

Instructions for Completion of the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) Application

Section A: This section is to be completed by a separated law enforcement officer who is a resident of the State of Minnesota and intends to carry a firearm as permitted by U.S. federal law under the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act Improvements Act of 2010. Minnesota residency and a photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual separated from service as a law enforcement officer are required.

A “separated law enforcement officer” means an officer separated in good standing from a public agency who served as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of ten years or more.

Section B: This section is to be completed by a certified firearms instructor after the separated law enforcement officer named in Section A has been tested and found to meet the Minnesota Department of Public Safety standards for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm (see below).

Important: Receiving the statutorily mandated training and obtaining this wallet card ensures compliance with only part of the requirement of the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act Improvements Act of 2010.

Separated law enforcement officers must also comply with the other requirements of the Act.

Minnesota Department of Public Safety Standards For Active Law Enforcement Officers to Carry A Firearm

- I. Score a 70% or higher on this shooting qualification exercise:
 - A. 3-yard line
 - 3 rounds fired in 3 seconds, repeat 3 times, two-handed grip
(9 rounds total)
 - B. 5-yard line
 - 5 rounds, two-handed grip
 - 5 rounds, strong hand, one-handed grip
 - 4 rounds, weak hand, two-handed grip
(14 rounds total)
 - C. 7-yard line
 - 8 live rounds and at least 3 orange dummy rounds, load and fire, clearing malfunctions as they occur, two-handed grip
 - 4 rounds, two-handed grip
 - 4 rounds, two-handed grip
 - 3 rounds, two-handed grip
(19 rounds total)
 - D. 15-yard line
 - 4 rounds shooting around or over a barricade, two-handed grip
 - 4 rounds shooting around or over a barricade from a different angle, two-handed grip
(8 rounds total)

Scoring – 1 point for each hit inside silhouette

- II. Demonstrate and/or explain the safe handling of firearms including
 - Safely and correctly loading and unloading firearm
 - Safely and correctly holstering and drawing firearm
 - Safely and correctly clearing malfunctions
 - Safely and correctly maintaining firearms
 - Handling and storing of firearms in compliance with Minnesota Statute 609.666
- III. Explain the circumstances that justify the use of deadly force
- IV. Identify situations and considerations involved in determining whether the use of a firearm is appropriate, including:
 - Physical environment
 - Number of threatening persons involved
 - Other weapons present
 - Presence of bystanders, hostages or other innocent persons
 - Presence of police officers or others who may provide assistance
 - Personal proficiency with the firearm
 - Potential for ricochet and projectile penetration
- V. Describe the effective and safe range for the weapon to be carried
- VI. Demonstrate and /or explain the ability to deal with special problems associated with the use of firearms in low light and in adverse weather, such as:
 - Muzzle flash
 - Target identification
 - Target accuracy
 - Firearms malfunction
 - Firearms control
 - Use of gloves
 - Reduced mobility in drawing and firing a firearm due to heavy clothing
 - Limitation of access to a firearm due to heavy outer clothing
 - Impact of cold weather in reducing motor function of extremities