

# MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Investigations

## **Department of Public Safety Standards under Minnesota Statutes 624.714, subd. 2a (d) as of September 6, 2005**

Minnesota Statutes 624.714, subd. 2a (d) provides that a person qualifies as a certified instructor if the person is certified as a firearms instructor within the past five (5) years by an organization or government entity that has been approved by the Department of Public Safety in accordance with the department's standards.

### **Organization Certification Requirements**

To qualify for Department of Public Safety approval as an organization authorized to certify instructors,  
the organization or government entity must meet and maintain the following requirements:

1. Register the business organization with the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office and provide a stamped copy of proof of filing to DPS (Government entities excluded),
2. Maintain instructor records adequate to verify training;
3. Maintain proficiency of instruction (including legal updates) and ensure the instructional practices and integrity of instructors;
4. Provide the curriculum used to train instructors that demonstrates that the certified instructors will be able to teach the basic training requirements for applicants for permits to carry required by Minnesota Statutes 624.714, subd. 2a;
5. Organizations must be approved by the Department of Public Safety every five (5) years.

### **Instructor Certification Requirements**

Approved organizations and government entities may grant instructor certificates to individuals who have been certified within the last five (5) years in accordance with the Department of Public Safety's standards and have received training in a course or courses, that at a minimum contained:

1. Instruction in the fundamentals of pistol use including mechanical knowledge of handguns, and safe practices in shooting, loading, unloading, clearing firearm malfunctions, safe storage and firearm care;
2. Successful completion of an actual shooting qualification exercise and the ability to evaluate

- shooting proficiency and safe weapon skills of students in a practical firearm shooting exercise;
3. Instruction in the legal aspects of pistol possession, carry, and use, including self-defense and the restrictions on the use of deadly force. This should also include the psychological and physiological effects of a violent threat encounter and simple weapon retention techniques;
  4. Instruction on how to maintain records of students seeking a permit to carry a firearm.

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