

CLEST Model Course of Fire for Handgun Qualification - 15 yards

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 Handgun Course” 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 Model 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 firing from a holstered as well as ready position.
4. All Agencies must incorporate a minimum of one (1) malfunction drill during the course of fire.
5. All agencies must incorporate non-dominant, dominant and two hands shooting. Reasonable accommodations may be made when dealing with individual disabilities.
6. 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.
7. All shooters must score a minimum of 80% to pass their course of fire or meet higher standard established by their agency.
8. All agencies must incorporate two types of reload drills:
 - a. Have the officer’s stage the ammo for the specific course of fire.
 - b. Implement a mandatory reload, agency choice of type.
 - c. As needed during fire.
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 (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. 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. Model Handgun Course

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

15 Yards

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

Note: After this string of fire, Firearms Instructors will then verify that 11 rounds are in the scoring area. If not, then they will make notations in the scoring area of those missed rounds.

7 Yards

1. From the holster, 3 rounds in 6 seconds.
2. From the ready, 6 rounds, 12 seconds.
3. From the holster, 5 rounds in 10 seconds.

4. From the ready, 2 rounds in 4 seconds.
5. From the holster, 3 rounds in 6 seconds
6. From the holster, 2 rounds in 4 seconds

3 Yards

1. From the holster, 2 rounds, dominant hand only, in 4 seconds.
2. From the ready, 2 rounds, dominant hand only, in 4 seconds.
3. From the ready, 2 rounds, dominant hand only, in 4 seconds.

4. From the holster, 2 rounds, both hands, in 4 seconds.
5. From the ready, 2 rounds, both hands, in 4 seconds.
6. From the ready, 2 rounds, both hands, in 4 seconds.

7. From the ready, 2 rounds, non-dominant hand only, in 4 seconds.
8. From the ready, 2 rounds, non-dominant hand only, in 4 seconds.
9. From the ready, 2 rounds, non-dominant hand only, in 4 seconds.