



Concealed Handgun License (CHL) Instruction

New Mexico Concealed Handgun Carry Act of 2003 with Rules & Regulations as Amended in 2005, Chapter 29, Law Enforcement, Article 19, Concealed Handgun Carry.

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Instructors are:

- Approved by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety to provide instruction and certification for the Concealed Handgun License
- National Rifle Association (NRA) Certified Instructors & Range Safety Officers

Instruction & Certification: Fees:

- Individual registration\$140.00 per person
- Groups of four (4) or more registering together\$120.00 per person (Minimum \$440.00)
- Private instruction\$550.00 for up to 3 participants.
- Mid-Term re-qualification\$40.00 per person
- Renewal\$50.00 per person

The above fees cover our instruction, certification and firing range expense. Please view our web site at www.NewMexicoCHL.com, or contact us for other possible expenses associated with obtaining a CHL, such as fingerprints, birth certificates, colored photographs, notary fees, and the State of New Mexico Department of Public Safety application fee.>

Full refunds are provided in the event of cancellation of the class or if the student decides at the end of Segment # 2 that they no longer wish to pursue the training and qualifying steps necessary to apply for the New Mexico Concealed Handgun License. No refund is provided once the class moves from the classroom to the firing range, which is typically the final stage (i.e., Segment # 4) of the training.

Services include instruction, evaluation, and certifications required to apply for, re-qualify or renew a New Mexico Concealed Handgun License.

Instruction is divided into four Segments. Following is a brief summary, and not nearly an all-inclusive description, of each Segment.

- **Segment #1 (classroom) covers:**
 - Applicable New Mexico statutes and laws pertaining to the carrying and use of handguns;
 - Carrying a concealed weapon in New Mexico and where it is prohibited;
 - How to complete the CHL application form and required attachments for submission to the DPS.
- **Segment #2 (classroom) covers:**
 - Basic firearm safety rules;
 - Techniques and theories in the holding, aiming, and firing a handgun;
 - Child safety precautions;
 - Methods for securing and storing a firearm;
 - Physiological responses to various states of consciousness or stress, and mental preparedness techniques;
 - Defensive and tactical approaches to adversarial confrontations;
 - Non-violent dispute resolution techniques.
- **Segment #3 (classroom or firing range) covers:**
 - Entering and searching premises for suspected intruders;
 - Tactical vs. speed re-loading of a firearm;
 - Firing range commands and safety procedures;
 - Review of the minimum firing range qualifications and standards for successful completion of the CHL class;
- **Segment #4 (firing range) covers:**
 - Dry and live fire shooting at the firing range;
 - Shooting while moving;
 - Approaches to multiple-assailant and/or innocent by-stander scenarios;
 - Techniques for mitigating tunnel vision and auditory exclusion;
 - Hands-on demonstration of skills, knowledge and attitude in use of a handgun;
 - Firing a handgun(s) (i.e., semi-automatic, revolver and/or derringer) of no less than .32 caliber, at distances and rounds required under the *New Mexico Concealed Handgun Carry Act of 2003 with Rules & Regulations as Amended in 2005, Chapter 29, Law Enforcement, Article 19, Concealed Handgun Carry* and the *New Mexico Administrative Code, Title 10 - Public Safety and Law Enforcement, Chapter 8 – Weapons and Explosives, Part 2 – Carrying Concealed Handguns*.

Classroom instruction includes (Note: No firearms or ammunition is allowed in the classroom sessions. That is, Segments # 1 & 2.)

- New Mexico Statutes and Administrative Code regarding Concealed Handgun Licensing;
- Review of state/federal laws related to the purchasing, owning, transporting, possessing, and using handguns;
- National Rifle Association (NRA) recommended firearm instruction resources;
- Firearm handling and safety procedures;
- Use of revolvers, semi-automatic pistols, and derringers;
- Child safety precautions;
- Techniques for non-violent dispute resolution;
- Methods for avoiding criminal aggression and violent confrontations.
- Firing range rules and procedures.

Instructors will provide participants with a copy of the *New Mexico Concealed Handgun Carry Act of 2003 with Rules & Regulations as Amended in 2005, Chapter 29, Law Enforcement, Article 19, Concealed Handgun Carry* and the *New Mexico Administrative Code, Title 10 - Public Safety and Law Enforcement, Chapter 8 – Weapons and Explosives, Part 2 – Carrying Concealed Handguns* along with the appropriate application forms for a new or renewed concealed handgun license.

However, anyone is able to download those regulations and application forms (except the fingerprint cards) from the New Mexico Department of Public Safety's (DPS) website at www.dps.nm.org/lawEnforcement/ccw/index.php, or at most DPS offices, including the following::

**New Mexico Department of Public Safety
Special Investigation Unit
Concealed Carry Unit
6301 Indian School Rd. NE Suite 310
Albuquerque, NM 87110**

Again, the instructors will have the forms available for handout in class for those that do not obtain copies ahead of time. Classes are limited in size to accommodate individual and group physical constraints. Scheduling of courses vary with demand, student needs, and availability of resources, such as classroom and firing range facilities.

Classroom hours can be arranged for weekdays, weekends, daytime (full day, morning or afternoon sessions), or evening. Daytime classes can start at 8:00am - 9:00am. Evening classes can start at 5:30pm - 6:00pm.

What the student will need to provide for the firing range session (Segments # 3 & 4 only):

- A revolver, semi-automatic, and/or derringer handgun in the highest caliber desired for qualifying (must be at least a .32 caliber or higher).
- A holster designed to hold and secure the firearm(s). This does not have to be a holster that you may ultimately use once you receive your CHL. An inexpensive holster that attaches to a belt will be fine so long as it holds the handgun securely.
- Eye and ear protection designed for firearm safety.
- A minimum of 25 rounds of ammunition (no re-loads or tracers) for each type of firearm and caliber you will use to qualify. Bring more ammo (50 to 100 rounds would be sufficient), if your budget allows, as there will be ample practice time and to experience defensive shooting techniques.
- Food and refreshments (bring plenty of water to the firing range).

Firing range instruction includes:

- Practices and procedures for safe conduct and handling of handguns, including the loading and unloading of revolvers and semi-automatic pistols;
- Muzzle control, firing positions, sight alignment, and sight picture;
- Breathing and follow-through;
- Practicing dry firing and live firing with range commands;
- Handling and firing a gun under stress.
- Worst-case scenarios (e.g., misfires, hang-fires, jams, stove-pipes, squib loads, etc.);
- Maintaining handguns;
- Firing the caliber and type of handgun(s) the student desires to qualify with as required under the New Mexico Concealed Handgun Carry Act.

We generally use the [City of Albuquerque Shooting Range Park \(Link: www.cabq.gov/openspace/shootingrange.html\)](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace/shootingrange.html) on the west mesa (near Double Eagle Airport) for firing range sessions. The range is open Wednesday through Sunday and closed on Mondays & Tuesdays. On appropriate occasions, other firing ranges may be used.

Range instruction allows adequate time for students to fire practice rounds to become acquainted with the qualifying procedures and requirements. Bring extra ammunition as there will be adequate time to practice various firing techniques unique to self-defense and proper gun handling, including shooting while moving, shooting behind cover, multiple assailant shooting, etc.

Minimum requirements to successfully complete the CHL course and qualify to apply under the New Mexico Concealed Handgun Carry Act include:

- Firing the handgun with live ammunition at a target no larger than 12 inches wide and 18 inches high.
- Firing 15 rounds from three yards.
- Firing 10 rounds from seven yards.
- Scoring four (4) points for each shot that hits within the target's scoring line and zero (0) points for each shot that hits outside the scoring line.
- Students must obtain a score of 72% or higher (i.e., at least 18 out of the 25 rounds must be within the scoring line) to pass the competency demonstration.