

CLEST Minimum Standards For Handgun Qualification

Paragraph I. Law Enforcement personnel are required to qualify with their handgun a minimum of one time annually. Law Enforcement Agencies may choose to shoot the “Model Course of Fire” as outlined in paragraph III or construct their own course of fire ensuring all required minimum tasks/standards are met as outlined in paragraph II. Agencies that elect to construct their own qualification course must submit their course of fire to CLEST for approval 30 days prior to course instruction.

Paragraph II. Required minimum tasks/standards for the Arkansas Handgun Qualification Course:

1. Qualification courses must be taught by a CLEST certified firearms instructor.
2. All agencies must shoot a 50 round minimum course of fire
3. All Agencies must incorporate a minimum of two (2) mandatory reload drills during the course of fire.
4. All Agencies must incorporate a minimum of one (1) malfunction drill during the course of fire.
5. All agencies must incorporate firing from a holstered as well as ready position.
6. All agencies must incorporate weak, strong and two hands shooting. Reasonable accommodations may be made when dealing with individual disabilities.
7. All agencies must incorporate a time component into their firearms training. Time components may not exceed three (3) seconds per round from a holstered position or two (2) seconds per round from the drawn or ready position. Four (4) seconds may be added to a particular battery of fire when such battery includes a reload drill or malfunction drill.
8. All shooters must score a minimum of 80% to pass their course of fire or meet higher standard established by their agency.
9. All agencies must utilize the B-27 target or other scoring target not to exceed 337 square inches of scoring area (The B-27 scoring target contains approximately 337 square inches within the circumference of the seven (7) ring. The Q target contains approximately 275 square inches of scoring area. Instructors may utilize multiple targeting areas, such as incorporating headshots, as long as no single scoring area exceeds 337 square inches and each target area is scored separately.)
10. Agencies must construct a course of fire that includes the following:
 - a. 1-3 yard line Minimum of 10 rounds
 - b. 3-5 yard line Minimum of 5 rounds
 - c. 7 yard line Minimum of 10 rounds
 - d. 15 yard line Minimum of 5 rounds
 - e. Agency discretion Minimum of 20 rounds (Fifteen (15) of the discretionary rounds must be fired from 7 yards or greater. Agencies may choose to fire the remaining discretionary rounds from any distance deemed best for their agency. Agencies may choose to exceed the 15-yard minimum at their discretion).
11. The results of the qualification will be reported to the Office of Law Enforcement Standards upon completion of a certified course of instruction.

Paragraph III. Arkansas Model Handgun Course

(Meets all minimum requirements.) (B-27 Target Standard Silhouette)

3 Yards

1. Starting with an empty chamber and a loaded magazine inserted into the weapon, from the holster, draw and fire on empty chamber, execute an immediate action drill followed by 2 rounds, both hands, in 9 seconds.
2. From the ready, 2 rounds, both hands, in 4 seconds.
3. From the ready, 2 rounds, both hands, in 4 seconds.
4. From the holster, 2 rounds, strong hand only, in 5 seconds.
5. From the ready, 2 rounds, strong hand only, in 4 seconds.
6. From the ready, 2 rounds, strong hand only, in 4 seconds and then a tactical exchange of magazines.
7. From the holster, 2 rounds, weak hand only, in 5 seconds.
8. From the ready, 2 rounds, weak hand only, in 4 seconds.
9. From the ready, 2 rounds, weak hand only, in 4 seconds.

7 Yards

1. From the holster, 3 rounds in 7 seconds.
2. From the ready, 3 rounds, combat reload, 3 more rounds, 16 seconds.
3. From the ready, 5 rounds in 10 seconds.

15 Yards

1. From the holster, 4 rounds in 9 seconds
2. From the ready, 4 rounds in 8 seconds
3. From the holster, 3 rounds in 7 seconds
4. From the ready, 2 rounds in 4 seconds.
5. From the holster, 3 rounds in 7 seconds
6. From the ready, 2 rounds in 4 seconds