



HOLSTER QUALIFICATION

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An applicant, **21 years or older**, without taking any class, may pay the assessment exam fee and challenge the assessment exam from the 'From the Holster' class if they feel they can pass it with honors. They are allowed two attempts of the exam on the same day. If they pass, and the instructor is satisfied with their behavior, proficiency and safety, they will have earned the Holster Certificate.

This certification DOES REQUIRE each applicant to have his or her own firearm as they will not be able to use a SafeFire range rental for this assessment.

REQUIRED GEAR:

Outside the waistband (OWB)

- Duty-grade semi-auto handgun (9mm mid-size or larger)
- Strong outside the waistband holster for handgun
- 2 magazines & spare magazine carrier
- Minimum of 50 rounds of ammunition
- Eye protection
- Ear protection (electronic preferred)

Inside the waistband (IWB)

- Full, compact or subcompact handgun (.380 or larger)
- Belt mounted IWB holster in good working order
- 2 magazines
- Minimum of 50 rounds of ammunition
- Eye protection
- Ear protection (electronic preferred)

COST:

Members and non members: **\$100.00**

Active military, veterans, & first responders: **\$75.00**

Law Enforcement, Armed Corrections Officers (Blue & Federal): **\$50.00**

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OVERVIEW



EARNING THE CERTIFICATE

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The other approach is that an applicant may, without taking any class, pay the assessment exam fee and challenge the assessment exam from the From the Holster class if they feel they can pass it with honors. They are allowed two attempts of the exam on the same day. If they pass, and the instructor is satisfied with their behavior, proficiency and safety, they will have earned the Holster Certificate. If they fail both attempts, they will be required to take the From the Holster class and the assessment exam fee is forfeited. Again, the certificate will only be issued when the instructor is satisfied with the behavior, proficiency and safety the student displays.

Holsters must be belt mounted and have full trigger guard coverage. The holster can have up to a 15 degree cant, but vertical cant is ideal. Serpa holsters (Holsters with "active retention" use a mechanical device of some sort to restrain the gun) requiring trigger release mechanisms may only be approved with an additional endorsement.

The Certificate is for standing position outside the waistband, belt mounted, full size frame handguns with duty holsters at the 3:00 position, unless otherwise approved. Additional endorsements can be earned at the same time- Look at the application to see all the endorsement options. No collapsing inside the belt holsters, cross draw holsters, shoulder holsters or 6:00 position draw are allowed. Any holster, even in the approved positions, that requires the shooter to muzzle others will not be allowed. This certificate is NOT for pocket pistols.

The Holster Certificate will be good for 12 months, at which time the certificate holder will be required to re-apply for the assessment exam to continue to draw and shoot.

USING THE CERTIFICATE

When a shooter wants to draw from the holster in the range, they must have their Certificate Card with them, inform the cashier, who will verify their certificate by checking their driver's license and making sure the cert is valid. Whenever possible, they will be assigned an alternate bay. The goal would be that most of those drawing from the holster are in the same bay and somewhat segregated from the other shooters. Upon entering the bay, the certificate will be given to the Range Officer who will confirm endorsements and display it in the shooting lane. The shooting bench is required to be dropped when drawing from the holster. Tactical magazine reloads and emergency reloads will be allowed. If your magazine does go beyond the firing line, inform the range officer and allow he/she to retrieve it.

Because of the potential danger of drawing from the holster and shooting, the range officers will be watching closely for safety violations for the safety of the shooter and those around them. If the range officer observes safety violations, they may either give a warning or suggest that the shooter comes back on another day, or if warranted, they may revoke the draw from the holster certification.

If the shooter decides to challenge the Range Officer's ruling, the video will be reviewed and SafeFire management will make the final decision. If that shooter wishes to reapply for the holster certification, they will be required to pay for and take class and pass the assessment with honors. Again, safety is of our paramount concern, and is our top priority.

HOLSTER QUALIFICATION WAIVER



GENERAL LIABILITY WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in any SafeFire Indoor Shooting Range events or activities, or being permitted to enter for any purpose any area thereof, I, for myself, my minor children if participating or on the premises, my personal representatives, heirs and next of kin:

Participation in the From the Holster class, Drawing from the Holster and all activities following is conditioned upon the participant's review and execution of SafeFire's Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk form, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

1. Hereby understand that handling, firing, or being in the presence of firearms is a dangerous activity, in which, as a participant, I may suffer serious bodily, psychological and neurological injury or death, or cause injury to another person or property. Among the possible causes of serious injury or death, even if I am with an instructor are:

- a. Exploding or malfunctioning weapons and ammunition, even if rented or purchased from SafeFire.
- b. Directfire or ricochet of a bullet, either from my weapon, a rental weapon, or the weapon of an instructor or customer.
- c. Injury or death resulting from a slip, fall, collision, noise or environmental condition even if not directly caused by firearms but while I am on the premises.
- d. I understand that injury or death could result from other causes not listed above and that any event that causes injury or death is covered by this Agreement.
- e. I also expressly acknowledge that injuries may be compounded or increased by negligent rescue operations or procedures of SafeFire Indoor Shooting Range.

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2. Hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, and DISCHARGE SafeFire, LLC, dba SafeFire Indoor Shooting Range, its members, employees, officers, successors and assigns (all referred to herein as "SafeFire") from all liability to me, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in the death of the undersigned arising out of or related to any activities or events held at SafeFire Indoor Shooting Range. In addition, I covenant not to sue and waive my rights to sue Safe Fire based upon any claim arising out of any of the activities/events.

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3. Hereby assume full responsibility for any risk of bodily injury, death, or loss of property or property damage arising out of or related to the activities/events caused by the negligence of SafeFire.

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4. Hereby agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless SafeFire from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to claims brought against SafeFire arising out of my injury, death, loss of property, or damage to my personal property while I am on the premises.

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5. Hereby agree that this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk and indemnity agreement extends to all acts of negligence by SafeFire.

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WAIVER (CONT.)



6. Hereby certify that all information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I authorize verification of this information, and release all concerned from any liability in connection therewith. I take full responsibility to request, read, and comply with any updates to SafeFire's Rules and Regulations. Providing false or misleading information in this form, or failure to adhere to SafeFire's Rules and Regulations, shall be grounds for denial, suspension, termination and/or expulsion from SafeFire at the sole discretion of Safe Fire with or without advanced notice or refund.

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7. Hereby, on behalf of myself, my family, agents, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators, and any minor who I am accompanying, for the consideration of being allowed to enter, rent and/or use the facilities and services of SafeFire, do hereby absolutely and unequivocally waive, release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless SafeFire and any other parties of interest from any and all claims, potential claims, demands, liability and/or damages arising out of injury, loss or disability, physical or otherwise, connected or arising out of or related to the use of, attendance, or activities at the facility; and do further specifically agree to indemnify and hold harmless all of the foregoing from and against any claim which may be made by or on behalf of the undersigned or by any third party for personal injury or property damage sustained as a result of the actions or intention of the undersigned in connection with use of the facility and services of Safe Fire . I further understand that the activities on the range can be extremely dangerous, and I voluntarily accept the risks associated therewith.

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8. Shall at all times practice safe gun handling practices, and adhere to all SafeFire's Rules and Regulations.

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9. Promise that I am in good physical health to participate in the activities/events and that I will not participate if I am under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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10. Understand that I will be held financially responsible for any damage caused to SafeFire equipment (e.g. \$50 for hitting baffles/walls, \$500 for any necessary welding, \$5000 for the replacement of any range equipment) caused by myself or any minors accompanying me.

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11. I understand that SafeFire and/or their affiliates may take photographs, video, film, and other images of me (or my child) while I (we) are on the premises and/or participating in or observing the activities/events. I waive any right of privacy, publicity, compensation, copyright, or other rights to those images and I consent to SafeFire using those images for any purpose.

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12. Parents or guardians are solely responsible for the actions and injuries of minors in their custody. If I am signing this agreement as a parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18, so that the child may be able to enter the range or make use thereof, then:

- a. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless SafeFire from any and all liabilities, claims, demands or causes or action brought by or on behalf of the child for injuries and damages arising out of my use of the range, or the child's presence at the range, that is alleged to have been caused by the negligence of SafeFire, or caused by acts or omissions of third parties or caused by hidden,

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WAIVER (CONT.)



latent or obvious defects in the range facilities including but not limited to the bullet trap and it's associated and component parts of the range.

- b. Further, on behalf of the minor(s) identified below, as to whom I am the legal parent or guardian, generally and specifically, I hereby and forever, generally and specifically release and discharge the range, it's employees and agents and assigns from any and all liabilities, claims, demands or causes of action that the minor may have against the range for any and all injuries and/or damages caused by (1) the negligence of SafeFire, whether active or passive, or (2) including but not limited to the bullet traps and the associated component parts of the range.

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BY SIGNING BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RANGE RULES AND GENERAL LIABILITY WAIVER. FURTHER, I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM NOT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS (LEGAL AND/OR PRESCRIBED) OR ALCOHOL.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

HOLSTER QUALIFICATION APPLICATION



Applicant's Full Name		
Last	First	Middle
Physical Address		
Street	City	State Zip
Contact		
Home	Cell	Email
Driver License Information		
Number	State Issued	Expiration

Member? No or Yes | Silver Gold Titanium Platinum

Years of handgun experience:

Reason for applying for Holster draw certificate:

Have you had any formal training? No or Yes *(if yes, please tell us where and when)*

How would you rate your competency? *(choose a number)* 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Novice Professional

Where do you want to be able to draw from? *(circle all desired)*

Outside the Waistband Inside the Waistband (unconcealed) Concealment

Desired Holster Position? <i>(circle all desired positions)</i>			Frame Size: <i>(circle all that apply)</i>		
Appendix (12 o'clock)	Side (3 or 9 o'clock)	4:30 or 7:30 carry	Fullsize	Compact	Sub-Compact

Note: Any holster that requires the shooter to muzzle others will not be allowed.

Do you have a current Conceal Pistol License? No or Yes

How often do you carry?

Office Use Only

Interview Notes:

HOLSTER QUALIFICATION ASSESSMENT



CLASSROOM

- Application review

IN RANGE

Weapon, holster, and ammunition inspection:

- Cold Range, show instructor empty gun with no magazine installed
- Review ammunition types
- Review range commands

ASSESSMENT

3 yds.	2 to body, 1 to head	both hands	6 seconds	mag #1	3 rds.
3 yds.	2 to body, 1 to head	both hands	6 seconds	mag #1	3 rds.
5 yds.	3 to the body	strong hand only	8 seconds	mag #1	3 rds.
5 yds.	3 to the body	support hand only	10 seconds	mag #1	3 rds.
7 yds.	2 to body 1 to head - emergency reload - 2 to body, 1 to head	both hands	20 seconds	mag #1 mag #2	3 rds. 3 rds.
10 yds.	1 to body - emergency reload - 5 to body	both hands	20 seconds	mag #1 mag #2	1 rd. 5 rds.
15 yds.	2 to body - emergency reload - 4 to body	both hands	20 seconds	mag #1 mag #2	2 rds. 4 rds.
15 yds.	clear failure to fire (dummy round) - 6 to body	both hands	20 seconds	mag #1	6 rds. 1 dummy

Total Shots: 36

Scoring

A Box = 5 points
B Box = 0 points
C Box = 4 points
D Box = 3 points

100% - 180 pts
95% - 171 pts
90% - 162 pts
80% - 144 pts
75% - 135 pts

Minimum to pass

Note: Shots fired after timer will result in zero points.

POST ASSESSMENT

- Review observed behavior that is safe and competent and behavior that needs improvement, if any.
- Results of live fire assessment
- This is a pass/fail, but the shooter gets two attempts to pass, unless flagrant safety violations are displayed.

HOLSTER QUALIFICATION RESULTS



Applicant's Name: _____

Instructor Use Only	
Applicant's Score	Percentage

Instructor Recommendation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Endorsed for: Frame Size		
<input type="checkbox"/> Outside the waistband (OWB)	<input type="checkbox"/> Inside the Waistband (IWB)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Appendix/12 o'clock (APP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Side/3 or 9 o'clock (S3)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:30 or 7:30 Carry (43C)
<input type="checkbox"/> Concealment (CC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Serpa Holsters (SH)	

Applicant Acceptance of Approval

I understand that drawing from the holster at SafeFire Indoor Shooting Range is a privilege and not a right. I also understand that drawing from the holster increases the risk of negligent discharge, therefore I will consciously exert every effort to demonstrate total safety when drawing from the holster.

The Range Rules are very clear that the Range Officer is in charge at all times. If the Range Officer observes unsafe behavior on my part and warns me, I will make adjustments as necessary, knowing that failure to do so could result in demanding my surrender of my Holster Certification.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Printed Name

Instructor Signature

Date

Instructor Printed Name

Applicant Required Improvements

I do understand that I am not accepted to draw from the holster until certain qualifications are met:

Applicant Signature

Date