

North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) 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. What could be a consequence of carrying a concealed handgun while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances in North Carolina?**
 - A. A warning**
 - B. Revocation of the permit**
 - C. A fine**
 - D. Permit suspension for a month**
- 2. What action is required if a permit holder is stopped by law enforcement in North Carolina?**
 - A. The permit holder must immediately inform the officer that they are carrying a concealed weapon**
 - B. The permit holder must present their permit only if asked by the officer**
 - C. The permit holder must hand over their weapon to the officer for the duration of the stop**
 - D. The permit holder is not required to inform the officer unless directly asked**
- 3. Which of the following is a disqualifier for obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?**
 - A. DUI conviction 10 years ago**
 - B. Felonies with expunged records**
 - C. Current restraining order**
 - D. Speeding ticket within last year**
- 4. When can a person use deadly force in self-defense in North Carolina?**
 - A. When there is a threat of unlawful force**
 - B. Only when there is an imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm**
 - C. To protect personal property at any time**
 - D. Whenever they feel threatened in a public area**

5. Where is it illegal to carry a concealed handgun in North Carolina, even with a permit?

- A. Public schools**
- B. Private residences**
- C. Public parks**
- D. All of the above**

6. How often must you renew your Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?

- A. Every 3 years**
- B. Every 5 years**
- C. Every 10 years**
- D. It does not need to be renewed**

7. What information must be provided to law enforcement upon request if you are carrying a concealed handgun?

- A. Social Security number**
- B. Concealed Handgun Permit**
- C. Reason for carrying**
- D. Your destination**

8. In what circumstance can a private business in North Carolina prevent a valid Concealed Handgun Permit holder from entering with a concealed handgun?

- A. If the business serves alcohol**
- B. By posting a conspicuous notice or sign**
- C. If the owner verbally informs the permit holder**
- D. In all of the above circumstances**

9. What is the minimum age requirement to apply for a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?

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

10. The legal blood alcohol concentration limit while carrying a concealed weapon in North Carolina is:

- A. 0.08%**
- B. 0.04%**
- C. 0.02%**
- D. 0.00%**

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What could be a consequence of carrying a concealed handgun while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances in North Carolina?

- A. A warning**
- B. Revocation of the permit**
- C. A fine**
- D. Permit suspension for a month**

Carrying a concealed handgun while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances in North Carolina can have serious consequences. One of the potential outcomes is the revocation of the permit. This is because being under the influence impairs judgment and could potentially lead to dangerous situations. It is important for permit holders to adhere to the laws and regulations regarding carrying a concealed handgun to ensure the safety of themselves and others. Options A, C, and D are incorrect because the consequences for this violation are typically more severe than just a warning, a fine, or a one-month suspension of the permit.

2. What action is required if a permit holder is stopped by law enforcement in North Carolina?

- A. The permit holder must immediately inform the officer that they are carrying a concealed weapon**
- B. The permit holder must present their permit only if asked by the officer**
- C. The permit holder must hand over their weapon to the officer for the duration of the stop**
- D. The permit holder is not required to inform the officer unless directly asked**

In North Carolina, if a permit holder is stopped by law enforcement, they are required to immediately inform the officer that they are carrying a concealed weapon. This is important for the safety of both the permit holder and the officer, as it helps prevent any misunderstandings or potential escalation of the situation. By being upfront about carrying a concealed weapon, the permit holder demonstrates transparency and a willingness to cooperate with law enforcement. This practice also helps maintain a sense of trust and respect between the permit holder and the officer.

3. Which of the following is a disqualifier for obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?

- A. DUI conviction 10 years ago**
- B. Felonies with expunged records**
- C. Current restraining order**
- D. Speeding ticket within last year**

A current restraining order is a disqualifier for obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina because individuals who are subject to a current domestic violence restraining order or are convicted of a misdemeanor involving domestic violence are prohibited from obtaining a permit. This restriction is in place to help ensure the safety of all individuals involved and prevent potential misuse of firearms in situations where domestic violence is a concern. On the other hand: A. A DUI conviction 10 years ago may not necessarily disqualify an individual from obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina, depending on the circumstances and the individual's overall record. B. Felonies, even if expunged, typically disqualify individuals from obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina. D. A speeding ticket within the last year is not typically a disqualifier for obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina, as long as it is not associated with more serious offenses or patterns of reckless behavior.

4. When can a person use deadly force in self-defense in North Carolina?

- A. When there is a threat of unlawful force**
- B. Only when there is an imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm**
- C. To protect personal property at any time**
- D. Whenever they feel threatened in a public area**

In North Carolina, the use of deadly force in self-defense is justified only when there is an imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm. This means that a person can use deadly force to defend themselves or others when facing a situation where there is a clear and immediate danger of severe injury or death. It is important to remember that using deadly force in any other situation may not be legally justified. Option A (When there is a threat of unlawful force) is not specific enough, as it does not explicitly mention the requirement of imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm. Option C (To protect personal property at any time) is not correct as North Carolina law does not permit the use of deadly force solely to protect personal property. Option D (Whenever they feel threatened in a public area) is not accurate because the use of deadly force must be in response to a specific and imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm, regardless of the location.

5. Where is it illegal to carry a concealed handgun in North Carolina, even with a permit?

- A. Public schools**
- B. Private residences**
- C. Public parks**
- D. All of the above**

In North Carolina, it is illegal to carry a concealed handgun in public schools, even with a permit. This is because schools are designated as gun-free zones and are meant to be safe spaces for students to learn. While private residences may restrict handguns on their property, it is not illegal to carry a concealed handgun there with a permit. Public parks, on the other hand, do not have the same restrictions and individuals are allowed to carry concealed handguns with a permit. Therefore, options B and C are incorrect as they do not fully align with the question. Option D, stating that all of the above are incorrect, is also incorrect as public schools are the only location where carrying a concealed handgun with a permit is illegal.

6. How often must you renew your Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?

- A. Every 3 years**
- B. Every 5 years**
- C. Every 10 years**
- D. It does not need to be renewed**

In North Carolina, concealed handgun permits must be renewed every 5 years. Option A, every 3 years, is incorrect because that is the renewal frequency for some other states but not for North Carolina. Option C, every 10 years, is also incorrect because that is too infrequent for permit renewals in North Carolina. Option D, it does not need to be renewed, is incorrect because all concealed handgun permits in North Carolina do require renewal every 5 years.

7. What information must be provided to law enforcement upon request if you are carrying a concealed handgun?

- A. Social Security number**
- B. Concealed Handgun Permit**
- C. Reason for carrying**
- D. Your destination**

Carrying a concealed handgun is a serious responsibility, and to be able to do so legally, you must have a Concealed Handgun Permit. This permit contains essential information, such as your identification and eligibility to carry a firearm. It is a crucial document that is required to be presented to law enforcement upon request. Options A, C, and D do not provide the necessary information for law enforcement to verify that you are carrying a concealed handgun legally. Your Social Security number, reason for carrying, and destination are not relevant to this matter and may violate your privacy. Therefore, option B is the correct answer, and having a valid Concealed Handgun Permit is essential when carrying a concealed handgun.

8. In what circumstance can a private business in North Carolina prevent a valid Concealed Handgun Permit holder from entering with a concealed handgun?

- A. If the business serves alcohol**
- B. By posting a conspicuous notice or sign**
- C. If the owner verbally informs the permit holder**
- D. In all of the above circumstances**

Private businesses in North Carolina can only prevent a valid Concealed Handgun Permit holder from entering with a concealed handgun if they post a conspicuous notice or sign. This means that the owner must post a visible and noticeable notice on the premises stating that concealed handguns are not allowed. Options A and C are incorrect because North Carolina law allows permit holders to enter businesses serving alcohol with a concealed handgun, and verbal notice from the owner is not sufficient in this case. Option D is incorrect because businesses can only prevent entry if they post a conspicuous notice or sign, not in all circumstances.

9. What is the minimum age requirement to apply for a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?

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

In North Carolina, the minimum age requirement to apply for a Concealed Handgun Permit is 21 years old. Option A is incorrect because it is the minimum age requirement to purchase a handgun, not to apply for a permit. Option C and D are incorrect because they are older than the minimum age requirement, which is 21. Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

10. The legal blood alcohol concentration limit while carrying a concealed weapon in North Carolina is:

- A. 0.08%**
- B. 0.04%**
- C. 0.02%**
- D. 0.00%**

In North Carolina, the legal blood alcohol concentration limit while carrying a concealed weapon is 0.00%. This means that individuals with a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) are not allowed to have any amount of alcohol in their system while carrying a concealed weapon. This strict rule emphasizes the importance of responsible gun ownership and ensuring that individuals are fully in control of their faculties while carrying a concealed weapon. It is crucial for permit holders to adhere to this regulation to maintain the safety of themselves and others.

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.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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

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