

661—91.10(724) Application for approved training organization for permits to carry weapons.

91.10(1) Firearm training organizations seeking approval by the Iowa department of public safety to certify individuals as handgun safety training instructors eligible to offer handgun safety training shall meet the criteria outlined in this rule, such as the years of training experience of the organization's primary point of contact or owner, and shall maintain student records, an active website URL, and the ability of the organization's instructors and primary point of contact or owner to legally possess and carry firearms. A firearm training organization seeking approval shall submit the following:

a. A certificate of existence from the Iowa secretary of state issued within 60 days of application or, if a non-Iowa corporation, a certificate of authority to do business in Iowa.

b. The course syllabi or lesson plans and the goals or objectives for instructor certification courses, which shall show that instructor candidates who successfully complete the courses possess knowledge, competence, and demonstrated proficiency in the area of handgun safety instruction and operation.

c. The course syllabi or lesson plans and the goals or objectives for general student courses, which shall demonstrate that students will receive the basic requirements for a permit to carry a weapon as established by the Iowa department of public safety. The courses shall include:

(1) Instruction in current Iowa laws related to use of deadly force, reasonable force, defense of home, and defense of property;

(2) Instruction in basic handgun safety, safe handling, safe storage, and safe cleaning; and

(3) Instruction in handgun nomenclature and the operation of pistols and revolvers.

d. A copy of the certificate to be issued by the organization to instructors who complete the program.

e. A copy of the résumé and firearm-related training credentials of the individual serving as the organization's primary point of contact or owner, which shall demonstrate a minimum of five years of cumulative experience as a firearm instructor. This experience shall include firearm instructor duties related to military service or firearm instructor certification by the National Rifle Association or by an organization approved by the Iowa department of public safety pursuant to Iowa Code section 724.9A as enacted by 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 756, section 20, or by the Iowa law enforcement academy or another state's department of public safety, state police department, or similar certifying body.

f. A written description of how the organization will maintain instructor records.

g. A written description of how the organization will maintain proficiency of instruction, including staying abreast of statutory changes that may affect what is being taught, and will ensure the instructional practices and integrity of instructors.

h. The URL of a website containing a list of certified instructors or an electronic application that allows users to search and validate instructor credentials.

i. An application processing fee of \$500 (the certification of approval is valid for five years).

91.10(2) A firearm training organization seeking to renew its certification of approval must submit:

a. Current lesson plans or course syllabi and course goals or objectives.

b. A certificate of existence from the Iowa secretary of state issued within 60 days of application or, if a non-Iowa corporation, a certificate of authority to do business in Iowa.

c. A copy of the updated credentials of the organization's primary point of contact or owner (submit all documentation demonstrating qualification to provide oversight of firearm training instructors). These credentials must include a minimum of five years of verifiable firearm instructor experience.

d. An application processing fee of \$500 (the certification of approval is valid for five years).

91.10(3) The Iowa department of public safety may deny, suspend, or revoke the certification of approval of a firearm training organization if the department has reason to believe that the organization or its primary point of contact or owner has:

a. Become ineligible to possess a firearm under Iowa Code chapter 724 or federal law;

b. Knowingly and willfully provided false information to the department;

c. Provided instruction contrary to the established and approved curriculum; or

d. Failed to meet any portion of the instructor certification guidelines as originally approved.

91.10(4) An applicant for certification as a firearm training organization or a certified firearm permit-to-carry instructor has the same appeal rights as set forth in rule 661—91.7(724).

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