

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. 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 soon must you report a lost or stolen Concealed Handgun Permit to the police?**
 - A. Within 24 hours**
 - B. Within 48 hours**
 - C. Within 5 business days**
 - D. There is no requirement to report**
- 2. Is a background check required every time you purchase a firearm in Virginia if you have a CHP?**
 - A. Yes, without exceptions**
 - B. No, the CHP exempts you from background checks**
 - C. Yes, but only for private sales**
 - D. No, but only when purchasing from a licensed dealer**
- 3. 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**
- 4. Which of the following disqualifies an individual from obtaining a CHP in Virginia?**
 - A. A conviction for DUI ten years ago**
 - B. An ongoing addiction to marijuana**
 - C. A speeding ticket**
 - D. Failure to pay parking tickets**
- 5. Where is it illegal to carry a concealed handgun in Virginia, even with a permit?**
 - A. Churches during services**
 - B. Public schools**
 - C. Restaurants serving alcohol**
 - D. Private property without signage**

6. Is a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit required to carry a firearm openly in Virginia?

- A. Yes, in all cases**
- B. No, but only outside city limits**
- C. No, Virginia allows open carry without a permit**
- D. Yes, but only in certain cities**

7. What constitutes proper proof of handgun competency for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit application?

- A. A valid Virginia driver's license**
- B. Completion of an NRA firearms training course**
- C. A recommendation letter from a Virginia law enforcement officer**
- D. Proof of purchase of a handgun within the last 6 months**

8. To renew a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit, what must an individual do?

- A. Undergo a new background check**
- B. Retake the firearm safety course**
- C. Submit a renewal application before the permit expires**
- D. All of the above**

9. Can a permit be revoked or suspended in Virginia?

- A. No, once issued, it cannot be revoked**
- B. Yes, but only by federal law enforcement**
- C. Yes, if the holder is found guilty of certain crimes or court orders**
- D. Yes, but only if the holder moves out of Virginia**

10. How can an individual lawfully transport a firearm through Virginia without a Concealed Handgun Permit?

- A. Unloaded and in a locked compartment or container**
- B. Loaded but in a visible holster**
- C. Concealed in the glove compartment**
- D. Any of the above**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. How soon must you report a lost or stolen Concealed Handgun Permit to the police?

- A. Within 24 hours**
- B. Within 48 hours**
- C. Within 5 business days**
- D. There is no requirement to report**

In Virginia, if you lose or have your Concealed Handgun Permit stolen, you are required to report it to the police within 5 business days. This requirement helps to ensure that the permit is not misused by someone else and allows for appropriate steps to be taken to prevent any potential misuse. It is important to adhere to this timeframe to be in compliance with state laws regarding the reporting of lost or stolen permits.

2. Is a background check required every time you purchase a firearm in Virginia if you have a CHP?

- A. Yes, without exceptions**
- B. No, the CHP exempts you from background checks**
- C. Yes, but only for private sales**
- D. No, but only when purchasing from a licensed dealer**

In Virginia, a background check is required every time someone purchases a firearm regardless of whether or not they have a CHP (Concealed Handgun Permit). This means that even if someone has a CHP, they will still have to undergo a background check when purchasing a firearm. Option B is incorrect as the CHP does not exempt someone from undergoing a background check. Option C is incorrect because a background check is still required for private sales. Option D is incorrect because while a background check is not required for a CHP holder to purchase a firearm from a licensed dealer, it is still required for all firearm purchases in the state. Therefore, the correct answer is A - a background check is required every time a firearm is purchased in Virginia, even if the buyer has a CHP.

3. 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.

4. Which of the following disqualifies an individual from obtaining a CHP in Virginia?

- A. A conviction for DUI ten years ago**
- B. An ongoing addiction to marijuana**
- C. A speeding ticket**
- D. Failure to pay parking tickets**

An ongoing addiction to marijuana disqualifies an individual from obtaining a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) in Virginia. This is because drug addiction or habitual use of illegal drugs is one of the disqualifying factors outlined in Virginia law for obtaining a CHP. It is important to note that Virginia law prohibits individuals who are unlawful users of or addicted to any controlled substances from obtaining a CHP. On the other hand, the other options do not automatically disqualify an individual from obtaining a CHP in Virginia. A conviction for DUI ten years ago may not necessarily disqualify someone, but it could be a factor considered during the application process. Similarly, while speeding tickets and failure to pay parking tickets are legal issues, they do not inherently disqualify someone from obtaining a CHP.

5. Where is it illegal to carry a concealed handgun in Virginia, even with a permit?

- A. Churches during services**
- B. Public schools**
- C. Restaurants serving alcohol**
- D. Private property without signage**

Carrying a concealed handgun in a public school is illegal in Virginia, regardless of whether or not you have a permit. While the other options may also be restricted areas, they do not apply to concealed carry specifically. For example, while it may be illegal to carry a concealed handgun in a church during services, it is not illegal to openly carry a handgun with a permit. Similarly, while carrying a concealed handgun may be prohibited in restaurants serving alcohol, you can openly carry a handgun with a permit in these establishments. The same is true for carrying a concealed handgun on private property without proper signage. The only place where concealed carry is strictly prohibited in Virginia is in public schools.

6. Is a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit required to carry a firearm openly in Virginia?

- A. Yes, in all cases**
- B. No, but only outside city limits**
- C. No, Virginia allows open carry without a permit**
- D. Yes, but only in certain cities**

In Virginia, a Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) is not required to openly carry a firearm. Virginia allows open carry without the need for a permit, which is why option C is the correct answer. This means that individuals can openly carry a firearm in most public spaces without obtaining a separate permit for open carry.

7. What constitutes proper proof of handgun competency for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit application?

- A. A valid Virginia driver's license**
- B. Completion of an NRA firearms training course**
- C. A recommendation letter from a Virginia law enforcement officer**
- D. Proof of purchase of a handgun within the last 6 months**

The correct answer is completion of an NRA firearms training course because in Virginia, one way to demonstrate handgun competency for a Concealed Handgun Permit application is by completing a firearms training course that is approved by the National Rifle Association (NRA). This training ensures that the individual has the necessary knowledge and skills to safely handle and use a handgun. It is important to note that options A, C, and D do not serve as proper proof of handgun competency as required for a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit application.

8. To renew a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit, what must an individual do?

- A. Undergo a new background check**
- B. Retake the firearm safety course**
- C. Submit a renewal application before the permit expires**
- D. All of the above**

To renew a Virginia Concealed Handgun Permit, an individual must submit a renewal application before the permit expires. This is the correct answer because in Virginia, renewing a CHP does not require the individual to undergo a new background check or retake the firearm safety course. These options are incorrect because the state of Virginia only requires the submission of a renewal application within a certain timeframe before the expiration of the permit.

9. Can a permit be revoked or suspended in Virginia?

- A. No, once issued, it cannot be revoked**
- B. Yes, but only by federal law enforcement**
- C. Yes, if the holder is found guilty of certain crimes or court orders**
- D. Yes, but only if the holder moves out of Virginia**

Yes, a permit can be revoked or suspended in Virginia if the holder is found guilty of certain crimes or court orders. This is an important aspect of maintaining public safety and ensuring that individuals who have demonstrated behavior that disqualifies them from possessing a concealed handgun permit are not allowed to continue carrying a concealed weapon. It is crucial for permit holders to abide by the laws and regulations to maintain the privilege of carrying a concealed handgun in Virginia.

10. How can an individual lawfully transport a firearm through Virginia without a Concealed Handgun Permit?

- A. Unloaded and in a locked compartment or container**
- B. Loaded but in a visible holster**
- C. Concealed in the glove compartment**
- D. Any of the above**

In Virginia, an individual can lawfully transport a firearm without a Concealed Handgun Permit if the firearm is unloaded and stored in a locked compartment or container. This method ensures that the firearm is not readily accessible and is safely secured during transportation. It is important to follow these guidelines to comply with Virginia state laws regarding firearm transport. The other options are incorrect because Virginia law requires that firearms be either unloaded and stored in a locked compartment or container or, if carried on the person, be done so with a valid Concealed Handgun Permit. This means that carrying a loaded firearm in a visible holster or concealing it in the glove compartment without a permit would not be considered lawful transportation of the firearm in Virginia.

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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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