors with a special license

**7. Which of the following places is a person prohibited from carrying a firearm in New Hampshire?**

A. State parks  
B. Public schools  
C. Bars and restaurants  
D. Private vehicles

**8. Can non-residents purchase firearms in New Hampshire?**

A. Yes, but only long guns  
B. Yes, both handguns and long guns  
C. No, non-residents cannot purchase firearms  
D. Yes, but they must have a New Hampshire permit

**9. Are private firearm sales allowed in New Hampshire without conducting a background check?**

A. Yes  
B. No  
C. Only for rifles and shotguns  
D. Only with a permit

**10. Is a safety training course required to purchase a firearm in New Hampshire?**

A. Yes  
B. No  
C. Only for first-time buyers  
D. Yes, but only for handguns

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. Is there a waiting period for purchasing a firearm in New Hampshire?**

- A. Yes, 3 days**
- B. Yes, 7 days**
- C. No, there is no waiting period**
- D. Yes, but only for handguns**

In New Hampshire, there is no waiting period for purchasing a firearm. This means that once all legal requirements are met, a person can buy a firearm and take possession of it immediately. It is important to note that while some states have waiting periods for firearm purchases, New Hampshire is not one of them.

**2. Is it required to report lost or stolen firearms in New Hampshire?**

- A. Yes, within 24 hours**
- B. Yes, but there is no specific time frame**
- C. No**
- D. Only for federally licensed firearms dealers**

In New Hampshire, it is not required to report lost or stolen firearms. This is why option C is the correct answer. While it is always a good practice to report lost or stolen firearms to the local law enforcement agency to help prevent illegal activities involving the firearm, New Hampshire state law does not mandate reporting such incidents. The other options are not correct because they imply reporting requirements that do not align with New Hampshire gun laws.

**3. What is the legal blood alcohol content (BAC) limit while carrying a firearm in New Hampshire?**

- A. 0.08%**
- B. 0.02%**
- C. 0.00%**
- D. No specific limit**

In New Hampshire, the legal blood alcohol content (BAC) limit while carrying a firearm is 0.00%. This means that individuals are not allowed to have any measurable amount of alcohol in their system while in possession of a firearm. This strict zero-tolerance policy is in place to ensure the safety of the individual carrying the firearm, as well as the safety of the general public. It is crucial for gun owners to always handle firearms responsibly and follow all laws and regulations regarding alcohol consumption and firearms.

**4. What is the minimum age to purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer in New Hampshire?**

- A. 18 years old**
- B. 21 years old**
- C. 16 years old**
- D. 25 years old**

In New Hampshire, the minimum age to purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer is 21 years old. This age requirement aligns with federal law under the Gun Control Act of 1968, which sets the minimum age for purchasing a handgun from a licensed dealer at 21 years old. It is important for individuals to be aware of and comply with these age restrictions to ensure they are lawfully acquiring firearms in the state of New Hampshire.

**5. Which of the following places is it illegal to carry a firearm, even with a permit, in New Hampshire?**

- A. State parks**
- B. Public schools**
- C. Bars and restaurants**
- D. Private vehicles**

In New Hampshire, it is illegal to carry a firearm, even with a permit, in public schools. This prohibition is in place to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and visitors within school premises. It is crucial to be aware of these restrictions to avoid violating the law and facing potential legal consequences. Regarding the other options: A. State parks: It is generally legal to carry a firearm in state parks in New Hampshire as long as there are no additional local ordinances or restrictions in place. C. Bars and restaurants: In New Hampshire, individuals with a valid permit are allowed to carry firearms in bars and restaurants unless specific signage prohibiting weapons is posted. D. Private vehicles: New Hampshire allows individuals with a valid permit to carry a firearm in their private vehicles for self-defense purposes.

**6. Is it legal to possess machine guns in New Hampshire, if registered properly with the federal government?**

- A. Yes**
- B. No**
- C. Only for law enforcement**
- D. Yes, but only for collectors with a special license**

In New Hampshire, it is legal to possess machine guns if they are properly registered with the federal government. The National Firearms Act (NFA) of 1934 regulates the ownership and possession of machine guns, among other firearms, and requires individuals to comply with federal laws and regulations, including registration. Therefore, as long as the machine guns are registered appropriately with the federal government, it is legal to possess them in New Hampshire.

**7. Which of the following places is a person prohibited from carrying a firearm in New Hampshire?**

- A. State parks**
- B. Public schools**
- C. Bars and restaurants**
- D. Private vehicles**

Public schools are the only option listed that a person is prohibited from carrying a firearm in New Hampshire. State parks, bars and restaurants, and private vehicles are all locations where it is legal to possess a firearm as long as the person has the proper permit/license. For example, in New Hampshire, a person with a concealed carry permit/license may carry a firearm in state parks, bars and restaurants, and in their own vehicle. However, carrying a firearm in a public school is strictly prohibited, regardless of whether or not a person has a permit/license. Other options, such as government buildings or courthouses, may also be locations where carrying a firearm is prohibited, but these are not listed as choices in the question. Based on the given choices, B is the only correct answer.

**8. Can non-residents purchase firearms in New Hampshire?**

- A. Yes, but only long guns**
- B. Yes, both handguns and long guns**
- C. No, non-residents cannot purchase firearms**
- D. Yes, but they must have a New Hampshire permit**

Non-residents can purchase both handguns and long guns in New Hampshire. This is because New Hampshire does not impose any specific restrictions on non-residents purchasing firearms within the state. It is important for non-residents to follow all federal laws and regulations regarding firearms purchases when buying firearms in New Hampshire. Option A is incorrect because non-residents are not limited to only purchasing long guns in New Hampshire. Option C is incorrect as non-residents can purchase firearms in the state. Option D is not required as non-residents can purchase firearms without needing a New Hampshire permit.

**9. Are private firearm sales allowed in New Hampshire without conducting a background check?**

- A. Yes**
- B. No**
- C. Only for rifles and shotguns**
- D. Only with a permit**

Private firearm sales are allowed in New Hampshire without conducting a background check. This is often referred to as the "private sale loophole," as it allows individuals to buy and sell firearms without requiring a background check, unlike sales through licensed firearms dealers. Therefore, option A is correct. The other options are not accurate because private firearm sales in New Hampshire do not require background checks, regardless of the type of firearm being exchanged or the presence of a permit.

**10. Is a safety training course required to purchase a firearm in New Hampshire?**

- A. Yes**
- B. No**
- C. Only for first-time buyers**
- D. Yes, but only for handguns**

In New Hampshire, a safety training course is not required to purchase a firearm. Individuals are not mandated to complete a safety training course before buying a firearm in the state. This distinguishes New Hampshire from some other states that do have such requirements in place. It is important for prospective firearm owners in New Hampshire to familiarize themselves with state laws and regulations regarding firearms to ensure they are in compliance with all necessary procedures.

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# 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.**

**If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at [hello@examzify.com](mailto:hello@examzify.com).**

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**We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!**

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