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Professional Licensing Firearms Instructor Requirements

Professional Licensing only approves instructors who provide firearm training to individuals applying for a license through Delaware State Police – Professional Licensing.

Professional Licensing Industries permitted to carry a firearm:

- 24 Del.C. Ch. 13 - Armed Security Guards
- 24 Del.C. Ch. 13 - Armored Car Guard
- 24 Del.C. Ch. 55 - Bail Enforcement Agents
- 24 Del.C. Ch. 56 - Commissioned Constables

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Firearms Instructor Initial Approval – Handgun

Regulation 5.12.1.

Firearms instructors must be certified by the National Rifle Association as a Law Enforcement Instructor or through a law enforcement training and standards commission (i.e. P.O.S.T.). Certification by another professional firearms training institution as a “certified law enforcement firearms Instructor” must be approved by the Board and will be outlined in the Professional Licensing Firearms Instructor Requirements. Instructors approved by the Board through another professional firearms training institution will have reciprocity approval with any other Board under Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Division of State Police, Professional Licensing Section.

To be approved by Professional Licensing as a Firearms Instructor (Handgun only) the applicant must obtain one of the following Board of Examiner approved credentials:

#1

Certification as a *Delaware Police Officers and Standards Training (POST) Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor* within five (5) years from the date of application.

#2

Certification as a *Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor* from a state other than Delaware within five (5) years from the date of application.

#3

Certification which is current from the *National Rifle Association Law Enforcement (NRA-LE)* after successfully completing “*Firearms Instructor*.”

#4

Certification which is current from *International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (IALEFI)* after successfully completing “*The 44 Hour Firearms Instructor Course*.”

#5

Certification which is current from *Sig Sauer Academy* after successfully completing “*Pistol Instructor*.”

#6

Certification which is current from *Smith & Wesson/Team One* after successfully completing “*Tactical Pistol Instructor*.”

#7

Certification which is current from *Delaware Tactical Firearms Training Group* after successfully completing “*Law Enforcement Pistol Instructor Class*.”

Firearms Instructor Continuing Education – Handgun

Regulation 5.12.4

Firearms instructors shall maintain certification by completing any required continuing education outlined by the instructor's original professional firearms training institution and renew their credentials prior to its expiration date. In the event that no expiration date is provided by the issuing institution, firearms instructors shall be required to renew their status as an approved instructor with Professional Licensing every three years. As an alternative the instructor may complete any option outlined under the Professional Licensing Firearms Instructor Requirements Continuing Education and submission to Professional Licensing for approval.

Any Firearms Instructor (Handgun) approved by Professional Licensing must provide proof they have completed the required continuing education credentials from their original firearms training institution. This must be completed by the date stipulated by the institution. As an alternative, the applicant must obtain one of the following Board of Examiner approved credentials and submit proof to Professional Licensing on or before the 3rd anniversary date of original certification.

#1

Successful completion of 24 hours of Firearm or Instructor development training conducted by a federal, state, or local law enforcement training academy.

#2

Successful completion of 24 hours of *National Rifle Association (NRA), International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (IALEFI), Sig Sauer Academy, Smith & Wesson/Team One or Delaware Tactical Firearms Training Group* firearms instruction for law enforcement and/or civilians.

#3

Successful completion of 24 hours of *National Rifle Association, Sig Sauer or Smith & Wesson/Team One* training relative to the firearms they produce.

#4

Any combination of options #1 through #4 which equate to 24 hours of training.

Firearms Instructor Initial Approval – Rifle

Regulation 5.12.1.

Firearms instructors must be certified by the National Rifle Association as a Law Enforcement Instructor or through a law enforcement training and standards commission (i.e. P.O.S.T.). Certification by another professional firearms training institution as a “certified law enforcement firearms Instructor” must be approved by the Board and will be outlined in the Professional Licensing Firearms Instructor Requirements. Instructors approved by the Board through another professional firearms training institution will have reciprocity approval with any other Board under Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Division of State Police, Professional Licensing Section.

To be approved by Professional Licensing as a Firearms Instructor (Rifle), the applicant must be an approved handgun Firearms Instructor, in addition to obtaining one of the following Board of Examiner approved credentials:

#1

Certification as a *Delaware Police Officers and Standards Training (POST) Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor* within five (5) years from the date of application.

#2

Certification as a *Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor* from a state other than Delaware within five (5) years from the date of application.

#3

Certification which is current from the *National Rifle Association Law Enforcement (NRALE) after successfully completing “NRA-LE Patrol Rifle Instructor.”*

#4

Certification which is current from *Sig Sauer Academy* after successfully completing *“Rifle Instructor.”*

#5

Certification which is current from *Smith & Wesson/Team One* after successfully completing *“Patrol Rifle Instructor.”*

#6

Certification which is current from *Delaware Tactical Firearms Training Group* after successfully completing *“Law Enforcement Rifle Instruction Course.”*

Firearms Instructor Continuing Education – Rifle

Regulation 5.12.4

Firearms instructors shall maintain certification by completing any required continuing education outlined by the instructor's original professional firearms training institution and renew their credentials prior to its expiration date. In the event that no expiration date is provided by the issuing institution, firearms instructors shall be required to renew their status as an approved instructor with Professional Licensing every three years. As an alternative the instructor may complete any option outlined under the Professional Licensing Firearms Instructor Requirements Continuing Education and submission to Professional Licensing for approval.

Any Firearms Instructor (Rifle) approved by Professional Licensing must provide proof they have completed the required continuing education credentials from their original firearms training institution. This must be completed by the date stipulated by the institution. As an alternative, the applicant must obtain one of the following Board of Examiner approved credentials and submit proof to Professional Licensing on or before the 3rd anniversary date of original certification.

#1

Successful completion of 24 hours of Patrol Rifle or Patrol Rifle Instructor development training conducted by a federal, state, or local law enforcement training academy.

#2

Successful completion of 24 hours of *National Rifle Association (NRA), Sig Sauer Academy, Smith & Wesson/Team One or Delaware Tactical Firearms Training Group* firearms instruction for law enforcement on Patrol Rifle.

#3

Successful completion of 24 hours of *National Rifle Association, Sig Sauer or Smith & Wesson/Team One* training relative to the Law Enforcement Patrol Rifle they produce.

#4

Any combination of options #1 through #4 which equate to 24 hours of training.

Updated Information

Delaware State Police Professional Licensing is responsible to publish and provide this document to licensed agencies and certified trainers. In turn, they reserve the right to update the Initial Instructor and/or Continuing Education options, specific courses and other information as necessary. It will remain the individual trainer or trainer applicant's responsibility to understand and remain current with any updated information contained in this document.

Request to become a Professional License Certified Firearms Instructor – Initial Approval (effective January 15, 2025)

1. Applicant must complete a PL Certified Firearms Instructor Application and submit to DSP/Professional Licensing.
2. Applicant must provide copies of outlined certification(s) which include certification dates.
3. Applications will be reviewed and approved by the DSP Director of Professional Licensing.