

# 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 is the minimum age requirement to apply for a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) in North Carolina?**
  - A. 18 years old**
  - B. 21 years old**
  - C. 25 years old**
  - D. 30 years old**
- 2. Which of the following correctly describes the reciprocity of North Carolina's Concealed Handgun Permit with other states?**
  - A. North Carolina recognizes all other states' permits**
  - B. No other states' permits are recognized by North Carolina**
  - C. Only permits from states with similar requirements are recognized**
  - D. North Carolina permits are valid in all states**
- 3. Can non-residents apply for a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit?**
  - A. Yes, without any restrictions**
  - B. Yes, but only if they own property in the state**
  - C. No, only residents can apply**
  - D. Yes, but they must work in the state**
- 4. What must applicants complete for a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?**
  - A. A state-approved firearms training course**
  - B. A swimming test**
  - C. An interview with local law enforcement**
  - D. A polygraph test**
- 5. Who has the authority to issue a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?**
  - A. The Department of Justice**
  - B. The State Bureau of Investigation**
  - C. The local Sheriff's office**
  - D. The Department of Public Safety**

**6. What type of handgun safety course is required before applying for a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?**

- A. NRA safety course
- B. State-approved safety course
- C. Hunter safety course
- D. No course is required

**7. 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

**8. For a North Carolina resident, where is it illegal to carry a concealed handgun, even with a permit?**

- A. In your own home
- B. In an establishment that serves alcohol
- C. In a workplace that permits concealed handguns
- D. At outdoor public gatherings

**9. For a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit, fingerprinting is required for:**

- A. Initial applications only
- B. Renewal applications only
- C. Both initial and renewal applications
- D. Neither initial nor renewal applications

**10. How often must a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit be renewed?**

- A. Every 2 years
- B. Every 5 years
- C. Every 10 years
- D. Every year

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. What is the minimum age requirement to apply for a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) in North Carolina?**

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

While a person can legally purchase a handgun at 18 years old in North Carolina, they must be 21 years old to apply for a CHP. The other options, 18, 25, and 30 years old, are all incorrect. 18 and 30 years old are not the minimum age required for a CHP, and 25 years old is over the legal age for purchasing a handgun in North Carolina. The correct answer is B, 21 years old, as stated in North Carolina law.

**2. Which of the following correctly describes the reciprocity of North Carolina's Concealed Handgun Permit with other states?**

- A. North Carolina recognizes all other states' permits**
- B. No other states' permits are recognized by North Carolina**
- C. Only permits from states with similar requirements are recognized**
- D. North Carolina permits are valid in all states**

North Carolina's Concealed Handgun Permit has reciprocity agreements with certain states that have similar requirements. This means that North Carolina only recognizes permits from states that have comparable regulations and standards for issuing concealed carry permits. It is important to note that not all states' permits are automatically recognized in North Carolina, and vice versa. This reciprocity arrangement ensures that individuals holding permits from states with similar permitting processes are allowed to carry concealed handguns in North Carolina.

### 3. Can non-residents apply for a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit?

- A. Yes, without any restrictions
- B. Yes, but only if they own property in the state**
- C. No, only residents can apply
- D. Yes, but they must work in the state

Non-residents can apply for a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit, but there are specific conditions that must be met, which is why the correct response indicates ownership of property in the state. North Carolina law requires that non-residents present evidence of having a legitimate interest in the state, which is typically demonstrated by owning a residence or property. This requirement for property ownership ensures that applicants have a tangible connection to North Carolina, as the concealed carry permit is grounded in state law and is reflective of the applicant's engagement with the state's legal system and community. Without property ownership, non-residents do not have access to the same legal framework that residents enjoy when it comes to applying for and holding a concealed handgun permit. Options that suggest unrestricted access for non-residents or criteria based solely on employment do not align with North Carolina's legal structure regarding concealed handgun permits. Thus, property ownership is a crucial factor in shaping the eligibility of non-residents for this permit in North Carolina.

### 4. What must applicants complete for a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?

- A. A state-approved firearms training course**
- B. A swimming test
- C. An interview with local law enforcement
- D. A polygraph test

Applicants for a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina must complete a state-approved firearms training course. This is a crucial requirement to ensure that individuals seeking a CHP have the necessary knowledge and skills to handle a firearm safely and responsibly. The other options, such as a swimming test, an interview with local law enforcement, and a polygraph test, are not part of the standard requirements for obtaining a CHP in North Carolina. Thus, option A is the correct choice in this scenario.

### 5. Who has the authority to issue a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?

- A. The Department of Justice
- B. The State Bureau of Investigation
- C. The local Sheriff's office**
- D. The Department of Public Safety

In North Carolina, the local sheriff's office has the authority to issue Concealed Handgun Permits. The Department of Justice and the State Bureau of Investigation do not issue permits, but they may run background checks and provide information to the sheriff's office. The Department of Public Safety is responsible for overseeing the overall public safety and security of the state, but does not issue concealed handgun permits. Therefore, the local sheriff's office is the only applicable option among the choices listed.

**6. What type of handgun safety course is required before applying for a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?**

- A. NRA safety course**
- B. State-approved safety course**
- C. Hunter safety course**
- D. No course is required**

In North Carolina, only a state-approved safety course is required before applying for a Concealed Handgun Permit. While an NRA safety course and a hunter safety course may cover some important safety principles, they are not specifically tailored to the requirements set forth by the state of North Carolina. Additionally, choosing the state-approved safety course ensures that the information provided is up-to-date and relevant to the current laws and regulations in the state. The option D, stating that no course is required, is incorrect as a safety course is mandatory in order to obtain a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina.

**7. 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.

**8. For a North Carolina resident, where is it illegal to carry a concealed handgun, even with a permit?**

- A. In your own home**
- B. In an establishment that serves alcohol**
- C. In a workplace that permits concealed handguns**
- D. At outdoor public gatherings**

Carrying a concealed handgun in an establishment that serves alcohol is prohibited for individuals with a permit in North Carolina. This law is designed to enhance public safety, as the combination of alcohol consumption and firearms can increase the likelihood of dangerous situations and alter an individual's judgment. Establishments that serve alcohol are specifically identified in the legislation to help prevent conflicts or misunderstandings that may arise when firearms are present in environments where individuals are likely to be consuming alcohol. The law helps maintain a safer community by drawing a clear line about where firearms are not allowed, focusing on areas where intoxication could lead to escalated incidents. This distinction emphasizes the importance of responsible firearm ownership and the potential risks associated with carrying concealed weapons in certain social settings. The other options do not reflect the restrictions imposed by North Carolina law. Residents may carry concealed handguns in their own homes, at workplaces that permit such carry, and in many outdoor public gatherings, as long as they adhere to the specific regulations concerning those places.

**9. For a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit, fingerprinting is required for:**

- A. Initial applications only**
- B. Renewal applications only**
- C. Both initial and renewal applications**
- D. Neither initial nor renewal applications**

For a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit, fingerprinting is required for initial applications. This process helps ensure that thorough background checks can be conducted to verify the applicant's eligibility to possess a concealed handgun permit. Renewal applications do not typically require fingerprinting since the initial background check would still be valid unless there are specific reasons that require updated information or a reevaluation of the applicant's eligibility.

**10. How often must a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit be renewed?**

- A. Every 2 years**
- B. Every 5 years**
- C. Every 10 years**
- D. Every year**

In North Carolina, a Concealed Handgun Permit must be renewed every 5 years. This renewal process ensures that permit holders are up to date with the current laws, regulations, and training requirements surrounding concealed carry. It's important for permit holders to be aware of their renewal date and initiate the renewal process in a timely manner to avoid any lapses in their permits.

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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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