



## **Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council state qualification course for back up and off duty handguns**

**COURSE SYNOPSIS:** This is the course of fire that is recommended by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council for qualifying active duty and retired law enforcement officers with back up or off duty weapons. This is not a mandatory course but is made available to Vermont law enforcement agencies as a recommended best practice for conducting qualifications for these weapon types. This course shall be considered to be a “State handgun qualification course” for qualifying retired law enforcement individuals under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act.

**EQUIPMENT:** The handgun that the officer wishes to qualify with (may be a revolver or semi automatic)

2 magazines for a semi automatic or 1 speed loader for a revolver

Holster that the officer carries their off duty/back up weapon in. The holster should be worn where it regularly would be when the weapon is carried. If the officer does not use a holster and instead carries in a pocket or on a clip, the qualification course should be conducted from that point of carry.

25 rounds of ammunition which is the ballistic equivalent of the ammunition that the officer regularly carries in the gun

**TARGET:** For this course, the target area shall be the same as it is for the Rule 13 annual qualification course.

**RANGE:** Minimum 15 yards  
Items to use for cover

**COURSE OVERVIEW:** For this course, the shooter must achieve an overall score of 20 hits out of 25 rounds fired in order to successfully qualify. Shooters with semi automatic handguns will load their magazines with 5 rounds. Shooters will need to reload their spare magazine as they go, or carry several magazines loaded with 5 rounds. Shooters with revolvers should load their 5 round speed loader with 5 rounds, and 6 round speed loaders with 6 rounds. The shooter with the 6 round speed loader should be aware that they will eject a live round from the cylinder when they conduct a reload. Shooters will need to reload their speed loader as they go, or will need to carry several speed loaders loaded with 5 rounds. All firing should be started from the point where the shooter carries their weapon and in the condition it is normally carry in. Revolvers should be qualified double action only. Cover objects are chosen at the discretion of the instructor and no simulations should be associated with the cover. There are no time limits associated with this course.

**Course of fire:**

<b>Distance</b>	<b>Shooting Position</b>	<b>Rounds fired</b>	<b>Description of string</b>
<b>3 yards</b>	Standing, one or two hand	2	On the command to fire, the shooter will fire 2 rounds from the point of carry while stepping either to the left or to the right, then return the weapon to the point of carry.
<b>3 yards</b>	Standing	3	On the command to fire, the shooter will fire 3 rounds from the point of carry while stepping left or right, and then will reload their weapon before returning to the point of carry.
<b>5 yards</b>	Standing	3	On the command to fire the shooter will fire 3 rounds from the point of carry utilizing their strong hand only, and then go to the low ready position.
<b>5 yards</b>	Standing	2	On the command to fire, the shooter will transition their weapon to their support hand and fire 2 rounds, and then will reload. The shooter will then return their weapon to the point of carry.
<b>7 yards</b>	Kneeling or standing ; must be behind cover	2	On the command to fire, the shooter will fire 2 rounds from a standing or kneeling position from behind a cover object. If the shooter chooses to stand, the cover must be of adequate height to protect them. The shooter will stay on target at the end of this string.
<b>7 yards</b>	Remain in position from last string	3	On the command to fire, the shooter will fire 3 rounds and reload from behind cover. The shooter will then return their weapon to the point of carry.
<b>10 yards</b>	Standing or kneeling	5	On the command to fire, the shooter will fire 5 rounds from a standing or kneeling two handed position, reload, and return their weapon to the point of carry.
<b>15 yards</b>	Standing or kneeling	5	On the command to fire, the shooter will fire 5 rounds from a standing or kneeling two handed position and return their weapon to the point of carry.

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**INSTRUCTORS MAY USE THE FORM ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO RECORD THE QUALIFICATION.**

**Annual Qualification Record for Back up and Off Duty Handguns**

**Officer name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Officer agency:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SSN last 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weapon Make, Model and Caliber:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Serial Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a certified firearms instructor in good standing with the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, hereby certify that the above named individual has met the requirements of Rule 13 in regards to annual weapons qualification for the year \_\_\_\_\_.

**Instructor**

**Date**

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Vermont.

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**Notary Public**