

FAA Air Marshal Qualification Drill

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Overview:

This firearms qualification drill is designed to challenge even the most experienced shooters. It is used by the Federal Air Marshal Service to assess advanced marksmanship and performance under time pressure. Caution: Many public shooting ranges are not equipped for this level of training-especially stages that require lateral movement across shooting lanes or a wide field of fire.

Stage	Description	Reps	Start Position	Time (sec)	Rounds
1	Single shot	2	From concealment	3.30 total	2
2	Two rounds (double tap)	2	Low ready	2.70 total	4
3	Six rounds on target	1	Low ready	3.00	6
4	Fire, reload, fire	2	Low ready	6.50 total	4
5	Two targets, 3 yds apart	2	Low ready	3.30 total	4
6	Turn & fire (3 targets)	2	From concealment	7.00	6
7	Slide lock to kneeling reload	2	Low ready	8.00	4

Additional Notes:

- Stage 1: Draw and fire one shot from concealment twice; total time must not exceed 3.30 seconds.
- Stage 2: Two double-taps from low ready; each pair should average 1.35 seconds.
- Stage 3: Fire six rounds with a split time under 0.60 seconds between each shot.
- Stage 4: Fire one, reload, fire again-twice. Total time must be 6.50 seconds or less.
- Stage 5: One shot per target at two targets spaced three yards apart.
- Stage 6: Engage left, center, and right targets from a 180 pivot-typically not allowed indoors.
- Stage 7: Load one round, fire to lockback, reload while dropping to a knee, fire again. Twice in 8 seconds.

A total of 30 shots are fired from seven yards at an FBI "QIT" bottle-shaped target within 33.8 seconds. Scoring: 5 points per shot inside the bottle, 2 points for edge or outside. Minimum score to pass is 135 out of 150. All stages must be successfully completed to qualify. Air Marshals must be U.S. citizens, under age 37, and eligible for a Top Secret clearance.

"If you don't qualify, you don't fly."