

HONG KONG POLICE WEAPONS TRAINING DIVISION

SYLLABUS FOR RANGE OFFICER TEST

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Methodology of the Range Officer Test

When a person applies to be approved by Commissioner of Police (CP) as a range officer, he or she must to produce evidence to the CP's satisfaction that he or she is competent to conduct live firing practices on a specified type of range.

2. Should the applicant not be able to produce such evidence, he or she must successfully complete a Range Officer Test in accordance with this syllabus.
3. The Range Officer test will be conducted by members of the License Team (LT) at the private shooting range in which the applicant will work. In order to test the applicant's ability, LT staff will act as trainee(s) during the practical test. Upon successful completion of the test, CP may approve the applicant to be employed as a range officer at a specified type of range, for a period of not more than **THREE** years.
4. The Range Officer test comprises of both a written test (Pass Mark 60%) and a practical range management assessment on the range to be used.

Classification of Private Shooting Ranges

5. Private shooting ranges are classified as follows:-

<u>Category</u>	Arms to be used
A	handgun, shotgun and rifle (other than for skeet and trap)
B	rifle, shotgun (other than for skeet and trap)
C	handgun
D	shotgun for skeet/trap
E	airgun - pistol/rifle
F	crossbows; and
G	others (e.g. testing range)

Written Test

6. The applicant must be able to understand the following subjects:-
- (a) knowledge of relevant range orders;
 - (b) knowledge of range safety precautions;
 - (c) knowledge of Normal Safety Precautions;
 - (d) knowledge of range commands;
 - (e) knowledge of setting up a range prior to firing course(s);
 - (f) knowledge of safety distance between firers;
 - (g) knowledge of arc of fire;
 - (h) knowledge of appraising the problem of ricochets;
 - (i) knowledge of solving a stoppage problem and a malfunction of ammunition;
 - (j) knowledge of handling arrange accident, including an accidental discharge;
 - (k) knowledge of range clearance procedures;
 - (l) knowledge of operating respective targetry system, if applicable;
 - (m) knowledge of security of arms and ammunition; and
 - (n) (for “skeet & trap” Range officer test only) knowledge on safety rules relating to “skeet & trap” activities.

Range Management Assessment

7. The applicant must be able to demonstrate that he or she can safely conduct a live firing practice on the range. The applicant will be required:-
- (a) to set up a live firing practice;
 - (b) brief the firer on the firing practice, range safety and range commands;
 - (c) brief the range staff on the firing practice, range safety and range commands;
 - (d) conduct the live firing practice;
 - (e) deal with range incident(s) if any; and
 - (f) clear the range after live firing.