

This bulletin provides information for our **Firearms Instructor Certification** programs.

Details

<u>Certification</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Requirement</u>
FI-1	Operational Essentials	5 days	Initial certification

Content: Operations: lawful guidelines, safety, mechanical functions, shooting fundamentals, operational strategies
Instructor: training process, instructor principles, practical instruction, instructor administration

FI-2	Advanced Operations	5 days	FI-1
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Content: Operations: survival mindset, low light, visual surveys, fire & movement, alternate carriage & positions, 1-hand drills, reactive shooting, weapon retention, officer down, post incident management, duty equipment;
Instructor: ballistics, stopping power, trauma management, use of force concepts, public safety fitness & health, extensive live fire tactical skills & drills for instructor development; includes Range Safety Officer Certification

Note: the instructor certification presumes successful completion and currency of prior licensing or agency firearms training. Candidates who have not passed prior firearms training must attend the basic user certification and gain appropriate experience before attending the instructor course. Candidates can only gain instructor certification or recertification in the firearm they are currently certified in.

Benefits

- Comprehensive and professional instructor programs
- Full color manuals with detailed explanations and step-by-step visuals
- Healthy open-air range environment, allowing for focused and varied range practice
- Qualified, experienced trainers with a positive attitude of shared professionalism

Prerequisites

- Current firearms license or equivalent agency certification/experience
- Operational competency for revolver, pistol (intermediate UOF training recommended)
- Trainer qualification or equivalent instructor certification/experience (recommended)

Preparation

These criteria are offered as guidelines for candidates to participate in the instructor certification. The final responsibility regarding the ability to participate in the program rests with each candidate.

- Possess an average fitness level and can stand for extended periods
- Assume various shooting positions safely and be able to rise unassisted
- Draw firearm from holster and hold at arms length and eye level for a period
- Have adequate grip strength to control firearm during recoil
- Have adequate finger strength to operate firearm in double-action mode in 2 or 1 handed grip
- Have adequate hand/finger dexterity to safely and effectively manipulate firearm
- Have sufficient eyesight to focus on firearm sights at arm's length and visually identify targets at distances up to 10m (corrective lenses permitted)
- Hear range commands while wearing hearing protection

Candidates are recommended to prepare appropriately to ensure that they have a thorough understanding of the security firearms certification. A liability release is to be completed by each candidate on course commencement.

Equipment & Resources

We provide:

- Comprehensive training manual
- Administrative paperwork
- Firearm targets, venue costs

Candidates to provide:

- Duty uniform (operations/instructor) & duty rig (firearm, holster, ammunition pouches, etc)
- Protective equipment (eyes & ears) & weather-related gear (as required)
- Ammunition: Level 1 = **300** rounds *per firearm*, Level 2 = **1000** rounds (minimum)
- Instructor equipment (whistle, clipboard, pen, etc)



Location

Modern Combatives Facility: 116 Northgate Drive Thomastown, Melbourne Victoria (MelRef: 9 C10)

Oakleigh Pistol Club: Deals Rd Clayton, Melbourne Victoria (MelRef: 79 C10)

Certification

The program presumes that you have successfully undertaken a *Security Industry Firearms Certification* program or possess equivalent current competence from another agency/field.

It is a competency-based program, so mere attendance is no guarantee of certification.

During the program candidates will undertake a written theory assessment, practical skill evaluation and teaching evaluation. Competency in all components is required to successfully complete the program*.

The program aims to equip you with the skills and knowledge to present the *Security Industry Firearms Certification* program. It does *not* certify you to conduct instructor programs.

On successful completion, candidates will receive a *Firearms Instructor Certification*, and may then be eligible to apply for approval as a Firearms Instructor through their State regulatory authority†. To maintain certification, instructors should be actively involved in conducting firearms training programs, and must recertify every 3 years (VIC).

To reserve your place return the completed application form with payment. Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you on the course.

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*Candidates are permitted 2 opportunities to complete the assessment tasks required for competency. Assessments attained during the course remain valid for 30 days post course completion. Candidates who fail to complete any required assessment resits within this period will not be certified at that time, and may choose to undertake the program again at their own expense. Any remediation required outside the scheduled course dates will incur a remediation fee, invoiced at an hourly rate.

†Completion of this certification does not guarantee licensing as a firearms instructor. Instructors must comply with State requirements regarding licensing in all jurisdictions. All States require licence holders to be a fit and proper person, with restrictions on applicants for licences with convictions for certain offences. Some States also have requirements regarding industry experience as a prerequisite for licensing as an instructor. Check with your local regulatory authority for specific details.