

SPECIALIZED FIREARMS AND PHYSICAL FITNESS INSTRUCTOR RENEWALS - FAQs

Firearms

Effective January 1, 2016 Specialized Firearms Instructors are required to achieve a minimum score of **92%** on the BLET Day and Night Qualification Course **once** during the 3-year instructor certification period. The qualification must be done by another certified Specialized Firearms Instructor, utilizing the B-27 target, and be recorded on the F9A or the BLET Firearms Qualification Form, located [here](#).

1. May the Specialized Firearms Instructor renewal also be used to satisfy annual in-service firearms qualification, or vice versa?
Yes, provided the agency allows the officer to satisfy in-service firearms requirements using the BLET qualification course, and utilizes the B-27 target. Since these are separate requirements, Form F-9A (Firearms Qualification Record) must be completed to document each officer's In-Service Firearms Training requirements.
2. Does renewal for Specialized Firearms Instructor require a passing a score 2 out of 3 attempts, as in BLET?
*No. For purposes of instructor renewal, a person only has to qualify **one time** in their 3 year certification period.*
3. Does the Specialized Firearms Instructor who is renewing need to qualify with each duty-issued weapon?
No. Qualification should be with the service handgun.
4. Are the targets used supposed to be what is used on the BLET course?
Yes, the targets will be the B27.

Physical Fitness

1. What must be done to maintain my Specialized Physical Fitness Instructor certification?
*You must pass the Police Officer Physical Ability Test **once** during your 3-year instructor certification period. The POPAT must be conducted by another certified Specialized Physical Fitness Instructor, and recorded on the POPAT Post-Course Form, located [here](#).*
2. What happens if at the end of the certification period the instructor has failed to meet the requirements listed above (Physical Fitness or Firearms)?
The instructor certification will not be renewed and he/she will not be allowed to deliver instruction within that specific discipline.

*Proof of proficiency (BLET Handgun Qualification form, and/or POPAT Post-Course form) **must** be attached to the Instructor Renewal application (F-12A) when submitted for renewal.

If you have any questions, please call Criminal Justice Standards Division at (919) 661-5980