

Mastering the FBI Pistol Qualification Course

A Benchmark for Concealed Carriers and Armed Professionals

The FBI's revised pistol qualification course, updated in 2019, is one of the most respected handgun qualification drills in the U.S. While designed for federal agents, this course is also an excellent benchmark for CCW holders, armed guards, and anyone who takes defensive shooting seriously.

The course consists of 50 rounds fired at a QIT-99 silhouette target. Hits inside the bottle-shaped outline score 2 points each, with a maximum score of 100. A passing score is 90 points (45 hits).

Definitions:

- From the Holster: Start with your firearm holstered. Draw on the timer, then fire.
- Low Ready: Firearm is pointed downward at 45°, ready but not aimed.

Breakdown:

3 Yards:

- Draw & fire 3 rounds (strong hand) - 6 sec
- Switch hands, fire 3 rounds (support hand) - 6 sec

5 Yards:

- Draw & fire 3 rounds - 3 sec
- Low ready: fire 3 rounds - 2 sec
- Low ready: fire 6 rounds - 4 sec

7 Yards:

- Draw & fire 5 rounds - 5 sec
- Low ready: fire 4, reload, fire 4 - 8 sec
- Low ready: fire 5 rounds - 4 sec

15 Yards:

- Draw & fire 3 rounds - 6 sec
- Low ready: fire 3 rounds - 5 sec

25 Yards:

- Draw & fire 4 (standing), drop to kneel, fire 4 - 20 sec

This course tests your speed, accuracy, one-handed shooting, reloading under stress, and ability to adapt to movement and distance. It's not easy-but that's the point.

Most people fail it the first time. But it gives an honest assessment of your defensive readiness.

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