



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2026-05**

Date: March 3, 2026
TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
FROM: Director Chad Brown 
Criminal Justice Professionalism, Standards and Training Services Division
SUBJECT: Biennial Long Gun Qualification Update

The biennial long gun qualification for law enforcement officers who carry or operate a patrol rifle or shotgun previously referenced in Technical Memorandum 2025-09 and originally scheduled to begin on July 1, 2026, has been delayed. This delay is to allow additional validation of the qualification requirements by subject matter experts and user groups. The qualification requirement is anticipated to be effective on July 1, 2028.

More information about the long gun qualifications and the associated revision of form CJSTC-86A will be released in a different technical memorandum closer to the 2028 effective date.

The delay of the biennial long gun qualification does not effect the CJSTC approved long gun courses:

1. Patrol Rifle Instructor Course, #3024
2. Patrol Rifle Operator Course, #3026
3. Shotgun Instructor Course, #3025
4. Shotgun Operator Course, #3027

These courses are still active and no changes have been made. Therefore, they can continue to be offered as planned.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Standards Training and Research Manager Terry Baker at TerryBaker@fdle.state.fl.us or (850) 410-8688.

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