



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) Qualification Course Standards

Purpose and Regulatory Requirements

The concealed carry weapons (CCW) permit firearm qualification course standards have been established by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office for all new and renewal license applicants for the County of Humboldt. The Sheriff's Office is committed to issuing CCW licenses to all those who qualify under California State Law. Pursuant to California Penal Code § 26165(a)(6), CCW applicants must complete a training course that includes live-fire shooting exercises with each firearm the applicant is applying to be licensed to carry. These firearms must be registered to the applicant.

As the licensing authority, the Sheriff's Office has established specific standards for these qualification courses of fire, as per Penal Code § 26165(b). These standards have been made available to the public in both a digital format and a printed format. To obtain a digital copy, please go online and input the following link: <https://humboldt.gov.org/341/Forms-Permits> and click the tab under the heading of "Carry Concealed Weapon Permit Form." Click the link to download the digital form. A printed copy can be obtained at the Sheriff's Office Records Division, at the following address:

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
Records Division
826 Fourth Street
Eureka, California 95501

The course standards require the student to show knowledge and ability to operate their firearm(s) safely and effectively, as well as to accurately shoot and manipulate their weapon(s), under the direction of a California Department of Justice (DOJ) certified CCW Firearms Training Vendor, who have also been approved by the Sheriff's Office to train CCW applicants in Humboldt County.

Specific Standards for Live-Fire Qualifications

There are different live-fire course standards divided between the various type of applicants. The initial set of standards are for those who are new CCW applicants. These individuals are those who have never been issued a CCW permit, and in some instances, those who have been previously issued a permit from a licensing agency outside of Humboldt County.

The following is the new applicant required criteria:

New CCW Applicants	
Required Target:	Standard B-27 Silhouette
Required Ammunition Count:	50 Rounds for Each Weapon Desired for Carry (Maximum of 6 Guns)
Distance to Target:	Minimum of 10 Yards
Time Requirement:	None
Scoring:	PASS or FAIL – All Recorded Hits Must Be Within 7 Ring



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The second set of standards are for renewal CCW applicants. This group consists of individuals who currently hold a CCW permit in Humboldt County and whose license is due to expire within 60 days. In some instances, those who have been previously issued a CCW permit from a licensing authority outside of Humboldt County may be eligible for a renewal. These applicants must contact the Sheriff's Office CCW Coordinator to determine if they qualify for a renewal versus a new application.

The following is the required renewal criteria:

Renewal CCW Applicants	
Required Target:	Standard B-27 Silhouette
Required Ammunition Count:	25 Rounds for Each Weapon Desired for Carry (Maximum of 6 Guns)
Distance to Target:	Minimum of 10 Yards
Time Requirement:	None
Scoring:	PASS or FAIL – All Recorded Hits Must Be Within 7 Ring

Additionally, should an individual obtain a CCW license and later desires to update the permit to include an extra firearm, this would be considered a *CCW Modification*. All CCW Modifications fall under the "New CCW Applicant" live-fire standards mentioned above and would need to pass a course of fire with a CCW Firearms Training Vendor under that standard.

CCW Firearms Training Vendor Qualification Courses

California DOJ regulations and the Penal Code require that CCW Firearms Training Vendors become certified DOJ CCW Training Instructors in order to provide training to new and renewal CCW applicants. The Sheriff's Office has the authority to approve local vendors, and a list of current training instructors can be found on the Humboldt County Sheriff's website.

Approved CCW Training Vendors are well-versed in the mandatory standards for the various qualification courses of fire. They will deliver instruction and training that leads to the live-fire qualification. It is important to note that each provider has the flexibility to design their own specific qualification course, as long as they comply with the standards established by the Sheriff's Office. For any questions regarding their specific qualification course of fire, please contact the individual training providers.