

CLEST Minimum Standards For Shotgun Qualification  
For Law Enforcement Agencies

Paragraph I. Law Enforcement personnel assigned to utilize a Shotgun are required to qualify with the shotgun a minimum of one time annually. Ammunition to be used is limited to buckshot, slug, or a combination thereof. 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 Shotgun Qualification Course:

1. Qualification courses must be taught by a CLEST certified firearms instructor.
2. All shooters must shoot a minimum of 10 rounds during their course of fire.
3. All Agencies must incorporate a time component during the shotgun course of fire that does not exceed 5 seconds per round.
4. All Agencies must incorporate a minimum of one (1) mandatory reload drill during the course of fire.
5. All shooters must score a minimum of 80% to pass their course of fire or meet higher standard established by their agency. To accomplish a passing score, 80% of all buckshot projectiles and/or 80% of all slug projectiles must land within the scoring area.
6. All agencies must utilize targets that do not exceed 337 square inches of scoring area. (The B-27 scoring target contains 337 square inches of scoring area within the circumference of the 7 ring.)
7. Agencies must construct a course of fire that includes one or both of the following depending on the agencies selection of ammunition to be fired:
  - a. Buckshot rounds fired from 10 yards or greater.
  - b. Slug rounds fired from 25 yards or greater.
8. Form F-18 will be completed and submitted to CLEST upon completion of a certified course of instruction. Agencies will maintain firearms qualification records for employees that may be audited by CLEST at any time. Records will be maintained for the duration of an employee's employment plus 5 years.

Paragraph III. Arkansas Model Shotgun Qualification Course  
(Meets all minimum requirements)

Target: B-27 standard Silhouette

Rounds: 5, eight pellet Buckshot  
5 slugs

Scoring: Only buckshot pellets or slugs that land inside the scoring rings will be considered as hits. 80% or better is required for both buckshot and slugs. Buckshot and slugs will be scored separately.

Buckshot: 32 out of 40 pellets (80%) inside the scoring rings needed to qualify.

Slugs: 4 out of 5 slugs (80%) inside the scoring rings needed to qualify.

- Stage 1.**
- Buckshot**  
**15-yard line**
1. Load **3** rounds Buckshot.
  2. Starting from the ready position, fire **2** rounds **standing**, **reload** **2** rounds, then fire **3** rounds.

**5 rounds total**  
**25 seconds.**

- Slugs**
- Stage 2.**
- 25-yard line**
1. Load **5** rounds slugs.
  2. Starting from the ready position, fire **5** rounds **Standing.**
- 5 rounds total**  
**25 seconds**