

NORTH CAROLINA CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT (CHP) PRACTICE EXAM (SAMPLE) STUDY GUIDE



**SAMPLE STUDY GUIDE
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. How long is a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit valid before it needs to be renewed?**
 - A. 2 years
 - B. 3 years
 - C. 5 years
 - D. 10 years
- 2. 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
- 3. Which of the following places is it illegal to carry a concealed handgun in North Carolina, even with a CHP?**
 - A. Restaurants serving alcohol
 - B. State or national parks
 - C. Educational institutions
 - D. Private properties posted with a Concealed Carry sign
- 4. What should be done if your North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit is lost or stolen?**
 - A. Report the loss/theft to local law enforcement within 48 hours
 - B. Immediately apply for a new permit
 - C. Nothing, as the permit number is tracked
 - D. Report the loss/theft to the issuing sheriff's office as soon as possible
- 5. How long after moving must a Concealed Handgun Permit holder notify the sheriff's office of their new address in North Carolina?**
 - A. Immediately
 - B. Within 30 days
 - C. Within 60 days
 - D. There is no requirement to notify

- 6. Which of these locations is a permit holder allowed to carry a concealed handgun in North Carolina?**
- A. Government buildings
 - B. Restaurants that serve food
 - C. In state national parks, where permitted
 - D. Courthouses
- 7. Which of the following is not a criteria for eligibility to obtain a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?**
- A. U.S. citizenship
 - B. North Carolina residency for 30 days
 - C. Completion of a mental health assessment
 - D. No DUI convictions in the past 12 months
- 8. Which of the following factors disqualifies an individual from obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?**
- A. Having a felony conviction
 - B. Failing the practical shooting exam
 - C. Not being a resident of North Carolina for at least one month
 - D. All of the above
- 9. In North Carolina, to qualify for a Concealed Handgun Permit, an applicant must be how old?**
- A. 18 years old
 - B. 19 years old
 - C. 21 years old
 - D. 25 years old
- 10. Can a non-resident apply for a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit?**
- A. Yes, if they have property in North Carolina
 - B. No, only residents can apply
 - C. Yes, but only military personnel stationed in North Carolina
 - D. Yes, but they must live in North Carolina for more than 6 months first

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. How long is a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit valid before it needs to be renewed?

- A. 2 years
- B. 3 years
- C. 5 years**
- D. 10 years

In North Carolina, a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) is valid for 5 years before it needs to be renewed. During this period, permit holders can legally carry a concealed handgun in the state as long as they comply with all relevant laws and regulations. Renewing the permit in a timely manner ensures that the permit holder can continue to legally carry a concealed handgun without any interruptions.

2. 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.

3. Which of the following places is it illegal to carry a concealed handgun in North Carolina, even with a CHP?

- A. Restaurants serving alcohol
- B. State or national parks
- C. Educational institutions**
- D. Private properties posted with a Concealed Carry sign

In North Carolina, carrying a concealed handgun in educational institutions is illegal, even with a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP). This restriction is put in place to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff within these institutions. It is important to be aware of the specific laws and regulations regarding where you can and cannot carry a concealed handgun to avoid any legal issues. Restaurants serving alcohol, state or national parks, and private properties posted with a Concealed Carry sign do not fall under the same restriction as educational institutions in North Carolina, provided that certain conditions are met. It is crucial to understand and follow all the regulations associated with carrying a concealed handgun in different locations to comply with the law.

4. What should be done if your North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit is lost or stolen?

- A. Report the loss/theft to local law enforcement within 48 hours
- B. Immediately apply for a new permit
- C. Nothing, as the permit number is tracked
- D. Report the loss/theft to the issuing sheriff's office as soon as possible**

If your North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit is lost or stolen, the first step you should take is to report it to the issuing sheriff's office as soon as possible. This will ensure that your permit is cancelled and cannot be used by anyone else. Option A states to report to local law enforcement within 48 hours, but it is important to report it to the issuing office first. Option B is incorrect because you are not required to immediately apply for a new permit. Option C is also incorrect because while the permit number may be tracked, it is still important to notify the issuing office.

5. How long after moving must a Concealed Handgun Permit holder notify the sheriff's office of their new address in North Carolina?

- A. Immediately
- B. Within 30 days**
- C. Within 60 days
- D. There is no requirement to notify

In North Carolina, a Concealed Handgun Permit holder is required to notify the sheriff's office of their new address within 30 days of moving. This requirement is important to ensure that the sheriff's office has up-to-date information on permit holders' addresses. Failure to do so could lead to complications in the future, so it is crucial for permit holders to comply with this regulation. Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

6. Which of these locations is a permit holder allowed to carry a concealed handgun in North Carolina?

- A. Government buildings
- B. Restaurants that serve food
- C. In state national parks, where permitted**
- D. Courthouses

A permit holder in North Carolina is allowed to carry a concealed handgun in state national parks, where permitted, because legislation has specifically updated to allow permit holders to carry firearms in these outdoor areas. National parks often have regulations that differ from urban or dense residential settings, thus recognizing that responsible gun owners can carry firearms in more open, recreational spaces. In contrast, the other options involve locations where carrying a concealed handgun is restricted. Government buildings often have regulations barring weapons to ensure safety within places where governmental functions are conducted. Similarly, while individuals may sometimes carry handguns in bars and restaurants that serve alcohol, North Carolina law prohibits the carrying of a firearm in these establishments if the person consuming alcohol is armed. Courthouses are also areas typically designated as gun-free zones, due to the sensitive nature of legal proceedings and the need for safety and security within the judicial system. Understanding the specific laws and regulations surrounding the carrying of firearms in various locations is crucial for responsible gun ownership.

7. Which of the following is not a criteria for eligibility to obtain a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?

- A. U.S. citizenship
- B. North Carolina residency for 30 days
- C. Completion of a mental health assessment**
- D. No DUI convictions in the past 12 months

To obtain a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina, one of the criteria is not the completion of a mental health assessment. The other options are part of the eligibility requirements: A. U.S. citizenship is required. B. North Carolina residency for 30 days is required. D. No DUI convictions in the past 12 months is required. Therefore, the completion of a mental health assessment is not a criteria for eligibility to obtain a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina.

8. Which of the following factors disqualifies an individual from obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina?

- A. Having a felony conviction**
- B. Failing the practical shooting exam
- C. Not being a resident of North Carolina for at least one month
- D. All of the above

Felony convictions are automatically disqualifying under North Carolina law for individuals trying to obtain a Concealed Handgun Permit. This means that both options B and C are incorrect choices, as neither of those would fully disqualify an individual from obtaining a permit. Failing the practical shooting exam would require the individual to retake the exam, and not being a resident for at least a month would delay the individual from being able to obtain a permit, but does not disqualify them entirely. Option D is also incorrect as it includes options B and C which are incorrect, in addition to the correct choice, A.

9. In North Carolina, to qualify for a Concealed Handgun Permit, an applicant must be how old?

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

To qualify for a Concealed Handgun Permit in North Carolina, the applicant must be at least 21 years old. This is because the minimum age to purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer in the state is 21 years old, so to be eligible for a concealed carry license, one must meet this requirement. Options A, B, and D are all incorrect as they do not meet this age requirement. It is important to note that in some states, such as Florida, the minimum age for a concealed carry permit is 18 years old, but this is not the case in North Carolina.

10. Can a non-resident apply for a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit?

- A. Yes, if they have property in North Carolina
- B. No, only residents can apply**
- C. Yes, but only military personnel stationed in North Carolina
- D. Yes, but they must live in North Carolina for more than 6 months first

In North Carolina, only residents of the state are eligible to apply for a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP). This requirement ensures that applicants have a stable and verifiable residence within the state, which is crucial for background checks and legal considerations related to the issuance of permits. The permit process emphasizes accountability and local law enforcement knowledge of the permit holder's circumstances. While there are certain permits in other states that might allow for applications from non-residents, North Carolina's law specifically limits eligibility to residents. This is an essential aspect to understand for anyone considering applying for a CHP in North Carolina, as it reflects the state's approach to firearm regulation and public safety.

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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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