

**HONG KONG POLICE  
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**SYLLABUS FOR ARMS INSTRUCTOR TEST**

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### Methodology of the Arms Instructor Test

When a person applies to be approved by Commissioner of Police (CP) as an arms instructor, he or she must produce evidence to the CP's satisfaction that he or she has the knowledge to instruct another person on a specified type of firearm and 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 an Arms Instructor test in accordance with this syllabus. In addition, **the applicant should have become a valid Range Officer (RO) in the category**, which also matches with his/her AI's application.

3. The Arms Instructor 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 an arms instructor at a specified type of range for a specified type of firearm, for a period of not more than **THREE** years.

4. The Arms Instructor test comprises four main parts and any failure in one part will be classified as "Failed":-

- (a) written test (Pass Mark 60%);
- (b) assessed lecture on a specified type of firearm;
- (c) live firing on a specified type of firearm; and
- (d) instructional skill during range management assessment.

### Classification of Types of Firearm

5. The types of firearm are divided into the following categories :-

- (a) Airgun - pistol or rifle
- (b) Handgun - revolver or pistol
- (c) Shotgun - manual or semi automatic
- (d) Rifle - manual or semi automatic; and
- (e) Others - e.g. paint ball launcher

## **Classification of Private Shooting Range**

6. Private shooting range is classified as follows:-

<u>Category</u>	Weapons 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 archery; and
G	Others (e.g. testing range)

## **Written Test**

7. 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;
- (n) the characteristics of a firearm;

- (o) marksmanship principles;
- (p) coaching techniques;
- (q) (for “skeet & trap” Range officer test only) knowledge on safety rules relating to “skeet & trap” activities; and
- (r) knowledge of arms handling test for arms license.

### **Assessed Lecture on a Particular Type of Firearm**

8. The applicant must be able to:-
- (a) prepare a lesson plan on a specified type of firearm;
  - (b) present the lesson to a student or group of student with a reasonable instructional manner, the lesson shall cover:-
    - (i) Normal Safety Precautions;
    - (ii) Characteristic of the firearm;
    - (iii) Arms handling procedures;
    - (iv) Marksmanship principles; and
    - (v) Range commands;
  - (c) test and evaluate the information that has been conveyed to the student(s).

### **Live Firing on a Specified Type of Firearm**

9. The applicant must be able to:-
- (a) check arms
  - (b) to conduct proper loading, unloading and reloading of a firearm
  - (c) to pass a live firing test:-
    - (i) Airgun - pistol or rifle
      - 10 metres, standing, own time, 10 rounds
      - pass marks : 60% hits on target
      - target : standard airgun target
    - (ii) Handgun - revolver or pistol
      - 10 metres, standing, own time, 10 rounds
      - pass marks : 60% hits on target
      - target : a circle of 40 cm in diameter
    - (iii) Shotgun - manual or semi automatic
      - 10 metres, standing, own time, 4 rounds
      - pass marks : 60% hits on target
      - target : a circle of 40 cm in diameter

- (iv) Rifle - manual or semi automatic
  - 25 metres, standing, own time, 10 rounds
  - pass marks : 60% hits on target
  - target : a circle of 40 cm in diameter

- (v) Others - e.g. paint ball launcher
  - as decided by SP WT

### **Range Management Assessment**

10. The applicant must not only be able to demonstrate that he/she can safely conduct a live firing practice on the range, but also to instruct/coach the trainees during the live firing. 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) instruct the trainee(s) during the live practice;
- (f) deal with range incident(s) if any; and
- (g) clear the range after live firing.