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Training Requirements

CCW applicants must provide **ONE** of the following forms of firearms training.

1. A copy of a Hunter Education certificate from Wisconsin's Hunter Education program or a substantially similar program that is established by another state and recognized by the Department of Natural Resources. NOTE: Should your Wisconsin hunters education safety certificate become lost or destroyed, you may obtain another copy in one of three ways:
 1. Print it yourself from your Go Wild account online at GoWild.WI.Gov . Once logged into your account and at your homepage, click on "Student Dashboard" in the Safety Education section, and then click the "Print Awarded Certificates" icon to print for free.
 2. Visit a Go Wild [license agent](#) . A \$2 print processing fee will apply.
 3. Visit a [DNR Service Center](#) during their regular scheduled hours. 

2. A copy of a current or expired CCW license from another state that has not been revoked for cause. You must also include form [DJ-LE-289](#)  affirming this fact.
3. Documentation of completion of small arms training while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard. Acceptable forms of documentation include a DD-214 or DD-256 form showing an honorable or general under honorable conditions discharge, a certificate of completion of basic training, or a service record of completion of small arms training.
4. A certification letter from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board or a letter from a Police Department stating you served as a police officer and completed training.
5. Documentation that you completed private security training from the Department of Safety and Professional Services or a similar course in another state. Training must include a Firearms Certification of Proficiency.
6. A certificate of completion from a firearms safety or training course that is conducted by a national or state organization that certifies firearms instructors, a law enforcement agency, technical college, college, university, or an instructor certified by a national or state organization that certifies firearms instructors. If you participate in one of these courses,

attach a copy of the certificate or affidavit from that course containing the following information:

- a. The applicant's name.
- b. The name of the firearms safety or training course.
- c. The date on which the applicant completed the firearms safety or training course.
- d. The name of the instructor who taught the firearms safety or training course to the applicant and the name of the agency or organization that certified the instructor.
- e. The certificate or affidavit must also include evidence that the course completed was a firearms safety or training course as defined in Jus 17.03(7).

Sufficient evidence consists of one of the following:

- i. A signed statement by the instructor who taught the firearms safety and training course affirming that the course met the specifications as defined in Jus 17.03(7).
- ii. Information on the certificate or affidavit sufficient to establish that the

course met the specifications as defined in Jus 17.03(7). The department

has provided a model training certificate for this purpose.

[📄 Model Certificate](#)

iii. A signed statement by the applicant that the course met the specification

as defined in Jus 17.03(7), see question #17 on

the [📄 application](#) [🔗](#) .

****Any one of the proof of training documents listed in #1-#6 are sufficient. For example, a person who submits a DNR hunter education certificate is not required to submit documentation of #2-#5.**

IMPORTANT

Wis. Stats. § 175.60(17)(c) provides for a criminal penalty for instructors who intentionally submit false documentation indicating that an individual has met the training requirements.

Informational Brochure

This informational brochure is enclosed with every concealed carry license and contains important information for licensees.

[📄 Informational Brochure](#) [🔗](#)

Eligibility to Instruct FAQ

This FAQ explains the minimum qualifications and requirements to instruct firearm safety and training courses that meet Wisconsin's training requirement.

  [Instructor FAQ](#) 

Model Training Curriculum

The Department of Justice has prepared a model four-hour curriculum, updated to reflect the adoption of permanent administrative rules effective June 1, 2013. This curriculum is available for use by law enforcement agencies and instructors certified by a national or state organization. The model curriculum is ready for use and includes a student text, instructor guide, additional instructor resources, and a model training certificate. This curriculum is not required—instructors may use the curriculum of a national or state organization, or develop their own, as long as that curriculum contains the minimum instructional topics specified under JUS 17.03(7). (DOJ-certified instructors must use this curriculum and the DOJ training certificate on WILENET.)



  [Student Textbook](#) 

  [Instructor Guide](#) 


 [PowerPoint](#)

  [Student Certificate](#) (not for use by DOJ instructors)

Instructor Resources

- 📄 [Joshua Lesnick article](#) 
- 📄 [Madison PD press release](#) 
- 📄 [Adams County press release](#) 
- 📄 [Walker press release](#) 
- 📄 [Walker criminal complaint](#) 
- 📄 [Daughter Accidentally Shot](#) 

Instructor Updates

The DOJ keeps this site up-to-date to provide the latest information to instructors. Instructors certified by a national or state organization may sign up for email bulletins regarding changes to instructor requirements or the CCW curriculum. To request this service, send an email [here](#)  .

Resources

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CERTIFICATION OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

I have reviewed this guidance document or proposed guidance document and I certify that it complies with sections 227.10 and 227.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes. I further certify that the guidance document or proposed guidance document contains no standard, requirement, or threshold that is not explicitly permitted by a statute or a rule that has been lawfully promulgated. I further certify that the guidance document or proposed guidance document contains no standard, requirement, or threshold that is more restrictive than a standard, requirement, or threshold contained in the Wisconsin Statutes.

On behalf of the Attorney General

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charlotte Gibson", is written over a horizontal line.

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