

NEW MEXICO GUN LAWS & FIREARMS SAFETY PRACTICE EXAM (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



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WITH LIMITED QUESTIONS**

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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. In New Mexico, what background check system is used for firearm purchases from a licensed dealer?**
 - A. FBI only
 - B. NICS
 - C. State system only
 - D. Both FBI and state system
- 2. What is the minimum age for someone to purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer in New Mexico?**
 - A. 18 years old
 - B. 21 years old
 - C. 16 years old
 - D. There is no minimum age
- 3. What is required for an individual to legally sell a firearm to another individual in New Mexico?**
 - A. Nothing is required
 - B. A bill of sale
 - C. A background check through a licensed dealer
 - D. Verification of the buyer's age and residency
- 4. In New Mexico, how can one legally transfer a firearm to another individual?**
 - A. Through a private sale without any documentation
 - B. Only through a licensed firearm dealer
 - C. By posting an online advertisement
 - D. Any of the above, depending on the firearm
- 5. What age must an individual be to possess a handgun in New Mexico?**
 - A. 18 years or older
 - B. 21 years or older
 - C. 16 years or older with parental supervision
 - D. There is no age requirement with parental consent

- 6. Is it legal to carry a concealed firearm into a bank in New Mexico with a valid concealed carry permit?**
- A. Yes, always
 - B. No, it's always illegal
 - C. Yes, unless the bank posts a no weapons sign
 - D. It depends on the bank's policy
- 7. What must individuals do before legally carrying a concealed handgun in New Mexico?**
- A. Pass a background check
 - B. Complete a firearms safety course
 - C. Register the handgun with local law enforcement
 - D. All of the above
- 8. Can individuals convicted of a felony own a firearm in New Mexico?**
- A. Yes, without any restrictions
 - B. Yes, but only after a certain period
 - C. No, under federal and state law
 - D. Only if the conviction has been expunged
- 9. Can individuals under 19 years old possess a handgun in New Mexico?**
- A. Yes, with parental supervision
 - B. No, it's illegal for those under 19
 - C. Yes, for hunting and sporting purposes
 - D. No, except for military personnel
- 10. In New Mexico, is a permit required to purchase a handgun?**
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Only for residents
 - D. Only for non-residents

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. In New Mexico, what background check system is used for firearm purchases from a licensed dealer?

- A. FBI only
- B. NICS**
- C. State system only
- D. Both FBI and state system

The correct answer is B. The system used for firearm purchases from a licensed dealer in New Mexico is called NICS, which refers to the National Instant Criminal Background System. This system is used by the FBI to conduct background checks on potential buyers. Option A, FBI only, is incorrect because NICS is the name of the system used by the FBI. It is not the name of the FBI itself. Option C, state system only, is incorrect because while some states may have their own background check systems, the question specifically mentions New Mexico, which uses the NICS system. Option D, both FBI and state system, is incorrect because NICS is the name of the system used by the FBI, so it encompasses both the FBI and state systems. In other words, the state system is included in NICS.

2. What is the minimum age for someone to purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer in New Mexico?

- A. 18 years old
- B. 21 years old**
- C. 16 years old
- D. There is no minimum age

In New Mexico, the minimum age for someone to purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer is 21 years old. This age requirement is set by the state of New Mexico and applies to all licensed firearms dealers. Option A is incorrect because 18 years old is the minimum age to purchase a rifle or shotgun from a licensed dealer in New Mexico, but not a handgun. Option C is incorrect because 16 years old is not the minimum age to purchase any type of firearm in New Mexico. Option D is incorrect because there is a minimum age requirement in New Mexico for purchasing handguns from licensed dealers.

3. What is required for an individual to legally sell a firearm to another individual in New Mexico?

- A. Nothing is required
- B. A bill of sale
- C. A background check through a licensed dealer**
- D. Verification of the buyer's age and residency

In order to legally sell a firearm to another individual in New Mexico, the seller is required to conduct a background check through a licensed dealer. This ensures that the buyer is not a prohibited individual and is legally allowed to purchase and own a firearm. Option A is incorrect because there are legal requirements that must be met in order to sell a firearm. Option B may be a good practice, but it is not a legal requirement. Option D is partially correct, as verification of the buyer's age may be necessary depending on the type of firearm being sold, but it is not the only requirement. The most important requirement and the only legally mandated one is to conduct a background check through a licensed dealer.

4. In New Mexico, how can one legally transfer a firearm to another individual?

- A. Through a private sale without any documentation
- B. Only through a licensed firearm dealer**
- C. By posting an online advertisement
- D. Any of the above, depending on the firearm

In New Mexico, it is illegal to transfer a firearm to another individual without going through a licensed firearm dealer. This includes private sales or online postings. This is to ensure that proper background checks and paperwork are completed to regulate the transfer and ownership of firearms. Therefore, options A, C, and D are incorrect as they all involve transferring a firearm without the legal steps required in New Mexico. Only option B is correct as it abides by the state's laws and regulations.

5. What age must an individual be to possess a handgun in New Mexico?

- A. 18 years or older
- B. 21 years or older**
- C. 16 years or older with parental supervision
- D. There is no age requirement with parental consent

Individuals must be 21 years or older to possess a handgun in New Mexico. Option A (18 years or older) is incorrect because the minimum age requirement is higher. Option C (16 years or older with parental supervision) is incorrect because it states that parental supervision is required, whereas the correct answer does not specify any supervision. Option D (no age requirement with parental consent) is incorrect because it mentions parental consent, which is not a factor in the minimum age requirement. Therefore, the correct answer is B (21 years or older).

6. Is it legal to carry a concealed firearm into a bank in New Mexico with a valid concealed carry permit?

- A. Yes, always
- B. No, it's always illegal
- C. Yes, unless the bank posts a no weapons sign**
- D. It depends on the bank's policy

In New Mexico, it is generally legal to carry a concealed firearm into a bank with a valid concealed carry permit unless the bank posts a no weapons sign. This means that options A and B are incorrect as they claim that the legality is always one way or the other. Option D is also incorrect as it implies that the bank's policy is the determining factor, whereas the state law takes precedence in this scenario.

7. What must individuals do before legally carrying a concealed handgun in New Mexico?

- A. Pass a background check
- B. Complete a firearms safety course
- C. Register the handgun with local law enforcement
- D. All of the above**

Before legally carrying a concealed handgun in New Mexico, individuals must pass a background check, complete a firearms safety course, and register the handgun with local law enforcement. Each of these requirements is necessary to obtain a concealed carry permit in the state. Therefore, the correct answer is all of the above. Choices A, B, and C each provide an essential step in the process of legally carrying a concealed handgun in New Mexico. Choosing any one of these options alone would not fulfill all of the necessary requirements. Therefore, options A, B, and C are incorrect as they are not comprehensive enough to meet all legal requirements for carrying a concealed handgun in New Mexico.

8. Can individuals convicted of a felony own a firearm in New Mexico?

- A. Yes, without any restrictions
- B. Yes, but only after a certain period
- C. No, under federal and state law**
- D. Only if the conviction has been expunged

Individuals in New Mexico who have been convicted of a felony are prohibited from owning a firearm under both federal and state law. This is because felons are considered "prohibited persons" under the Gun Control Act, which prohibits them from possessing firearms. Additionally, New Mexico state law also prohibits felons from owning firearms, regardless of whether or not the conviction has been expunged. Options A and B are incorrect because they do not take into account the federal and state laws prohibiting felons from owning firearms. Option D may also seem like a viable answer, but it is important to note that even with an expungement, federal law still considers the individual a "prohibited person," and thus they are still unable to legally own a firearm.

9. Can individuals under 19 years old possess a handgun in New Mexico?

- A. Yes, with parental supervision
- B. No, it's illegal for those under 19
- C. Yes, for hunting and sporting purposes**
- D. No, except for military personnel

While options A, B, and D all state that it is not allowed for individuals under 19 years old to possess a handgun in New Mexico, option C is the correct answer because it specifies that there are exceptions for hunting and sporting purposes. A is incorrect because parental supervision does not change the legal age for handgun possession. B is incorrect because it's a blanket statement that does not mention any exceptions. D is incorrect because it only mentions an exception for military personnel, while option C covers a broader range of exceptions.

10. In New Mexico, is a permit required to purchase a handgun?

A. Yes

B. No

C. Only for residents

D. Only for non-residents

In New Mexico, a permit is not required for residents or non-residents to purchase a handgun. This is because New Mexico does not have any specific laws or regulations regarding permits for the purchase of handguns. Other options such as A, C, and D are incorrect because there is no requirement for residents or non-residents to obtain a permit to purchase a handgun. Therefore, the only correct option is B, as it states that a permit is not required.

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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.

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

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