

TITLE 58  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SERIES 46  
REGULATIONS FOR HANDLING AND FIRING OF FIREARMS

**§58-46-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. -- Legislative rules and regulations relating to the minimum requirements for handling and firing of firearms.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §61-7-2(e)

1.3. Filing Date. -- December 30, 1982

1.4. Effective Date. -- January 1, 1983

**§58-46-2. General Regulations.**

2.1. Certification. -- In order for applicant to meet the minimum requirements as prescribed in these regulations, conservation officers are hereby vested with the power and duties to certify those applicants as having met the minimum requirements as prescribed by regulation.

2.2. Forms. -- Certification of all applicants shall be on such forms as prescribed by director.

2.3. Validity. -- Certification of all applicants that they have met the minimum requirements shall be valid for the same period of time that the license has been granted.

2.4. Renewal. -- A person must be re-certified as having met the minimum requirements each time a license is renewed.

2.5. Failure to Meet Requirements. -- Any applicant who fails to meet those requirements as prescribed in each Section 4 or 5 of this regulation shall not be certified.

**§7-58-3. Minimum Requirements.**

3.1. Training. -- Each applicant must complete the basic pistol or revolver firearms training course as prescribed in Section 4 or Section 5 of this regulation.

3.2. Completion. -- The prescribed course must have been completed prior to the date of issuance of license.

**§58-46-4. Minimum Requirements For Those Persons Who Have Not Had Previous Firearms Training With A Pistol Or Revolver.**

4.1. Must be able by written examination and practical demonstration to satisfy the certifying officer of the applicant's proficiency in the handling and firing of the weapon for which a license is requested. Passing grade on the written examination shall not be less than seventy percent (70%) of total possible score.

**§58-46-5. Minimum Requirements For Those Persons Who Have Had Previous Firearms Training With A Pistol Or Revolver.**

5.1. Any person who has received previous training in the handling and firing of any pistol or revolver, such as law enforcement officers, military personnel or members of civilian pistol teams, may be certified by completing a questionnaire form as prescribed by the director.

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Chapter ~~61-7~~<sup>e</sup>  
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Section 1. General

1.01. Scope - Legislative rules and regulations relating to the minimum requirements for handling and firing of firearms.

1.02. Authority - Code of West Virginia §61-7-2(e).

1.03. Filing Date - ~~These regulations were filed June 8, 1975, and refiled December 30, 1982, to become effective January 1, 1983, and shall remain in effect unless otherwise amended or new regulations are issued by the Director.~~

1.4 Effective Date - January 1, 1983

Section 2. General Regulations

2.01. Certification - In order for applicant to meet the minimum requirements as prescribed in these regulations, conservation officers are hereby vested with the power and duties to certify those applicants as having met the minimum requirements as prescribed by regulation.

2.02. Forms - Certification of applicants shall be on such forms as prescribed by director.

2.03. Validity - Certification of all applicants that they have met the minimum requirements shall be valid for the same period of time that the license has been granted.

2.04. Renewal - A person must be re-certified as having met the minimum requirements each time a license is renewed.

2.05. Failure to Meet Requirements - Any applicant who fails to meet those requirements as prescribed in section 4 or 5 of this regulation shall not be certified.

Section 3. Minimum Requirements

3.01. Training - each applicant must complete the basic pistol or revolver firearms training course as prescribed in Section 4 or Section 5 of this regulation.

3.02. Completion - The prescribed course must have been completed prior to the date of issuance of license.

Section 4. Minimum requirements for Those Persons Who Have Not Had Previous Firearms Training With a Pistol or Revolver

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handling and firing of the weapon for which a license is requested. Passing grade on the written examination shall not be less than 70 percent of total possible score.

Section 5. Minimum Requirements for Those Persons Who Have Had Previous Firearms Training With a Pistol or Revolver

5.01. Any person who has received previous training in the handling and firing of any pistol or revolver, such as law enforcement officers, military personnel or members of civilian pistol teams, may be certified by completing a questionnaire form as prescribed by the director.