

TENNESSEE GUN LAWS & FIREARMS SAFETY 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. Are firearms permitted on school property in Tennessee?**
 - A. Yes, with a carry permit
 - B. No
 - C. Only for school security officers
 - D. Yes, if unloaded and locked in a vehicle
- 2. What must you do if you change your address after obtaining a Tennessee handgun carry permit?**
 - A. Nothing, the permit is still valid.
 - B. Notify the Tennessee Department of Safety within 30 days.
 - C. Reapply for a new handgun carry permit.
 - D. Notify your local police department within 60 days.
- 3. Is a safety course required to obtain a Handgun Carry Permit in Tennessee?**
 - A. Yes, an in-person course is required
 - B. Yes, but an online course is acceptable
 - C. No, but it is recommended
 - D. No, there are no educational requirements
- 4. What is the penalty for carrying a firearm onto school property in Tennessee?**
 - A. Misdemeanor
 - B. Class E felony
 - C. Class D felony
 - D. No penalty if the firearm is unloaded
- 5. What is the minimum age requirement for obtaining a handgun carry permit in Tennessee?**
 - A. 18 years
 - B. 21 years
 - C. 25 years
 - D. 30 years

- 6. Under what circumstance can a landlord prohibit tenants from possessing firearms in their rental property in Tennessee?**
- A. Under no circumstances
 - B. If the property is a school zone
 - C. If a sign is posted
 - D. If it's stipulated in the lease agreement
- 7. To legally purchase a firearm in Tennessee from a licensed dealer, what must be completed?**
- A. A firearm safety course
 - B. A background check
 - C. A waiting period of 10 days
 - D. An interview with local law enforcement
- 8. In Tennessee, is it legal to openly carry a handgun without a permit?**
- A. Yes, in all cases
 - B. No, in all cases
 - C. Yes, but only in rural areas
 - D. Yes, but only on private property
- 9. Is open carry of a handgun legal in Tennessee without a permit?**
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Only in rural areas
 - D. Only if the handgun is unloaded
- 10. Which one of the following is NOT a requirement to qualify for a handgun carry permit in Tennessee?**
- A. U.S. citizenship
 - B. Tennessee residency
 - C. Completion of a hunter education course
 - D. Passing a criminal background check

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Are firearms permitted on school property in Tennessee?

- A. Yes, with a carry permit
- B. No**
- C. Only for school security officers
- D. Yes, if unloaded and locked in a vehicle

In Tennessee, firearms are generally not permitted on school property. The law takes a strong stance on maintaining a safe environment within educational institutions, which is why firearms are prohibited. This restriction applies to all individuals, regardless of whether they hold a carry permit, except for specific exceptions such as school security personnel who are authorized to carry firearms. It's also important to note that while some states may allow firearms to be stored in vehicles on school grounds under certain conditions, Tennessee law specifically restricts this practice to minimize risks and ensure the safety of students and staff. As such, understanding the comprehensive nature of the law is crucial for all firearm owners in Tennessee.

2. What must you do if you change your address after obtaining a Tennessee handgun carry permit?

- A. Nothing, the permit is still valid.
- B. Notify the Tennessee Department of Safety within 30 days.**
- C. Reapply for a new handgun carry permit.
- D. Notify your local police department within 60 days.

The correct course of action after changing your address while holding a Tennessee handgun carry permit is to notify the Tennessee Department of Safety within 30 days. This requirement ensures that your personal information is up to date in the state's records. Keeping your address current is important for several reasons, including the ability of law enforcement and regulatory agencies to contact you if necessary and ensuring that you receive any pertinent communication regarding your permit. The notion that a permit remains valid without any updates might seem convenient, but it overlooks the importance of maintaining accurate records for public safety and legal compliance. Similarly, reapplying for a new permit or notifying a local police department do not satisfy the legal requirement set forth by state law for updating your address with the Department of Safety.

3. Is a safety course required to obtain a Handgun Carry Permit in Tennessee?

- A. Yes, an in-person course is required**
- B. Yes, but an online course is acceptable
- C. No, but it is recommended
- D. No, there are no educational requirements

The correct response to whether a safety course is required to obtain a Handgun Carry Permit in Tennessee is that an in-person course is indeed necessary. Tennessee law mandates that applicants successfully complete a Handgun Safety course that is conducted in person, which ensures that individuals receive direct instruction on safety practices, legal responsibilities, and proper handling of firearms. This requirement is in place to help promote safety and responsible gun ownership throughout the state. While other options may present alternative scenarios, the specific requirement for an in-person safety course emphasizes the importance of hands-on training and allows for immediate feedback and instruction from a qualified instructor. Therefore, completion of this course is a critical step in obtaining the permit, reinforcing the state's commitment to responsible firearm usage.

4. What is the penalty for carrying a firearm onto school property in Tennessee?

- A. Misdemeanor
- B. Class E felony**
- C. Class D felony
- D. No penalty if the firearm is unloaded

Carrying a firearm onto school property in Tennessee is considered a serious offense. The correct answer is a Class E felony. This means that individuals who carry a firearm onto school property can face significant legal consequences, including potential imprisonment and fines. It is important to understand and abide by Tennessee gun laws to avoid severe penalties for such actions.

5. What is the minimum age requirement for obtaining a handgun carry permit in Tennessee?

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

The minimum age requirement for obtaining a handgun carry permit in Tennessee is 21 years. Option A (18 years) is incorrect because this is the minimum age requirement for obtaining a regular handgun permit, not a carry permit. Option C (25 years) and D (30 years) are both incorrect as there are no special age requirements for obtaining a handgun carry permit. Option B is the only correct age requirement for a carry permit in Tennessee.

6. Under what circumstance can a landlord prohibit tenants from possessing firearms in their rental property in Tennessee?

- A. Under no circumstances
- B. If the property is a school zone
- C. If a sign is posted
- D. If it's stipulated in the lease agreement**

In Tennessee, a landlord cannot prohibit tenants from possessing firearms in their rental property under all circumstances (choice A), as individuals are allowed to lawfully possess firearms in their own homes. It is also not dependent on whether the rental property is located in a school zone (choice B) or if a sign is posted (choice C). However, a landlord can stipulate in the lease agreement (choice D) that tenants are not allowed to possess firearms in the rental property. This means that if a tenant signed a lease agreement that includes a clause prohibiting firearms possession, then they would be prohibited from doing so on the premises.

7. To legally purchase a firearm in Tennessee from a licensed dealer, what must be completed?

- A. A firearm safety course
- B. A background check**
- C. A waiting period of 10 days
- D. An interview with local law enforcement

To legally purchase a firearm from a licensed dealer in Tennessee, a background check must be completed. This is a requirement under both state and federal laws to ensure that individuals prohibited from owning firearms, such as felons or those with restraining orders related to domestic violence, are identified before a sale is made. The background check involves a National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) inquiry to verify the buyer's eligibility. The other options, while they address various aspects of firearm ownership or safety, are not mandated for the purchase process in Tennessee. A firearm safety course, for example, is recommended for new firearm owners but is not legally required for purchasing a firearm in the state. There is no state-mandated waiting period for firearm purchases in most cases, nor is an interview with local law enforcement a standard requirement for buying a firearm from a licensed dealer.

8. In Tennessee, is it legal to openly carry a handgun without a permit?

- A. Yes, in all cases
- B. No, in all cases**
- C. Yes, but only in rural areas
- D. Yes, but only on private property

While open carry is generally allowed in Tennessee, it is only legal with a permit. This applies to all areas, not just in rural areas or on private property. So options A, C, and D are incorrect.

9. Is open carry of a handgun legal in Tennessee without a permit?

- A. Yes
- B. No**
- C. Only in rural areas
- D. Only if the handgun is unloaded

While some states allow for open carry of a handgun without a permit, or with a permit that is relatively easy to obtain, Tennessee is not one of them. This means that in Tennessee, it is illegal to openly carry a handgun without a permit. Option A is incorrect because it suggests that open carry without a permit is legal, which is not the case. Option C is incorrect because open carry is not limited to rural areas in Tennessee. Option D is also incorrect because even an unloaded handgun requires a permit to be openly carried in Tennessee.

10. Which one of the following is NOT a requirement to qualify for a handgun carry permit in Tennessee?

- A. U.S. citizenship
- B. Tennessee residency
- C. Completion of a hunter education course**
- D. Passing a criminal background check

In order to qualify for a handgun carry permit in Tennessee, one must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Tennessee, and pass a criminal background check. Completing a hunter education course is not a requirement, as it is solely for those who wish to obtain a hunting license. It may be beneficial to have knowledge of gun safety and handling, but it is not a prerequisite for obtaining a handgun carry permit. Therefore, choice C is not a requirement for qualifying for a handgun carry permit in Tennessee.

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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.

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

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