

# 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. 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.**

## **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. 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!**

## Questions

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- 1. What is required to legally purchase a handgun in New Hampshire?**
  - A. A state permit**
  - B. Background check through a licensed dealer**
  - C. Proof of New Hampshire residency**
  - D. No requirements**
  
- 2. What is the minimum age to purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer in New Hampshire?**
  - A. 18 years**
  - B. 21 years**
  - C. 16 years**
  - D. 25 years**
  
- 3. Are assault weapons banned in New Hampshire?**
  - A. Yes, they are banned**
  - B. No, there is no ban on assault weapons**
  - C. Yes, but only in certain cities**
  - D. Yes, but only for non-residents**
  
- 4. Can individuals under a protective order possess firearms in New Hampshire?**
  - A. Yes, unless specifically prohibited by the order**
  - B. No**
  - C. Yes, but only after a hearing**
  - D. Yes, but with restrictions on the type of firearms**
  
- 5. Can a person legally carry a concealed firearm in New Hampshire state parks?**
  - A. Yes, with a permit**
  - B. No, firearms are not allowed**
  - C. Yes, without any permit**
  - D. Only during hunting season**

- 6. In New Hampshire, who is prohibited from owning a firearm?**
- A. Persons under 18**
  - B. Convicted felons**
  - C. Non-U.S. citizens**
  - D. All of the above**
- 7. What is the legal blood alcohol content limit for carrying a firearm in New Hampshire?**
- A. 0.08%**
  - B. 0.03%**
  - C. There is no specified limit**
  - D. 0.00%**
- 8. What is the minimum age for possession and transport of firearms (other than pistols and revolvers) in New Hampshire?**
- A. 18 years**
  - B. 16 years**
  - C. 15 years**
  - D. No minimum age**
- 9. Is there a state preemption of local firearm laws in New Hampshire?**
- A. Yes**
  - B. No**
  - C. Only for concealed carry laws**
  - D. Only for open carry laws**
- 10. In New Hampshire, what is the minimum age to purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer?**
- A. 18 years**
  - B. 19 years**
  - C. 21 years**
  - D. 25 years**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. What is required to legally purchase a handgun in New Hampshire?**

**A. A state permit**

**B. Background check through a licensed dealer**

**C. Proof of New Hampshire residency**

**D. No requirements**

To legally purchase a handgun in New Hampshire, a background check through a licensed dealer is required. This ensures that the buyer is not prohibited from owning firearms under federal or state law. It is important to note that New Hampshire does not have a permit requirement for the purchase of handguns. Additionally, while proof of residency may be requested by the dealer during the purchase process, the key requirement is completing a background check through a licensed dealer.

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

**A. 18 years**

**B. 21 years**

**C. 16 years**

**D. 25 years**

The correct answer is 21 years. In New Hampshire, the minimum age to purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer is 21 years. This age requirement is in accordance with federal law for purchasing a handgun from a licensed dealer. It is important to note that under federal law, the minimum age to purchase a handgun is 21 years, while the minimum age to purchase a long gun, such as a rifle or shotgun, is 18 years.

**3. Are assault weapons banned in New Hampshire?**

**A. Yes, they are banned**

**B. No, there is no ban on assault weapons**

**C. Yes, but only in certain cities**

**D. Yes, but only for non-residents**

Assault weapons are not banned in New Hampshire, which makes option B the correct choice. The state of New Hampshire does not have any specific laws prohibiting the ownership or possession of assault weapons. It is important for gun owners in New Hampshire to understand the state's gun laws and regulations to ensure compliance and responsible firearm ownership.

**4. Can individuals under a protective order possess firearms in New Hampshire?**

- A. Yes, unless specifically prohibited by the order**
- B. No**
- C. Yes, but only after a hearing**
- D. Yes, but with restrictions on the type of firearms**

Individuals under a protective order in New Hampshire can possess firearms unless specifically prohibited by the order. It is crucial to adhere to the terms of the protective order to avoid any legal repercussions. Options B, C, and D are incorrect because, in New Hampshire, individuals under a protective order can possess firearms unless expressly prohibited by the terms of the order.

**5. Can a person legally carry a concealed firearm in New Hampshire state parks?**

- A. Yes, with a permit**
- B. No, firearms are not allowed**
- C. Yes, without any permit**
- D. Only during hunting season**

In New Hampshire, a person can legally carry a concealed firearm in state parks without any permit. New Hampshire is a constitutional carry state, which means that individuals who are not prohibited from owning a firearm can carry a concealed firearm without a permit. This freedom to carry a concealed firearm without a permit extends to state parks in New Hampshire as well. Option A is incorrect because in New Hampshire, a permit is not required to carry a concealed firearm, including in state parks. Option B is incorrect because firearms are allowed in New Hampshire state parks, including carrying them concealed without a permit. Option D is incorrect because in New Hampshire, the ability to carry a concealed firearm in state parks is not limited to specific hunting seasons.

**6. In New Hampshire, who is prohibited from owning a firearm?**

- A. Persons under 18**
- B. Convicted felons**
- C. Non-U.S. citizens**
- D. All of the above**

In New Hampshire, convicted felons are prohibited from owning a firearm. This restriction is in place due to safety concerns, as individuals with felony convictions may pose a higher risk of committing crimes or engaging in violence. It is important to regulate firearm ownership to help prevent firearms from falling into the wrong hands.

**7. What is the legal blood alcohol content limit for carrying a firearm in New Hampshire?**

- A. 0.08%**
- B. 0.03%**
- C. There is no specified limit**
- D. 0.00%**

New Hampshire does not have a specified legal blood alcohol content limit for carrying a firearm. This does not mean that individuals should consume alcohol excessively before carrying a firearm as there may still be laws in place regarding alcohol consumption and firearm use. Both options A and D are incorrect as they give specific BAC limits which do not pertain to New Hampshire. Option B is also incorrect as it gives a lower and more restrictive BAC limit than what is typically required for driving under the influence in most states. The correct answer, option C, indicates that it is important to use caution and good judgement when consuming alcohol and carrying a firearm in New Hampshire.

**8. What is the minimum age for possession and transport of firearms (other than pistols and revolvers) in New Hampshire?**

- A. 18 years**
- B. 16 years**
- C. 15 years**
- D. No minimum age**

In New Hampshire, the minimum age for possession and transport of firearms (other than pistols and revolvers) is 18 years. This age requirement is in line with federal laws and helps ensure that individuals possess the necessary maturity and responsibility to handle firearms safely. It is important for individuals to be aware of and comply with age restrictions to promote firearm safety and responsible gun ownership. Option B, C, and D are incorrect because the minimum age for possession and transport of firearms (other than pistols and revolvers) in New Hampshire is 18 years, not 16 years, 15 years, or no minimum age.

**9. Is there a state preemption of local firearm laws in New Hampshire?**

- A. Yes**
- B. No**
- C. Only for concealed carry laws**
- D. Only for open carry laws**

Yes, the correct answer is A. In New Hampshire, there is a state preemption of local firearm laws, which means that the state government has the sole authority to regulate firearms and ammunition. This prevents local jurisdictions within the state from creating their own separate gun laws, ensuring consistency and clarity in firearm regulations across New Hampshire. Choices B, C, and D are incorrect because they do not accurately reflect the state's preemption of local firearm laws.

**10. In New Hampshire, what is the minimum age to purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer?**

- A. 18 years**
- B. 19 years**
- C. 21 years**
- D. 25 years**

In New Hampshire, the minimum age to purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer is 21 years. This age requirement is in line with federal law under the Gun Control Act of 1968, which established 21 as the minimum age for purchasing a handgun from a licensed dealer. It is important for individuals to be aware of and comply with age restrictions when purchasing firearms to ensure legal compliance and responsible gun ownership. Option A, 18 years, is the minimum age to purchase a rifle or shotgun from a licensed dealer in New Hampshire, not a handgun. Option B, 19 years, and Option D, 25 years, are not the correct minimum ages specified for purchasing handguns in New Hampshire.

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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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