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Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 109:2-3-10 Firearms certification.

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(A) Persons holding positions listed in section 109.78 of the Revised Code in which such persons go armed while on duty shall successfully complete a basic firearms training course which includes a minimum of twenty hours of handgun training, and, if the shotgun is to be used, a minimum of five hours of training in the use of the shotgun. In order to successfully complete this course of instruction, a student must pass each student performance objective outlined in the commission-approved basic firearms course. Failure to pass any objective results in failure of the course.

(1) Certification shall be valid for a period of eighteen months from the date of completion of the basic firearms training course.

(2) The renewal date for initial requalification shall be established as eighteen months from the date of initial certification. That date shall remain constant each year, until such time as the individual fails to requalify prior to the expiration date of a current certification period. Such failure to act shall void the renewal date and a commission-approved minimum twenty-hour basic firearms training course shall be repeated.

(B) Persons holding positions listed in Ohio Revised Code 109.78 in which such persons go armed while on duty shall be required, on an annual basis, to successfully complete a minimum of four hours of a firearms requalification course approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission. In order to requalify, a person must pass each student performance objective outlined in the firearms requalification course. Failure to pass any objective results in failure of the course.

(1) The renewal date for initial requalification shall be established as eighteen months from the completion date of the initial basic firearms training course. That date shall remain constant each year until such time as the individual fails to requalify prior to the expiration date of a current certification period. Such failure to act shall void the renewal date and the basic firearms training course must be repeated.

(2) Requalification shall be valid for a period of twelve months from the date of completion of the firearms requalification course.

(3) Individuals may requalify in one of the following timeframes:

(a) Within ninety days of their expiration date without affecting the renewal date; or

(b) More than ninety days prior to the expiration date which will establish a new renewal date. The new renewal date shall be twelve months from the date of the current requalification course.

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(4) Individuals who fail to requalify prior to the expiration date shall repeat a commission-approved minimum twenty-hour basic firearms training course.