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.