

Civilian Carry Assessment and Range Evaluation

This Civilian Carry Assessment and Range Evaluation (CCARE) protocol replaces the Permit to Carry Safe Handling and Proficiency Qualification protocol (HQC2-modified) issued on July 21, 2023. An individual who has satisfied the HQC2-modified protocol is deemed to have met the requirements of the CCARE protocol for purposes of complying with N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4(g)(2).

1. **Familiarization Requirements for Each Participant**
 - a. Demonstrate the safe handling of weapon.
 - b. Demonstrate proper loading and unloading techniques.
 - c. Demonstrate the techniques of a proper concealed carry draw.
 - d. Demonstrate the techniques of good marksmanship.
2. **Range** – 15 yards.
3. **Target** – FBI type Q target, either paper or cardboard. Multiple targets may be used at the discretion of the supervising firearms instructor.
4. **Course**
 - a. Total of 50 rounds per participant.
 - b. Double action is required for revolvers for all phases. Semi-automatics are to be fired in the manner in which the individual weapon functions normally and are to be decocked, if applicable, when changing positions or hands.
 - c. Reloading may take place as needed under the supervision of the firearms instructor to accomplish the course.
 - d. To achieve a passing score of 80%, the participant must place a minimum of 40 shots within the border of the Q target silhouette during the untimed course of fire. The participant must also demonstrate safe handling throughout, including safe loading, unloading, drawing, and re-holstering.
 - e. The participant must perform the following strings of fire from each of the following distances: 3 yards, 5 yards, 7 yards, 10 yards, and 15 yards:

- i. On command, from a secured and concealed holster position, draw and fire 5 rounds. Holster a safe, decocked, if applicable, weapon.
- ii. Repeat the string of fire twice, firing a total of 10 rounds.
- iii. Reload if required and holster a safe, decocked, if applicable, weapon.
- iv. At the end of the course of fire, clear all weapons, and holster a safe and empty weapon.

5. **Substantially Equivalent Courses.** An individual who completed a course of fire prior to the issuance of the CCARE Protocol is deemed to have satisfied N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4(g)(2) if and only if the prior course include each of the following:

- a. A minimum of 50 scored rounds per participant.
- b. Minimum passage score of 80% using an FBI type Q target.
- c. At least 10 rounds must be from the 15, 10, 7, 5, and 3 yard lines each. If fewer than 10 rounds were fired from those distances, the remaining rounds must have been fired from farther distances.
- d. The participant must demonstrate safe holstering and unholstering during the shooting course, which must include safely drawing the weapon from a secured holster before firing at each of the required distances and re-holstering after completing the round.
- e. The participant must demonstrate proficient and safe reloading during the shooting course.

No substantially similar courses completed after the CCARE Protocol is issued will be accepted.