

THE AMADOR GROUP Arizona Course Handbook

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Concealed Carry Course Qualifiers

You must meet all the following qualifiers to be eligible to take our concealed carry course:

- United States Citizen born in the United States or one of its territories?
- United States Citizen born outside of the United States or one of its territories, if YES a copy of one of the following will be required:
 - Certificate of Naturalization
 - Record of Birth Abroad to American Citizen
 - Record of Birth to Armed Service Personnel
 - Current United States Passport
- Are you an alien admitted to the United States as a lawful permanent resident?
 - *If you responded Yes to the permanent resident question, submit a copy (front & back) of your Permanent Resident Alien card. The "A" number must be clearly visible, and issue and expiration date must be imprinted on front of card. Submit documentation to prove residency in the state of Arizona. Documentation may include an Arizona Driver's license or ID card, or two documents issued from two separate businesses, organizations or government agencies (utility bills, credit card/bank statements, insurance policy, lease, etc.) with your name and physical address listed (not a P.O. Box), matching the address provided on your application.*
- 21 years old or older
- No felony convictions in Arizona or any other state
- Not under indictment for a felony charge in Arizona or any other state
- Is not prohibited by federal law or the law of any other jurisdiction from purchasing or possessing a firearm
- Has not been adjudicated mentally incompetent or committed to a mental institution
- Not addicted to alcohol or controlled substances

Concealed Carry Course Disqualifiers

If you meet any of the following criteria, you will not be permitted to take our concealed carry course:

- Received a conditional discharge, a diversion or a deferment or has been convicted of, pled guilty to or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a misdemeanor offense involving a crime of violence within 10 years before the course start date.
- Been convicted of a misdemeanor offense involving driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs within 5 years before the course start date.
- Been convicted of a misdemeanor offense involving the possession or abuse of a controlled substance within 10 years before the course start date.
- Been convicted of a misdemeanor offense involving assault, battery or battery against a household member.

****Conviction Definition:** a formal declaration that someone is guilty of a criminal offense, made by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in a court of law. Includes:

- Guilty plea
- No contest
- Nolo Contendere
- Conditional plea of guilty

Or any other plea that would result in an adjudication of guilt in any court of competent jurisdiction. A conviction includes a deferred sentence and a conditional discharge prior to satisfaction of the conditions and after satisfaction of conditions where required by the act.

Classroom Information & Pricing

Virtual Classroom length: 1 Session (5-hours)

Range Qualification: 1 Session (5-6 hours)

The time is dependent on student involvement, questions and time needed for any additional coaching.

Attendance requirements:

- Students must meet all class attendance and participation requirements to qualify for the range qualification.
- Students must complete (at a minimum) the required 10 hours of the course and have the course paid in full to receive Training Certificate to complete the state application.

****The following prices are for classroom and range fee combined! ****

Course Pricing

Instructor Led Virtual Classroom: \$75

Range Training & Qualification: \$75

The Instructor Led Virtual Classroom must be completed to qualify for the Range Training.

Refund Policy:

Requests must be made within 48 hours from the date of registration to receive full refund of online course fee.

Requests made after 48 hours will not receive a refund but will have the option to transfer the fee/deposit to the next available course date.

Classroom Course Agenda:

- Attendance & Connectivity Quality Check
- Introduction
- Rules of Safety
- Dry Fire Practical
- Firearm Fundamentals
- Rights & Responsibilities
- Morals vs Laws
- May vs Must
- Child Safety
- Self Defense vs Homicide
- Third Party Defense
- Situational Awareness

Instructor Led Online Classroom

You must have **one** of the following devices in order to participate in the online course:

1. Phone
2. Tablet
3. Laptop
4. Desktop Computer

You must have a good internet connection and a quiet area you can use to participate in the online instructor led course.

Program Requirements

The online video screen sharing platform being used is [Microsoft Teams](#). ←Using the blue “hyperlink” will direct you to the Microsoft Teams website to download the app to your mobile device.

1. **For laptops or desktops**, you can choose to use the web option and do not need to download the program.
2. Instructors will follow up via phone call 3-4 days prior to course start date to verify attendance.
 - a. Instructors will send Microsoft Teams invite to the email you provided
 - b. Instructors will perform a functionality check to ensure you can connect.
 - c. Join the meeting as a guest and enter your full name.

The interactive knowledge check program is Microsoft Forms. There is no need to register for this and you **do not** need to download any app for this either. Instructors will send a link to the email address you provided during registration.

1. Ensure you have a device available to access the links that will be sent
2. Instructors will send:
 - a. Pre-Course Survey
 - b. Chapter Knowledge Checks (4)
 - c. Post Course Survey

Participation Requirements

- Classroom Discussion in Microsoft Teams
 - Unmute & Ask
 - Microsoft Teams Chat
- Knowledge Check
 - Students must answer and participate in **ALL** assigned Chapter knowledge checks
 - Instructors may ask students to reschedule the course if more there is no participation in the Knowledge Checks and/or Group Discussion.

Connectivity Troubleshooting Guide

Connectivity issues may arise during the conference call. If you begin to experience connectivity issues do the following:

1. Make an attempt to let the instructor know you are experiencing issues
 - a. "Unmute and ask"
 - b. Send a chat message and/or,
 - c. Send a text message to the instructor
 - i. Instructors will provide their phone number in the Microsoft Teams chat at the beginning of the course.
2. Microsoft Teams Connectivity Test ([Click Here](#))
3. Internet Connectivity Check ([Click Here](#))
4. If you are on a mobile device:
 - a. Close out all open apps (Including Microsoft Teams)
 - b. Turn airplane mode on for 10 seconds, then turn it back off
 - c. If the above does not work, restart your device and attempt to reconnect to the course.
 - d. Only have course pertinent apps/programs open.
5. If you are on a laptop or desktop:
 - a. Close out all programs and apps (Including Microsoft Teams)
 - b. Attempt to reconnect to the classroom,
 - c. If the above does not work, check your modem to ensure it is receiving internet.
 - d. Restart your device
 - e. If the above does not work, unplug your modem and plug it back in

*If none of the above work, let your instructor know and the instructor will work to rescheduling your classroom at a later date. Contact your Internet Service Provider to ensure there are no connectivity issues that need to be addressed on their end.

Full link for Microsoft Teams Test: <https://connectivity.office.com/>

Full link for Internet Connectivity Test: <https://www.speedtest.net/th>

Range Information

The Amador Group provides a comprehensive firearm training. This course is a focused firearm training and not just a qualifier. Our course (at a minimum) meets all state requirements for Classroom and Range Qualifications.

Student range qualification fee will be paid on your scheduled range qualification date in cash.

Firearm Rentals: Included in the program

The rental includes:

- Firearm
- Ear Protection
- Spare Magazines
- Eye Protection
- Holster (OWB)
- Magazine Pouches

Incidental Costs:

Students will be responsible for any damage or missing equipment that is rented from The Amador Group LLC resulting from negligence and/or misuse.

Items needed for range day:

- Safety Glasses
- Hearing Protection
- Holster
- (2) spare magazines
- Firearm
- 100 rounds of ammunition

Recommended Items:

- Pants with belt (helps hold your firearm and holster in place)
- Baseball cap (keeps shell casings from hitting the face)
- Snacks/Food (there will be no formal lunch break)

Students will divide themselves into one of three categories:

1. Intro/Basic entry level (little to no experience with a firearm)
2. Intermediate (some experience with a firearm)
3. Advanced (has had formal or ongoing firearm training)

The groups allow instructors to provide the appropriate level of 1:1 training specific to your needs. The instructor's intent is to provide each student with equal amount of skill building training.

The Range Training Agenda:

1. Student Check-In
2. Equipment (Firearm & Ammunition) inspection
3. Range safety briefing and Range call review
4. Dry Fire Drills (Practice with no live ammunition)
5. Malfunction Identification/Clearing & Reloading Drills
5. Teuller Drill – Time vs Distance (Demonstrated by Instructors)
6. Grouping/Practice Shots at 3 & 7 yard – (25 rounds total)
7. 3-yard drill (one handed) – Dominant & Non-Dominant hands (25 rounds total)
8. 7-yard drill (Two Hand Grip) – Small Silhouette (25 rounds total)
9. Top Shots of the course can choose to compete with an instructor on an advanced target.

Passing:

- Students are scored on their safety and proficiency with a firearm. Students must pass with a minimum of a 72%. Students are graded at the 3 yard target and at the 7 yard target.
- Each shot is worth 2 points each.

Failing:

- Accumulative accuracy scores below 72%
- Automatic disqualification/failure for blatant disregard to safe firearm handling and range safety protocols.

Ammunition Requirements

Ammunition must be factory. Re-loads will not be accepted due to safety & liability reasons. Ammunition will be inspected. Our course is a firearm training that requires at least 100 rounds of ammunition.

Training & Qualification (1 Caliber & Category)

- 100 Rounds
- This is for students who choose to only conceal carry one caliber and category

Higher Caliber Qualification

- 25 additional rounds
- This is for students who choose to carry a higher caliber than what they used for their 100 round training

Other Category Qualification (Revolver or Semi-Auto)

- 25 additional rounds
- This is for students who choose to carry a firearm in another category from their initial 100 round training.

State Application Fees

State Concealed Carry Application Fee: \$60 (money order or cashiers check)

Permit Renewal: \$43

Replacement Permit (Lost, Stolen or Information Change): \$10

A digital copy of the application will also be provided to students via email.

Instructors will review the application with students during class and how to fill out paperwork.

Permit Valid for 5 years

Range Commands:

Cease Fire: This command can be given by anyone. All firing is to stop immediately, and everyone must safely re-holster their firearm.

Down Range: This command is given when there is a need to move passed the line of fire for a specific reason, only after all firearms have been unloaded, checked and cleared by an instructor and safely re-holstered.

Firing Drill: This command is given when all students are on the line and ready for the course of fire. Students will unholster their firearm, load a magazine and rack their slide to load a round, check chamber, then will re-holster and stand in the ready position.

Unloading Drill: This command is given when a course of fire has ended. Students will remove the magazine, unload the chamber and wait for an instructor to check and clear the firearm, then re-holster when cleared by an instructor.

Line Is Clear: This command is given when instructors have verified that students have completed an unloading drill. (see definition above)

Rules of Firearm Safety

ALWAYS:

- **Keep the gun pointed in a safe direction**
 - This is the primary rule of gun safety. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.
- **Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire**
 - When holding a firearm, rest your finger alongside the frame and outside the trigger guard. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.
- **Keep the firearm unloaded until ready to fire**
 - If you do not know how to open the “action” or inspect the chamber, leave the firearm alone and get help from someone who does.
- **Know your target and what is beyond it**
 - Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your sector of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. **Think First, Shoot Second**
- **Be sure the firearm is safe to operate**
 - Just like other tools, firearms require regular maintenance to remain operable. These are mechanical devices that wear down. Know your equipment and inspect before and after each training.
- **Use only correct ammunition for your firearm**
 - Refer to the firearm manual as well as the stamped indicator on the firearm barrel to ensure you are using the correct ammunition. Some ammunition has added pressure (P, P+), be sure your firearm is designed to handle it.
- **Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate**
 - Constant exposure to high decibels can cause hearing loss. Bullet fragments can also ricochet and cause eye injury.
- **Never use alcohol, over the counter drugs or prescription medication while operating a firearm**
 - These can cause impairment and can also lead to
- **Safely store firearms to prevent unauthorized access**
 - Ensure you unload all firearms before storing them
 - Ensure your storage device has an appropriate level of security to prevent unauthorized access
- **Cleaning**
 - Ensure firearm is unloaded and no other ammunition is present in your firearm cleaning area
 - A clean firearm will reduce the chances for firearm malfunctions.

Summary Of New Mexico Firearm Laws

Arizona is a shall-issue, constitutional carry state with concealed weapons permits issued at the state level by the Department of Public Safety.

There is no permit, background check or firearms registration required when buying a handgun from a private individual. A purchaser must be at least 18 years old to buy a gun from a private individual. The minimum age to purchase a handgun from a federally licensed dealer is 21.

Open carry is legal in Arizona for any person who is at least 18 years old and who can legally possess a firearm. Some areas are off-limits, including schools and liquor stores that have posted “no weapons” signs.

Anyone at least 21 years old who can legally possess a firearm, may concealed carry a firearm without a permit. Arizona Concealed Weapons Permits (CWP) are issued to residents and non-residents at least 21 years old or 19 for active military and veterans and require a firearms training course that has been state-approved. In terms of reciprocity, since Arizona has permitless carry, any person 21 years of age and older who can legally possess a firearm may carry a concealed firearm on his or her person without a license or permit.

Self Defense

Arizona is a Castle Doctrine state and state laws effectively allow people to stand their ground. There is no duty to retreat before defending yourself if you are in a place where you may legally be and you are not engaged in an unlawful act.

Use of Force

A person is justified in threatening or using physical **force** when and to the extent a reasonable person would believe that physical force is immediately necessary to protect himself against the other’s use or attempted use of unlawful physical force.

Use of Deadly Force

A person is justified in threatening or using **deadly force** against another:

- If such person would be justified in threatening or using physical force against the other; and
- When and to the degree a reasonable person would believe that deadly physical force is immediately necessary to protect himself against the other’s use or attempted use of unlawful deadly physical force.

Defense of a Third Person

A person is justified in threatening or using physical **force** or **deadly force** against another to protect a third person if the person would be justified in threatening or using physical force or deadly physical force to protect himself against the unlawful physical force or deadly physical force.

Use of Physical Force in Defense of Premises

A person in lawful possession or control of premises is justified in threatening to use physical **force** when and to the extent that a reasonable person would believe it immediately necessary to prevent or terminate criminal trespass in or upon the premises. A person may use **deadly force** only in the defense of himself or a third person.

“Premises” means any real property and any structure, movable or immovable, permanent or temporary, adapted for both human residence and lodging whether occupied or not.

Use of Physical Force in Defense of Property

A person is justified in using physical force when and to the extent that a reasonable person would believe it necessary to prevent theft or criminal damage involving tangible movable property. A person may use **deadly force** only in the defense of himself or a third person.

Use of Force in Crime Prevention

A person is justified in threatening or using both physical force and deadly physical force if and to the extent the person reasonably believes the force is immediately necessary to prevent a number of violent felonies, including murder and sexual assault.

Civil Immunity

There is no civil liability for justified conduct.

Open Carry & Concealed Carry Basics	
Constitutional Carry?	Yes
Open Carry Permitted?	Yes, without a permit. Any person who is at least 18 years old and legally entitled to carry a firearm can open carry.
Gun Permit Licensure?	Arizona is a shall-issue state.
Minimum Age for Concealed Carry?	The minimum age to concealed carry in Arizona is 21.
Can you conceal weapons other than handguns allowed in Arizona with a concealed carry permit (or under permit less carry if applicable)?	1. "Deadly weapon" means anything that is designed for lethal use. The term includes a firearm. 4. "Firearm" means any loaded or unloaded handgun, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun or other weapon that will expel, is designed to expel or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive. Firearm does not include a firearm in permanently inoperable condition. [Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3101]
Tasers or Stun Guns?	Yes. Stun guns and Tasers are legal to purchase and possess without a permit. A government issued identification is required for purchase. [ARS 13-3117]
Chemical Spray/Pepper Spray?	Yes. There is no statute prohibiting the purchase or use of pepper spray in Arizona.
Non-Resident Permitting?	Yes
Public Access to Concealed Carry Registration?	No, however the information is available to criminal justice agencies.

Carry Locations	
Carry in Vehicle?	Yes, without a permit for anyone 21 or older who is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm. However, if you don't have a permit, you may not have the weapon concealed on your person when you exit your vehicle. Firearms must be in plain view from outside the vehicle for anyone under 21 years of age. [Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3102(A)(2) and (H)]
Carry at Roadside Rest Areas?	Yes, with a New Mexico Concealed Handgun License or a permit from a state that New Mexico honors.
Carry in State/National Parks, State/National Forests and Wildlife Management Areas?	Yes. See the National Parks webpage for links to each Park in Arizona. [Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 17-305]
Carry in Restaurants That Serve Alcohol?	Yes, concealed carry is legal with or without a permit, unless posted and provided you don't consume any alcohol. Arizona's statutes are contradictory as ARS§ 4-229(A) indicates no permit is required to concealed carry in a bar/restaurant that serves alcohol while 4-244(29) and (30) indicate a permit is required. [Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§ 4-229(A), 4-244(29)(c) and (30)(c)]
Store in a Vehicle in an Employee Parking Lot?	Firearms can legally be carried in a case, holster, scabbard, pack or luggage that is carried within a means of transportation or within a storage compartment, map pocket, trunk or glove compartment of a means of transportation. A property owner, tenant, public or private employer, or business entity shall not establish, maintain or enforce a policy or rule that prohibits a person who can legally possess a firearm from lawfully transporting or lawfully storing any firearm that is both: 1. In the person's locked and privately owned motor vehicle or in a locked compartment on the person's privately owned motorcycle; and 2. Not visible from the outside of the motor vehicle or motorcycle.

	<p>This section does not apply if, in part:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The property owner, tenant, public or private employer or business entity provides a parking lot, parking garage or other area designated for parking motor vehicles, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is secured by a fence or other physical barrier; Limits access by a guard or other security measure; Provides temporary and secure firearm storage. The storage shall be monitored and readily accessible on entry into the premises and allow for the immediate retrieval of the firearm on exit from the premises; or Provides alternative parking in a location reasonably proximate to the primary parking area for individuals who desire to transport or store a firearm in the individual's motor vehicle and does not charge an extra fee for such parking. <p>[Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 12-781]</p>
Additional Related State Laws	
Must Notify Officer You're Carrying?	<p>No. You have no duty to reveal that you are carrying a concealed weapon unless the officer asks.</p> <p>[Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3102]</p>
Magazine Limits for Handguns?	No.
Ammunition Restrictions?	No.
Handgun Purchase & Possession	
Purchase Permits?	No.
Background checks for private gun sales?	<p>No. Private firearms transfers are not subject to a background check requirement, although federal and state purchaser prohibitions, including age restrictions, still apply. It is recommended that you retain any sales receipts to prove ownership of the gun.</p>
Waiting Period?	No.
Handgun Registration?	No.
Minimum Age to Possess and Transport?	<p>18 years old.</p> <p>A. A person who sells or gives to a minor, <i>without written consent of the minor's</i></p>

	<p><i>parent or legal guardian</i>, a firearm, ammunition or a toy pistol by which dangerous and explosive substances may be discharged is guilty of a class 6 felony.</p> <p>C. The temporary transfer of firearms and ammunition by firearms safety instructors, hunter safety instructors, competition coaches or their assistants shall be allowed if the minor's parent or guardian has given consent for the minor to participate in activities such as firearms or hunting safety courses, firearms competition or training. With the consent of the minor's parent or guardian, the temporary transfer of firearms and ammunition by an adult accompanying minors engaged in hunting or formal or informal target shooting activities shall be allowed for those purposes.</p> <p>[ARS 13-3109]</p>
<p>Minimum age to purchase a firearm</p>	<p>You must be 21 years old or older</p>
<p>“No Weapons Allowed” Signs Enforced?</p>	<p>Yes. A person commits misconduct involving weapons by knowingly entering any public establishment, or attending any public event, carrying a deadly weapon on his or her person after a reasonable request by the operator of the establishment, the sponsor of the event or the sponsor's agent to remove his or her weapon and place it in the custody of the operator of the establishment or the sponsor of the event for temporary and secure storage of the weapon pursuant to section 13-3102.01.</p> <p>Misconduct involving weapons under subsection A ... paragraph 10 or 11 of this section is a class 1 misdemeanor.</p> <p>[Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3102.]</p>
<p>Brandishing?</p>	<p>No. A person commits the crime of disorderly conduct if they recklessly handle, display or discharge a deadly weapon. Defensive displays of a firearm without justification could also be charged as aggravated assault. Defensive displays include actions such as putting your hand on a firearm while it is concealed in a pocket, sweeping the jacket to expose the firearm, or saying you have a firearm without drawing or waving it.</p>

	<p>However, this statute specifically allows defensive display and protects the citizen against being prosecuted for it when it is justified.</p> <p>[Ariz. Rev. Stat §§13-2904 and 13-421]</p>
Red Flag Law?	No.
Carry while consuming alcohol?	<p>No consumption allowed.</p> <p>[Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 4-244(31)]</p> <p><i>As a responsibly armed American, regardless of the laws in your state, it is unwise to carry while under the influence of any substance that could impair your judgement, slow your reaction times or impact your decision-making abilities. Any decision you make while carrying a firearm could have life-altering consequences.</i></p>

Transporting Firearms On A Plane

The Transportation Security Administration detects firearms and other weapons at security checkpoints daily. Travelers may only transport ammunition and unloaded firearms in a locked, hard-sided container as checked baggage and are prohibited in carry-on baggage. Below are guidelines for transporting firearms and ammunition.

Firearms

- Firearms must be unloaded and locked in a hard-sided container and transported as checked baggage only. Firearm parts, including firearm frames and receivers, are prohibited in all carry-on baggage and must also be placed in checked baggage.
- All firearms, ammunition and parts in checked baggage must be declared at the airline ticket counter during the check-in process.
- Replica firearms may be transported in checked baggage only.

- Travelers are encouraged to check regulations related to carrying firearms where they are traveling from and to, as laws may vary by destination.
- Rifle scopes are permitted in carry-on and checked bags.

Ammunition

- Firearm magazines and ammunition clips, whether loaded or empty, must be securely boxed or included within a hard-sided case containing an unloaded firearm.
- Small arms ammunition, including ammunition not exceeding .75 caliber for a rifle or pistol and shotgun shells of any gauge, may be carried in the same hard-sided case as the firearm, as described in the package guidelines above.

For Additional information contact the TSA at:
(571) 227-2929/ tsamedia@tsa.dhs.gov / visit tsa.gov