



Mandatory course for getting your PAL provided by certified instructors:

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This course includes:

- Safety rules (ACTS and PROVE).
- Loading and unloading of 5 typical action types.
- Firearms history.
- Ammunition types (rifle/shotgun).
- Best practices for using a firearm in the field or at the range.
- Carrying positions and cleaning principles.
- Overview of Canadian gun laws and regulations.
- Hands-on practice session on deactivated firearms.
- Multiple choice & practical tests.

Prerequisites

- Age 12+ for non-restricted.
- Minors may only take the CFSC test to apply for a minor's license.
- 100% course participation is required for testing.
- Canadian Firearms Program requires that any retests are to be taken within 7 days, after this period the course must be retaken.

Required

- Note taking materials (pen and paper).

- 1 piece of government issued photo ID.
- 100% course attendance is required for testing.

Ammunition

- Please note that absolutely no live ammunition is allowed into the CFSC or any other course, unless otherwise specified, therefore it is strictly prohibited to bring such to classes you may be enrolled in.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long are the courses?

A: Non-Restricted courses are 8 hours and Restricted courses are 6 hours in length as required by the Canadian Firearms Program. Total course time does not include testing time, expect an additional 1-2 hours for testing time.

Q: Do I need to study before the course?

A: There is no need to study beforehand as the course is very thorough. However, if you do want to study and look through the student handbook ahead of time feel free to view it online https://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2015/grc-rcmp/PS99-2-2-1-2014-eng.pdf

Q: At what age can I take the Non-Restricted course?

A: Ages 12 and up can take the Non-Restricted course. Minors receive a "Minor's Possession License" which allows them to do everything a PAL holder can do except for purchase firearms. Ages 18 and up can take the restricted course but must take the non-restricted course first.

Q: What is required to take the Restricted course?

A: You must be 18 or older and have successfully completed the Non-Restricted course to sign up for the Restricted course. These are two separate courses, done on separate days, and cannot be combined. The Restricted course can be taken the same weekend as the Non-Restricted course at a cost of \$125, but after 7 days the cost will be \$175.

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Q: Is there any live fire (actual shooting) involved on this course?

A: No, you will be training with non-firing, deactivated firearms exclusively.

Q: What do I need to bring?

A: Valid government issued photo ID, passport, or a birth certificate is required for identification. A pen is required for the written test. Taking notes can be beneficial, so paper or a notepad is a good idea as well. I will provide you with the course manual for a fee. Don't forget your glasses or any other personal items you may need throughout the day.

Q: Do we stop for lunch?

A: We will stop for a 30-minute lunch break and several short breaks throughout the day. You can purchase lunch at the local amenities or bring your own lunch. Please bring your own coffee, water, and snacks for the day.

Q: Do I need a Hunter Safety to take the course?

A: No, the Hunter Safety is not related to the Canadian Firearm Safety Course in any way.

Q: My PAL expired; do I need to take this course again?

A: No. If your PAL has expired, you do not need to take the CFSC/CRFSC training again, but you will need proof of having completed training to re-apply.

If you have a copy of your course reports from previous safety training it is still valid and can be re-submitted for application in order to reapply for your PAL.

If for whatever reason you are unable to locate or obtain a copy of your reports, you may be able to contact the Chief Firearms Officer to see if they have it on file. They can be contacted at 1-800-731-4000.

Q: Can I take this course if I'm subject to a Peace Bond?

A: If you have been subject to a peace bond, or protection you may or may not be able to attend the course and should seek legal counsel prior to attending.

Q: If I am prohibited from possessing firearms, can I still take this course?

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A: Any individual prohibited from possessing firearms cannot attend any my firearms courses including the CFSC/CRFSC.

Q: What mark do I need to pass the CFSC?

A: To pass the CFSC written examinations you will need to obtain at least 80% on each exam. If you fail to do this, you cannot go on to take the practical exams. To pass the CFSC practical examinations you will need to obtain at least 80% on each exam.

Q: How long will it take to process my PAL application?

A: Once you have passed the examinations for the CFSC/CRFSC you will fill out your PAL application form and send it into the Canadian Firearms Program. There is a 28-day waiting period and after that point, it will start to be processed. The process can take 3 – 6 months to complete and approve and have your PAL sent out to you.

If you are concerned about your PAL application, you can use the Canadian Firearms Program website tool to check the status of your PAL or call the Canadian Firearms Program at 1-800-731-4000.

Q: How long is my PAL valid for?

A: 5 Years. Upon coming up on expiry, you will want to renew your license using the PAL renewal form or the Canadian Firearms Program website. I recommend renewing at least 3 months prior to the expiration just in case it takes a little bit longer to complete.

Q: Are there any additional fees for my PAL?

A: Yes. In addition to your course fees, you will be required to pay a PAL application fee to the Government when sending the application in.

Q: What is the PAL application process like?

A: To apply for your Possession Acquisition License (PAL) you need to successfully pass the Canadian Firearms Safety Course. Upon completion of the course, you will receive a course report proving you passed the course along with the necessary paperwork to apply for your license which you will send in to the Canadian Firearms Program along with a processing fee. You will also need a photo to send with your application.

PAL Application Link:

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- <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/wam/media/4535/original/76d55b8e6f1e9345ba5927e46aae9252.pdf>
- [Application for a Possession Licence Under the Firearms Act \(Minors\).pdf \(bcfirearmsacademy.ca\)](#)

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