

Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission

Certified Firearms Instructor Course (CFIC)

On behalf of APOSTC, thank you for your interest in the Certified Firearms Instructor Course (CFIC). The following information will help you prepare for your upcoming assessment.

Why is an assessment required?

The intent of the CFIC is to provide individuals with the competency necessary to administer training, coach, and improve shooters. This is not a shooting class.

What is being evaluated?

- Accurate and precise marksmanship
- Comprehension of instructions
- Professionalism and safe weapon handling
- Communication skills

How will candidates be evaluated?

You will first be given a **10-round warm-up**. Master Instructors will monitor you throughout for safe and professional weapon handling. Marksmanship is not evaluated during warm-up.

You will then receive specific instructions for the **APOSTC 50-round handgun qualification course** while following all commands from the tower.

Target scoring is explained below. If the grease ring of the round breaks the scoring line, it is considered a hit.

If you meet the required standard, you will not be required to shoot again. If you do not meet the standard, you will shoot your final attempt during the next relay.

The evaluation process will not continue for anyone who fails to meet the required standard.

Marksmanship Standards

Accurate Marksmanship

49 of 50 rounds (98%) must fall within the “Q” scoring zone of the DSS FT-QP target.

Precision Marksmanship

45 of 50 rounds (90%) must also strike within the designated 8-inch circle (“8-Ring”) on the DSS FT-QP target.

Candidates must meet BOTH standards for accuracy and precision.

Communication Evaluation

Communication skills will be evaluated through a briefing covering the Four Cardinal Safety Rules exactly as provided below (page 4).

This briefing must last between 5 and 7 minutes. Candidates should be prepared to expound upon the concepts of each rule using their own thoughts, examples, and explanations.

Master Instructors will evaluate the presentation as PASS or FAIL based on criteria including:

- Understanding of Content
- Organization and Clarity
- Application of Knowledge
- Professionalism
- Communication Effectiveness

Final Results

Once evaluations are completed, results will be organized and announced. Candidates who PASS will earn a seat in the course. The cost of the course is \$500.00 dollars.

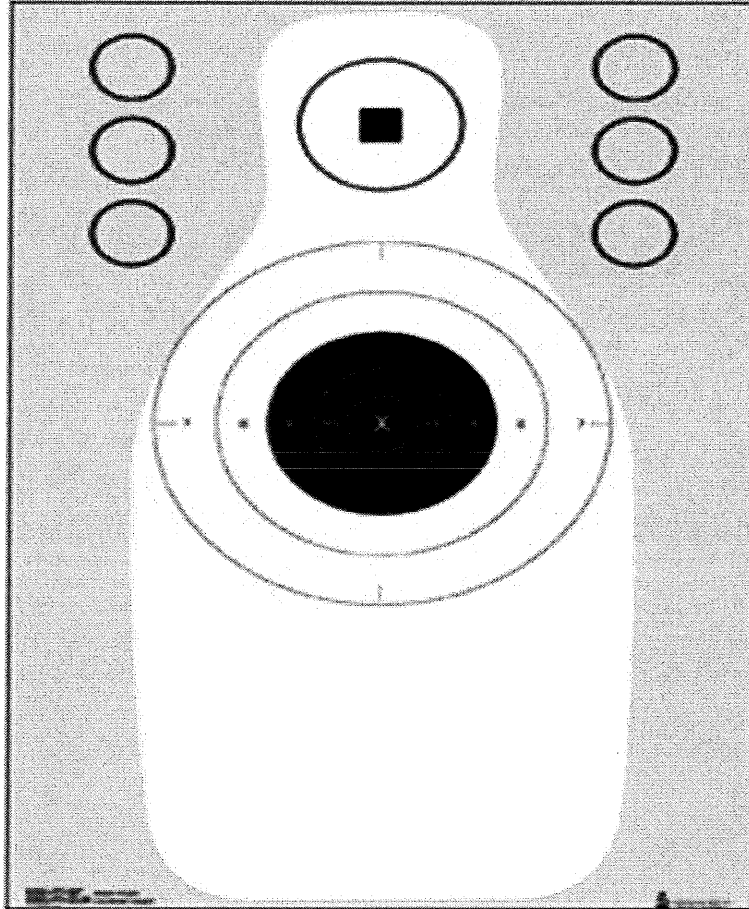
Candidates who FAIL will be given the opportunity to discuss deficiencies with evaluators; however, they will not be permitted to attend the course.

Repeating the Evaluation

Candidates who do not meet the requirements may repeat the assessment during the next scheduled evaluation date for their area.

Required Equipment

- Handgun: Striker-fired, single-action only, or double-action/single-action chambered in 9mm, .40 caliber, or .45 ACP
- Optic sights are permitted but must have backup iron sights
- Evaluators retain discretion in determining whether a handgun is suitable for use
- Factory compensators, performance triggers, and enhanced magwells are acceptable; however, open-class race guns are prohibited
- Four magazines with a minimum capacity of 14 rounds each
- Minimum of 150 rounds of ammunition
- Gun belt
- Affixed holster
- Dual magazine carrier (minimum)
- Billed hat
- Eye protection
- Electronic hearing protection
- Notepad and any personal notes you wish to use during your briefing



DSS FT-QP Target

The “8-Ring” is the second ring from the outside and measures 8 inches.

Cardinal Safety Rules

Know verbatim (no paraphrasing) and be prepared to expound upon each rule:

1. Always treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
2. Never point a firearm at anyone unless you are justified.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger unless you intend to press it.
4. Always be aware of what is in front of and behind your target.

APOSTC CFIC SCHEDULE 2026

DATES	COURSE	LOCATION	SEATS
JUNE 5 TH & 8 TH	PRE-QUAL	NEALEA	
JUNE 22-26	CFIC	NEALEA	12
JUNE 29/JULY1	PRE-QUAL	MONTGOMERY PD	
JULY 6-10	CFIC	MONTGOMERY PD	20
AUG 20 TH & 21 ST	PRE-QUAL	BALDWIN CO	
AUG 31-SEPT 4	CFIC	BALDWIN CO	24
SEPT 25 TH & 28 TH	PRE-QUAL	JEFFERSON CO	
OCT. 5 TH – 9 TH	CFIC	JEFFERSON CO	24
OCT 26 TH & 27 TH	PRE-QUAL	DOTHAN	
NOV. 2-6	CFIC	DOTHAN	24
NOV 30 TH DEC 1 ST	PRE-QUAL	TUSCALOOSA PD	
DEC. 7 TH – 11 TH	CFIC	TUSCALOOSA PD	24

Each date will have two Pre-Qual times. 10:00am or 1:00pm.