

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. 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 the minimum age requirement for obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?**
 - A. 18 years old**
 - B. 19 years old**
 - C. 21 years old**
 - D. 25 years old**
- 2. How often must the required firearms training course for a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina be taken?**
 - A. Once every year**
 - B. Only once before the initial application**
 - C. Before every renewal**
 - D. Once every 5 years**
- 3. For Concealed Handgun Permit renewal in North Carolina, applicants must:**
 - A. Complete another safety course**
 - B. Submit a new set of fingerprints**
 - C. Pass another background check**
 - D. All of the above**
- 4. What type of firearm can you carry with a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit?**
 - A. Any firearm**
 - B. Handguns only**
 - C. Handguns and rifles**
 - D. Handguns and automatic weapons**
- 5. What happens if you move to a different county within North Carolina after obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit?**
 - A. You must surrender your permit**
 - B. You must notify the sheriff of your new county**
 - C. Your permit is no longer valid**
 - D. Nothing, your permit is state-wide**

- 6. In North Carolina, to qualify for a Concealed Handgun Permit, what age must the applicant be at a minimum?**
- A. 18 years**
 - B. 19 years**
 - C. 21 years**
 - D. 25 years**
- 7. What is the minimum age requirement to apply for a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit?**
- A. 18 years old**
 - B. 21 years old**
 - C. 25 years old**
 - D. 30 years old**
- 8. Which type of firearm is permitted under the North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit?**
- A. Shotgun**
 - B. Rifle**
 - C. Handgun**
 - D. Automatic firearm**
- 9. Is it legal to carry a concealed handgun into a bank in North Carolina with a permit?**
- A. Yes, in all banks**
 - B. No, at any bank**
 - C. Yes, unless posted otherwise**
 - D. Only with permission from the bank manager**
- 10. When is it required to inform law enforcement about carrying a concealed handgun in North Carolina?**
- A. Only when entering law enforcement buildings**
 - B. Immediately upon interaction**
 - C. Only if asked by the law enforcement officer**
 - D. At traffic stops and law enforcement checkpoints**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is the minimum age requirement for obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?

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

In North Carolina, the minimum age requirement for obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) is 21 years old. This age restriction is set by state law to ensure that individuals who carry concealed handguns have reached a certain level of maturity and responsibility. Option A (18 years old) is incorrect as it does not align with the state requirement. Option B (19 years old) is also incorrect as it is below the minimum age specified by North Carolina law. Option D (25 years old) is incorrect as it exceeds the age limit for obtaining a CHP in the state.

2. How often must the required firearms training course for a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina be taken?

- A. Once every year**
- B. Only once before the initial application**
- C. Before every renewal**
- D. Once every 5 years**

The required firearms training course for a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina needs to be taken only once before the initial application. This is to ensure that permit holders have a basic understanding of firearm safety and legal responsibilities before carrying a concealed weapon. Options A, C, and D are incorrect because they suggest that the training course needs to be taken on a recurring basis. This is not necessary, as long as the training is completed before the initial permit application.

3. For Concealed Handgun Permit renewal in North Carolina, applicants must:

- A. Complete another safety course**
- B. Submit a new set of fingerprints**
- C. Pass another background check**
- D. All of the above**

In order to renew a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina, applicants must pass another background check. While completing another safety course and submitting a new set of fingerprints may also be required in some cases, they are not always necessary for renewal. Therefore, the most accurate answer is C - pass another background check. It is not necessary to complete all of the options listed in order for the renewal to be successful.

4. What type of firearm can you carry with a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit?

- A. Any firearm**
- B. Handguns only**
- C. Handguns and rifles**
- D. Handguns and automatic weapons**

With a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit, you are allowed to carry handguns only. The permit specifically authorizes the carrying of concealed handguns, so options C and D, which mention rifles and automatic weapons, are incorrect. Option A is also not entirely correct as the permit is limited to handguns only.

5. What happens if you move to a different county within North Carolina after obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit?

- A. You must surrender your permit**
- B. You must notify the sheriff of your new county**
- C. Your permit is no longer valid**
- D. Nothing, your permit is state-wide**

If you move to a different county within North Carolina after obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit, you are required to notify the sheriff of your new county. This is important because the sheriff in your new county needs to update their records with your current information. It ensures that law enforcement agencies statewide have accurate and up-to-date information about individuals who are legally carrying concealed weapons. This process does not invalidate your permit; instead, it helps maintain the validity and legality of your permit in your new county of residence. It is essential to comply with this requirement to avoid any legal issues and to ensure that you can continue to carry your concealed handgun legally in North Carolina.

6. In North Carolina, to qualify for a Concealed Handgun Permit, what age must the applicant be at a minimum?

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

In North Carolina, the minimum age for a Concealed Handgun Permit is 21 years old. It is important to note that the applicant must also have completed a firearms safety and training course and not have any prior criminal offenses. Option A (18 years) is incorrect because an individual must be at least 21 years old to purchase a handgun in North Carolina, let alone obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit. Option B (19 years) is incorrect for the same reason as Option A. Option D (25 years) is also incorrect because it is above the minimum age requirement. Therefore, the correct answer is Option C (21 years).

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

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

To apply for a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit, the minimum age requirement is 21 years old. This age requirement is based on state laws and regulations related to the possession and carrying of concealed handguns. It is important for individuals to meet this age requirement in order to comply with the legal aspects of obtaining a concealed handgun permit in North Carolina.

8. Which type of firearm is permitted under the North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit?

- A. Shotgun**
- B. Rifle**
- C. Handgun**
- D. Automatic firearm**

Under the North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit, only handguns are permitted to be carried concealed. Shotguns and rifles are not covered under this permit. Additionally, automatic firearms are restricted under federal law and are not allowed for civilian possession without a special license. Therefore, the correct option is C - Handgun.

9. Is it legal to carry a concealed handgun into a bank in North Carolina with a permit?

- A. Yes, in all banks**
- B. No, at any bank**
- C. Yes, unless posted otherwise**
- D. Only with permission from the bank manager**

In North Carolina, it is legal for a person with a valid concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun into a bank, provided that the bank has not posted any signs prohibiting such carry. The law allows private property owners, including banks, to prohibit firearms on their premises by displaying a clear notice or a sign indicating that firearms are not allowed. If there are no signs, then the permit holder is allowed to carry the concealed handgun legally inside the bank. This option emphasizes the importance of respecting the property rights of the bank, as the establishment has the ability to set its own rules regarding firearms. However, should the bank choose not to post any prohibiting signs, the individual retains the legal right to carry their concealed weapon inside. This understanding is crucial for permit holders to ensure they are abiding by the law and the wishes of private entities.

10. When is it required to inform law enforcement about carrying a concealed handgun in North Carolina?

- A. Only when entering law enforcement buildings**
- B. Immediately upon interaction**
- C. Only if asked by the law enforcement officer**
- D. At traffic stops and law enforcement checkpoints**

In North Carolina, it is required to inform law enforcement about carrying a concealed handgun immediately upon any interaction with a law enforcement officer. This is important for safety reasons and to ensure transparency during any encounter. By being proactive and informing the officer right away, it helps prevent misunderstandings and promotes a smooth interaction with law enforcement. Remembering to disclose this information promptly is crucial for both the individual carrying the concealed handgun and the responding officer to ensure a safe and lawful interaction.

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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.

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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