

# Virginia 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**

- 1. Is it necessary to pass a background check to obtain a CHP in Virginia?**
  - A. Yes, for all applicants**
  - B. No, it's not required**
  - C. Yes, but only for non-residents**
  - D. Yes, but only for those with prior convictions**
- 2. Is it legal to carry a concealed handgun into a place of religious worship during a religious meeting in Virginia?**
  - A. Yes, without any restrictions**
  - B. No, it is strictly prohibited**
  - C. Yes, with a good and sufficient reason**
  - D. Only during non-religious activities**
- 3. What is a common restriction for carrying a concealed handgun in Virginia?**
  - A. Cannot carry in any public building**
  - B. Cannot consume alcohol while carrying**
  - C. Must carry the handgun in a holster**
  - D. All of the above**
- 4. Can non-residents apply for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit?**
  - A. Yes, but only if they work in Virginia**
  - B. Yes, through the mail**
  - C. No, only Virginia residents can apply**
  - D. Yes, if they own property in Virginia**
- 5. What is the minimum age requirement to apply for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit?**
  - A. 18 years of age**
  - B. 21 years of age**
  - C. 25 years of age**
  - D. 30 years of age**



- 6. Which of the following is a requirement for obtaining a CHP in Virginia?**
- A. Completion of any firearm training or safety course**
  - B. Passing a Virginia-specific firearms law exam**
  - C. A recommendation from a current CHP holder**
  - D. Proof of Virginia residency for at least 1 year**
- 7. What is the minimum age requirement to apply for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit?**
- A. 18 years old**
  - B. 21 years old**
  - C. 25 years old**
  - D. 30 years old**
- 8. What is the minimum age to apply for a Concealed Handgun Permit in Virginia?**
- A. 18 years old**
  - B. 19 years old**
  - C. 21 years old**
  - D. 25 years old**
- 9. How long is a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit valid?**
- A. 2 years**
  - B. 3 years**
  - C. 5 years**
  - D. 10 years**
- 10. Which of the following is considered a good practice for storing firearms at home?**
- A. Unloaded and locked up**
  - B. Loaded but hidden**
  - C. Loaded and easy to access**
  - D. Unloaded and in plain sight**

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. Is it necessary to pass a background check to obtain a CHP in Virginia?**

- A. Yes, for all applicants**
- B. No, it's not required**
- C. Yes, but only for non-residents**
- D. Yes, but only for those with prior convictions**

Getting a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) in Virginia requires passing a background check for all applicants. This applies to both residents and non-residents, regardless of prior convictions. Therefore, options B, C, and D are incorrect. It is important for individuals to pass this background check in order to ensure public safety and prevent dangerous individuals from obtaining a CHP.

**2. Is it legal to carry a concealed handgun into a place of religious worship during a religious meeting in Virginia?**

- A. Yes, without any restrictions**
- B. No, it is strictly prohibited**
- C. Yes, with a good and sufficient reason**
- D. Only during non-religious activities**

In Virginia, it is legal to carry a concealed handgun into a place of religious worship during a religious meeting with a good and sufficient reason. This means that while you can carry your concealed handgun into a place of religious worship, it should be for a valid reason. It is important to note that carrying a concealed handgun into such places should be done for self-defense purposes or another justifiable reason, and it should be done responsibly and in compliance with all relevant laws and regulations.

**3. What is a common restriction for carrying a concealed handgun in Virginia?**

- A. Cannot carry in any public building**
- B. Cannot consume alcohol while carrying**
- C. Must carry the handgun in a holster**
- D. All of the above**

One common restriction for carrying a concealed handgun in Virginia is that individuals are typically prohibited from consuming alcohol while carrying. This restriction is in place to ensure that individuals who are carrying a concealed handgun remain responsible and are able to make sound judgments in the event of an emergency. It is important to always be aware of the laws and regulations regarding carrying a concealed handgun in your state to avoid any legal issues or risks. Options A, C, and D are not correct: - While it is generally prohibited to carry a concealed handgun in certain public buildings, such as courthouses or schools, this restriction does not apply to all public buildings. - Although it is recommended and safer to carry a handgun in a holster, it may not be explicitly required by law in Virginia. - Option D stating "All of the above" is not the correct answer in this case.

**4. Can non-residents apply for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit?**

- A. Yes, but only if they work in Virginia**
- B. Yes, through the mail**
- C. No, only Virginia residents can apply**
- D. Yes, if they own property in Virginia**

Non-residents can apply for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit through the mail. This option allows individuals who do not reside in Virginia to still obtain a permit by following the necessary application process. Unlike the other options provided, which may have restrictions such as being a Virginia resident, working in Virginia, or owning property in Virginia, applying through the mail is the correct and accessible way for non-residents to obtain a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit.

**5. What is the minimum age requirement to apply for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit?**

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

To apply for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit, the minimum age requirement is 21 years. This age requirement is set by the state of Virginia to ensure that individuals applying for a concealed handgun permit are of legal adult age to possess a firearm responsibly. Option A (18 years of age), Option C (25 years of age), and Option D (30 years of age) are not correct because they do not match the legally mandated age of 21 years for applying for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit.

**6. Which of the following is a requirement for obtaining a CHP in Virginia?**

- A. Completion of any firearm training or safety course**
- B. Passing a Virginia-specific firearms law exam**
- C. A recommendation from a current CHP holder**
- D. Proof of Virginia residency for at least 1 year**

To obtain a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) in Virginia, completion of any firearm training or safety course is a requirement. This training ensures that permit holders are knowledgeable about firearms safety and laws, promoting responsible gun ownership. Passing a Virginia-specific firearms law exam or providing a recommendation from a current CHP holder are not mandatory requirements for obtaining a CHP in Virginia. Additionally, while proof of Virginia residency is necessary, it doesn't specify a minimum duration of 1 year as stated in option D.

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

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

The minimum age requirement to apply for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit is 21 years old. This age requirement is set by the state to ensure that applicants have reached a certain level of maturity and responsibility before being allowed to carry a concealed handgun. It is important for individuals to understand the laws, safety measures, and responsibilities associated with carrying a concealed handgun, and being at least 21 years old is considered an appropriate age for this privilege.

**8. What is the minimum age to apply for a Concealed Handgun Permit in Virginia?**

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

The correct answer is C, 21 years old. In Virginia, applicants must be at least 21 years old to apply for a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP). This age requirement is set by the Virginia law governing concealed carry permits. Applicants who are under 21 years old are not eligible to apply for a CHP in the state of Virginia.

**9. How long is a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit valid?**

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

In Virginia, a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) is valid for 5 years. During this period, individuals are permitted to carry a concealed handgun as long as they adhere to all the regulations outlined by the state. This timeframe allows permit holders a reasonable duration of validity without requiring them to frequently renew their permits. The other options are incorrect as they do not align with the standard 5-year validity period for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit.

**10. Which of the following is considered a good practice for storing firearms at home?**

**A. Unloaded and locked up**

**B. Loaded but hidden**

**C. Loaded and easy to access**

**D. Unloaded and in plain sight**

Storing firearms at home in a secure and responsible manner is crucial for safety. Choosing option A, keeping firearms unloaded and locked up, is considered a good practice because it prevents unauthorized access to the firearms, especially by children or individuals who should not have access to them. This helps reduce the risk of accidents or misuse of the firearms. Options B, C, and D are not recommended practices for storing firearms at home. Keeping firearms loaded but hidden (option B) or loaded and easy to access (option C) can increase the risk of accidental discharge or unauthorized use. Having firearms unloaded but in plain sight (option D) may also pose a safety risk, as it can be accessible to unauthorized individuals.



## 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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