

**RULES
OF
THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY**

**CHAPTER 1340-02-03
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY APPROVED ENHANCED HANDGUN SAFETY PROGRAM**

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1340-02-03-.01 PURPOSE AND SCOPE.

To establish uniform, statewide, minimum standards for the certification of Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools and instructors for non-police residents of Tennessee, and the approval of those programs under the provisions of T.C.A. § 39-17-1351.

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1340-02-03-.02 DEFINITIONS.

- (1) Commercially Manufactured Ammunition – Ammunition manufactured by a company and/or business properly licensed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
- (2) Commissioner – The Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety.
- (3) Department – The Tennessee Department of Safety.
- (4) Director – A person designated by the Commissioner to plan, organize, and administer the Enhanced Handgun Carry Permit Safety Program.
- (5) Enhanced Handgun Safety Course – A course of instruction outlined herein which provides education in the fundamentals of handgun safety and the use and operation of handguns for non-police residents of Tennessee.
- (6) Enhanced Handgun Safety Program – A Department approved Handgun Safety Course as required by T.C.A. § 39-17-1351 as amended.
- (7) Enhanced Handgun Safety School – A private organization, individual, corporation, governmental body, or other public entity approved by the Department to conduct Enhanced Handgun Safety Courses.
- (8) Eye Protection – Meets or exceeds American National Standard Institute (ANSI) 87.1 Standard.
- (9) Firing Line – A line, from which, gunfire is directed toward targets.

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- (10) Firing Range – A location, at which, firearms training is conducted with live ammunition.
- (11) Hearing Protection – Meets or exceeds ANSI S3.19-1974 Standards.
- (12) Instructor – An individual either approved by the Department to conduct an Enhanced Handgun Safety Course for private entities, or a full-time, salaried, POST certified law enforcement officer approved as a firearm instructor by the chief administrative officer of their agency and who conducts Enhanced Handgun Safety Courses for their agency or another Enhanced Handgun Safety School.
- (13) POST – Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission.
- (14) Range Safety Officer – Any person who supervises range activities and range operations.
- (15) Student – Any person enrolled in an Enhanced Handgun Safety School.
- (16) Unprofessional Conduct – Conduct detrimental to the best interests of the public, including conduct contrary to recognized standards that endangers the health, safety or welfare of a participant in the program or the public.
- (17) Workday – Any day when the Department offices are open to the public.

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1340-02-03-.03 ENHANCED HANDGUN TRAINING SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS.

- (1) Any organization that seeks to provide the Enhanced Handgun Safety Course and to issue training certificates for the purpose of allowing individuals to apply for an Enhanced Handgun Carry Permit under T.C.A. § 39-17-1351, must qualify as an Enhanced Handgun Safety School.
- (2) All Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools must agree to conduct a standardized Enhanced Handgun Safety Course which meet or exceed the minimum standards set forth herein. Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools must submit alternate material to the Department for approval before use.
- (3) Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools shall use only those instructors which meet the minimum qualifications set forth in 1340-02-03-.06 or, for the legal portion only, an attorney not certified as an instructor.
- (4) Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools shall be responsible for all phases of the Enhanced Handgun Safety Program including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Assuring all Departmental rules and regulations are complied with;
 - (b) Maintaining accurate records of all program costs, student participation, accident and incident reports, and providing these records to the Director for inspection upon request;

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- (c) Advising the Department, immediately, of any change(s) in the information supplied on their application;
 - (d) Securing and maintaining the classroom and range sites, while in use as an approved Enhanced Handgun Safety Course;
 - (e) Ensuring that all students complete a release, waiver, and indemnification form supplied by the Department;
 - (f) Providing, to the Director, schedules of Enhanced Handgun Safety Courses upon request;
 - (g) Providing any additional records or reports as requested by the Director;
 - (h) A copy of all records shall be maintained by the Enhanced Handgun Safety School for a minimum of five (5) years; and
 - (i) Being available for periodic inspection and in-class monitoring by the Department.
- (5) Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools which meet the minimum qualifications and provisions herein, and upon the discretion of the Commissioner, will be approved to provide Enhanced Handgun Safety Courses and will be issued a certification by the Department.
- (a) Enhanced Handgun Safety School certification shall be valid for a period of one year.
 - (b) Schools must renew by submitting an application annually, no less than thirty (30) days prior to expiration of current certification.

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1340-02-03-.04 APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

- (1) Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools:
- (a) Any agency, organization, corporation, individual, governmental body, or other public entity approved by the Director that agrees to comply with the rules set forth herein may apply for an Enhanced Handgun Safety School certification;
 - (b) They shall make application on forms supplied by the Department;
 - (c) They shall pay the application fees specified in 1340-02-03-.08;
 - (d) Upon receipt, the Department will process the application and conduct an on-site inspection of the facilities if the Director deems it necessary; and
 - (e) The applicant will be contacted, via U.S. Mail or email, and advised of the approval or denial of the application. If the application is denied, the applicant will be informed within thirty (30) days of the reason and what steps may be taken, if any, to approve the application.
- (2) Instructors:

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- (a) Any persons who meet the qualifications outlined in Section 1340-02-03-.06 of these rules may make application on forms supplied by the Department;
- (b) Shall pay the application fees specified in 1340-02-03-.08;
- (c) Upon receipt, the Department will process the application and request additional information if the Director deems it necessary; and,
- (d) The applicant will be contacted via U.S. Mail or email, and advised of the approval or denial of the application. If the application is denied, the applicant will be informed within thirty (30) days of the reason and what steps may be taken, if any, to approve the application.
- (e) Inspectors must renew by submitting an application every three years, no less than thirty (30) days prior to expiration of current certification.

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1340-02-03-.05 ENHANCED HANDGUN SAFETY COURSE REQUIREMENTS.

- (1) Each Enhanced Handgun Safety Course shall consist of two (2) separate, but interrelated areas of instruction: classroom and firing range.
- (2) Each Enhanced Handgun Safety Course shall be approximately six (6) hours of instruction including a ten (10) minute break each hour. The course shall be divided into two areas of instruction;
 - (a) Four (4) hours of classroom instruction; and
 - (b) Two (2) hours on the range, depending on class size and instructor to student ratio. The range portion shall provide adequate time for students to display proper safety procedures.
- (3) Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools shall utilize the current standardized instructional outline material, and other media provided by the Department. No other material may be presented or delivered to any student during the class.
- (4) Current standardized instructional outline, material, and other media will be provided to each approved Enhanced Safety School.
- (5) Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools may utilize other instructional material specifically regarding facility/range safety or firearm safety provided they:
 - (a) Submit a written request to the Director and receive written approval;
 - (b) Furnish the Department a copy of the proposed material, lesson plan on incorporating the material, and source documents, if any; and
 - (c) The Director has discretion to approve or disapprove any requests for additional instructional material.

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- (6) Only state certified instructors and attorneys delivering the legal portion of the class may present during the class.
 - (a) Outside vendors and sales presentations may not participate during any portion of the instruction.
 - (b) Nothing prohibits presentations before or after a class, so long as it is not mandated that students participate in order to receive credit for the Enhanced Handgun Safety class.
- (7) A written examination and handgun firing qualification shall be administered to each student.
 - (a) The written exam shall consist of a core of standardized questions provided by the Department;
 - (b) The handgun firing qualification shall, as a minimum, include the course of fire specified by the Department;
 - (c) A minimum score of seventy percent (70%) must be achieved on the written examination and firing qualification separately to successfully pass the Enhanced Handgun Safety Course; and
 - (d) A copy of all scores shall be maintained by the Enhanced Handgun Safety School for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of the examinations.
- (8) Class size:
 - (a) The classroom shall be of sufficient size to adequately accommodate the total number of students;
 - (b) There shall be a minimum of one (1) instructor per fifty (50) students during the classroom instruction;
 - (c) There shall be a minimum of one (1) instructor per five (5) students during the actual live fire portion of the range instruction. Nothing shall prohibit Range Safety Officers from providing safety for the range. Range Safety Officers may not count as instructors unless certified by the Department as an instructor; and
 - (d) In no case shall the number of students on the firing line exceed the number of established firing positions.
- (9) Students must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in T.C.A. § 39-17-1351(b) in order to attend an Enhanced Handgun Safety Course;
 - (a) Students who will qualify to apply for the Enhanced Handgun Carry Permit within one year of taking the Enhanced Handgun Safety Course will be eligible to take the course.
 - (b) Instructors will validate the students' age requirements prior to enrolling them into the Enhanced Handgun Safety Course.
- (10) While on, or within close proximity of an active firing line, all students, instructors, and observers must wear Department approved hearing and eye protection.
- (11) Type of ammunition:

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- (a) All ammunition used by students during training shall be of quality, commercial manufacture.
 - (b) Reloaded ammunition is acceptable only if it is of commercial manufacture.
 - (c) Ammunition must comply with restrictions set forth by individual ranges.
 - (d) No black powder ammunition or multiple projectile ammunition is allowed.
- (12) Type of handguns:
- (a) Handguns used by students shall be of quality manufacture and free from operational defects;
 - (b) All handguns must be inspected by an instructor prior to the firing range portion of the instruction, and if the handgun is deemed unsafe by the instructor, the handgun may not be used.
 - (c) No black powder handguns and only handguns that fire a single projectile with each trigger pull may be used. The Department shall not otherwise establish restrictions on the make, model, or caliber of handguns used by students in an Enhanced Handgun Safety Course; however, each School or range may establish restrictions on the caliber or type of handgun used in their course.
- (13) Scores must be submitted by an instructor to the Department within 72 hours from the conclusion of the class or the instructor must request an extension. Score submission may be done electronically online, email, or fax. In emergency situations in which there is no internet access, submissions may be made by phone and U.S. Mail.
- (14) It is not necessary for a student to take a Handgun Safety Course in their county of residence.

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1340-02-03-.06 INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS.

- (1) Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools shall use handgun instructors who meet the following minimum qualifications:
- (a) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
 - (b) Be eligible for the Enhanced Handgun Carry Permit outlined in T.C.A. § 39-17-1351(b);
 - (c) Applicants shall not:
 - 1. Have been convicted of a felony offense, stalking offense, or domestic violence offense at any time;
 - 2. Have been convicted of any drug related offense or alcohol related offense in the past ten (10) years;

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3. Be subject to an active order of protection; or
 4. Be disqualified from purchasing, possessing, or carrying a firearm at the time of application.
- (d) Shall submit proof of the completion of a firearm/handgun instructor training course consisting of a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours and have a curriculum approved by the Department; and
 - (e) Shall possess an instructor certificate issued by the Department. Certificates are valid for three (3) years from the date of issuance. Instructors must renew by submitting an application every three (3) years, not less than thirty (30) days prior to expiration of current certification.
- (2) Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools may utilize attorneys who are not Department Certified Instructors to instruct only that portion of classroom instruction directly related to the legal liabilities and other legal aspects of the instruction.

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1340-02-03-.07 FIRING RANGE REQUIREMENTS.

- (1) Ranges shall be of adequate size to safely accommodate the number of students being trained.
- (2) Ranges are to be constructed in such a manner as to ensure the safety of the students, instructors, spectators, and all others in the immediate area.
- (3) Access to the ranges should be limited, with controlled points of ingress.
- (4) Warning signs, flags, lights, and/or audible devices shall be utilized to ensure safety to others.
- (5) All ranges shall have a first aid kit consisting of, at a minimum, a tourniquet, bandages, gauze, nitrile gloves, surgical tape, and trauma shears while the class is in session.
- (6) All ranges shall have ready access to a telephone or other communication devices in the event of an emergency situation while class is in session.
- (7) All ranges must comply with all applicable state, county, and municipal ordinances/laws.
- (8) All firing shall be done on a standard silhouette type targets approved by the Director.
- (9) The overall safety of any firing range shall be determined by the Director. Any firing range determined to be unsafe may have its Enhanced Handgun Safety School certification suspended or denied until the range is made safe.

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1340-02-03-.08 FEES.

- (1) Fees charged by Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools for the instruction of students shall not be established by the Department and are considered individual contracts between the student and Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools.
- (2) Application Fees:
 - (a) Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools making application to the Department shall pay an application fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the Department. There is no fee to apply for annual renewals.
 - (b) Schools operated by governmental bodies or other public entities approved by the Department to conduct Enhanced Handgun Safety Courses are exempt from paying a fee if they provide the course for free.
- (3) Instructors making application to the Department shall pay an application fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to the Department. There is no fee to apply for renewals.

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1340-02-03-.09 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

- (1) Each Enhanced Handgun Safety School must obtain, maintain, and provide evidence of financial responsibility as a condition of approval for certification.
- (2) Schools operated by governmental bodies or other public entities approved by the Department to conduct Enhanced Handgun Safety Courses are exempt from the insurance requirement if they meet the requirements under the Governmental Tort Liability provisions of T.C.A. Title 29, Chapter 20.
- (3) All Enhanced Handgun Safety Schools may comply with the financial responsibility requirement by providing the Department one (1) of the following:
 - (a) Written proof of liability insurance coverage provided by a single limit policy with a limit of not less than three hundred thousand (\$300,000) applicable to one (1) accident;
 - (b) Written proof of liability insurance provided by a split limit policy with a limit of not less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for bodily injury to or death of one (1) person, not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for bodily injury or death of two (2) or more persons in any one (1) accident and not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for damage to property in any one (1) accident;
 - (c) A deposit of cash in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000);
 - (d) The execution and filing of a bond in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000); or

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- (e) The filing of a surety in an amount of not less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) subject to the approval of the Director.
- (4) No policy or bond shall be effective unless it bears an issuance and expiration date, is issued by an insurance company or surety company licensed to do business in this state and unless such policy or bond provides security not less than the amounts specified in 1340-02-03-.09(3).
- (5) This requirement does not preclude insurance which, by its nature, provides coverage for this purpose as well as other general liability provisions.

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1340-02-03-.10 SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, OR DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION.

- (1) The Commissioner, or designee, may, upon receipt of satisfactory evidence from the Handgun Permit Unit, suspend, revoke, refuse to issue, or refuse to renew the certification of an Enhanced Handgun Safety School or handgun instructor if:
 - (a) The holder of any certificate fails to comply with the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Department or any associated state statute;
 - (b) The holder of any certificate fails to maintain eligibility requirements by:
 - 1. Having been convicted of a felony offense, stalking offense, or domestic violence offense at any time;
 - 2. Having been convicted of any drug related offense or alcohol related offense in the past ten (10) years;
 - 3. Currently being subject to an active order of protection; or
 - 4. Be disqualified from purchasing, possessing, or carrying a firearm at the time of application.
 - (c) The holder of any certification has made a false statement or has concealed a material fact in connection with their application;
 - (d) The holder of any certification has been guilty of a fraudulent practice in attempting to obtain for themselves or another certification;
 - (e) Written notice of the cancellation of insurance or bond required by the regulation is received by the Department and the certificate holder does not present satisfactory evidence of financial responsibility to the Department prior to the effective date of the cancellation;
 - (f) The holder of any certification engages in illegal, unsafe, or other behavior that the Director deems as unprofessional; or
 - (g) The holder of any certification fails to maintain the minimum standards established herein.

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- (2) Any suspension, revocation, or denial of certification issued for violation of these rules and regulations shall be governed by the contested case provisions of T.C.A. Title 4, Chapter 5 of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.
 - (a) A proposed suspension may be initiated if the Department finds any violation set forth in these rules and regulations.
 1. If any violations of these rules and regulations are found, the Department shall notify the certificate holder of the violation in writing and electronically. The certificate holder shall have thirty (30) days from the date of the notice to show satisfactory compliance to the Director or designated Department representative.
 2. If, after thirty (30) days from the date of the violation notice, the certificate holder has failed to comply with the rules and regulations set forth, the Department shall issue a Notice of Proposed Suspension by mail and electronically to the certificate holder advising the holder of the reason for this action or intended action of the Department and of the opportunity for an administrative hearing before a hearing officer. The Administrative Hearing request must be submitted in writing to the Department within thirty (30) days from receipt of the Notice of Proposed Suspension.
 3. The Department shall provide the certificate holder a hearing before a hearing officer on the date and time specified in the notice. The sole issue to be considered is whether the certificate holder violated any rules set forth in these rules and regulations. An Initial Order will be entered by the hearing officer within thirty (30) days of the completed hearing. If the certificate holder fails to request a hearing or fails to appear for the administrative hearing, the hearing officer will issue an Initial Order of Suspension.
 4. If the hearing officer upholds the findings of the Department, an Initial Order of Suspension will be issued and a copy will be mailed to the certificate holder.
 - (b) A summary suspension shall be initiated against the certificate holder if the Department finds that public health, safety, or welfare to themselves or others requires immediate action.
 1. Prior to the institution of the Department proceedings, the Department shall give notice by mail and electronically to the certificate holder of the fact or conduct that warrants the intended action, and it will state that the certificate holder shall be given an opportunity to show compliance with all lawful requirements for retention of the license. If the Department finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, a summary (emergency) suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action. These proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined. In issuing an Order of Summary Suspension, the Department shall use one (1) of the following procedures:
 - (i) The Department shall issue a notice to the certificate holder providing an opportunity for a prompt hearing, review, or conference before the Director prior to the issuance of an Order of Summary Suspension; or
 - (ii) The Department shall proceed with the summary suspension and notify the certificate holder of the opportunity for a hearing before the Director within

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seven (7) business days of the issuance of the Order of Summary Suspension.

- (c) The notice provided to the certificate holder may be provided by any reasonable means. It shall inform the certificate holder of the reason for the action or intended action of the agency and of the opportunity for an informal hearing, review, or conference before the Director. The informal hearing, review, or conference described by this section shall not be required to be held under the contested case provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. The hearing, review, or conference is intended to provide a reasonable opportunity for the certificate holder to present the holder's version of the situation to the Director. Whether the hearing, review, or conference is held before or after an Order of Summary Suspension, the sole issue to be considered is whether the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively required emergency action by the Department.

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1340-02-03-.11 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR STUDENTS.

- (1) Students who successfully complete an Enhanced Handgun Safety Course conducted by a certified Enhanced Handgun Safety School shall be issued a Department certificate of completion.
 - (a) The certificate shall bear the following information:
 - 1. Student name and Drivers License number or Personal Identification License;
 - 2. Safety School name and ID number;
 - 3. Instructor name and ID number; and
 - 4. Date of issuance.

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1340-02-03-.12 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

- (1) The rules, regulations, and requirements established herein are minimums and may be exceeded.
- (2) No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be brought onto, consumed, or stored on the premises of any Enhanced Handgun Training School site during classroom/range instruction.
- (3) No prohibited weapons, as defined by T.C.A. § 39-17-1302, of any type will be possessed by any person at or in the approved classroom of any site when an Enhanced Handgun Safety Course is being conducted.

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- (4) Any authorized representative of the Department shall be permitted to inspect the Enhanced Handgun Safety School site at any time during normal State business hours, as defined in T.C.A. § 4-4-105 or during the conducting of an Enhanced Handgun Safety Course.
- (5) No solicitation of students of the Enhanced Handgun Safety Course may take place while the Course is being conducted. No vendor may sponsor a course or advertise in person, video, or through printed material while the course is being conducted.
- (6) Upon request, schools must provide the Department an up-to-date schedule of Enhanced Handgun Safety training classes.
- (7) Instructors are required to report as soon as possible, but no longer than 12 hours, to the Department all serious bodily injuries which occur to participants or the public stemming from instructing the Enhanced Handgun Safety Course.

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