

## Qualification Requirements for Personal Protection in the Home Instructor Candidates

1. Pre-Test 80% or higher on the *Basic Personal Protection in the Home* Student Exam. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that Instructor Candidates (IC's) read the NRA handbooks *NRA Guide to the Basics of Personal Protection in the Home* (EF 14290), *The Basics of Pistol Shooting* (EF 13270) and *Home Firearm Safety* (ES 14120) prior to attending the Instructor Candidate class. The handbooks may be purchased for \$9.95, \$7.00 and \$7.00 respectively (plus shipping and handling) through the following link:  
<http://materials.nrahq.org/go/products.aspx?cat=G-Books>
2. Unloading procedures: The candidate must demonstrate basic safe handling and unloading procedures for a double-action revolver and semi-automatic pistol.
3. The candidate must safely demonstrate basic pistol shooting positions and shooting fundamentals. All shots must be on each target. Handguns used must include a .38 Special (or larger caliber) double-action revolver and a 9 mm (or larger caliber) semi-automatic pistol, each with a barrel length of at least 4 inches. (At Training Counselor's discretion, candidates may use their own centerfire pistols of .35 caliber or larger.)

**NOTE: Double-action revolvers must be fired in double-action mode.**

- a. **Two-Handed Standing (Isosceles) Position** (Choice of Double-Action Revolver or Semi-Automatic Pistol)
  - i. Students will choose one pistol/action type to use for both Isosceles and Weaver or Chapman (Modified Weaver) position shooting qualifications.
  - ii. Students will shoot at a ten-inch paper plate or target at 7 yards.
  - iii. Cartridges will be loaded 5 at a time.
  - iv. Load and fire 5 rounds in a maximum of 15 seconds from the Isosceles position at one (1) target and then, upon command, cease fire, reload and fire 5 rounds in a maximum of 15 seconds from the Isosceles position at the same target.
  - v. To successfully qualify, students must
    1. Follow range commands
    2. Follow proper loading procedures as outlined in NRA Handbook *The Basics of Personal Protection*.
    3. Assume the proper shooting position as outlined in the personal protection handbook.
    4. Correctly execute other essential pistol shooting fundamentals as described in the personal protection handbook
    5. Observe NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures
    6. Keep all 10 shots within a 10" group.

- b. Weaver or Chapman (Modified Weaver) Standing Position**
- i. Students will use the same pistol as used in the Isosceles position shooting qualifications.
  - ii. Students will shoot at a 10-inch paper plate or target at 7 yards.
  - iii. Cartridges will be loaded 5 at a time.
  - iv. Load and fire 5 rounds in a maximum of 20 seconds from the Weaver or Chapman position at one (1) target and then, upon command, cease fire, reload and fire 5 rounds in a maximum of 15 seconds from the same position at the same target.
  - v. To successfully qualify, students must
    1. Follow range commands
    2. Follow proper loading procedures as outlined in NRA Handbook *The Basics of Personal Protection*.
    3. Assume the proper shooting position as outlined in the personal protection handbook.
    4. Correctly execute other essential pistol shooting fundamentals as described in the personal protection handbook
    5. Observe NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures
    6. Keep all 10 shots within a 10“ group.
- c. Two-handed Standing (Isosceles) Position (Other Action Type)**
- i. Students will use the pistol/action type NOT used in a. and b., above
  - ii. Students will shoot at a 10-inch paper plate or target at 7 yards.
  - iii. Load and fire a single 5 shot series in a maximum of 15 seconds from the two-handed standing (Isosceles) position at a ten-inch paper plate or target at 7 yards.
  - iv. To successfully qualify, students must
    1. Follow range commands
    2. Follow proper loading procedures as outlined in NRA Handbook *The Basics of Personal Protection*.
    3. Assume the proper shooting position as outlined in the personal protection handbook.
    4. Correctly execute other essential pistol shooting fundamentals as described in the personal protection handbook
    5. Observe NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures
    6. Keep all 10 shots within a 10“ group.