



1 Section 1290.14

2 SAFETY AND TRAINING COURSE

3 A. Each applicant for a license to carry a concealed or  
4 unconcealed handgun pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act must  
5 successfully complete a firearms safety and training course in this  
6 state conducted by a registered and approved firearms instructor as  
7 provided by the provisions of this section or from an interactive  
8 online firearms safety and training course available electronically  
9 via the Internet approved and certified by the Council on Law  
10 Enforcement Education and Training. The applicant must further  
11 demonstrate competence and qualification with an authorized pistol  
12 ~~of the type or types that the applicant desires~~ to carry as a  
13 concealed or unconcealed handgun pursuant to the provisions of the  
14 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, except certain persons may be exempt from  
15 such training requirement as provided by the provisions of Section  
16 1290.15 of this title.

17 B. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training  
18 (CLEET) shall establish criteria for approving firearms instructors  
19 and interactive online firearms safety and training courses  
20 available electronically via the Internet for purposes of training  
21 and qualifying individuals for a handgun license pursuant to the  
22 provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. Prior to submitting an  
23 application for CLEET approval as a firearms instructor, applicants  
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1 shall attend a firearms instructor school, meeting the following  
2 minimum requirements:

3 1. Firearms instructor training conducted by one of the  
4 following entities:

- 5 a. Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training,
- 6 b. National Rifle Association,
- 7 c. Oklahoma Rifle Association,
- 8 d. federal law enforcement agencies, or
- 9 e. other professionally recognized organizations;

10 2. The course shall be at least sixteen (16) hours in length;

11 3. Upon completion of the course, the applicant shall be  
12 qualified to provide instruction on ~~revolvers, semiautomatic~~  
13 ~~pistols, or both;~~ and

14 4. Receive a course completion certificate.

15 All firearms instructors shall be required to meet the  
16 eligibility requirements for a handgun license as provided in  
17 Sections 1290.9, 1290.10, and 1290.11 of this title and the  
18 application shall be processed as provided for applicants in Section  
19 1290.12 of this title, including the state and national criminal  
20 history records search and fingerprint search. A firearms  
21 instructor shall be required to pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars  
22 (\$100.00) to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training  
23 (CLEET) each time the person makes application for CLEET approval as  
24 a firearms instructor pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma

1 Self-Defense Act. The fee shall be retained by CLEET and shall be  
2 deposited into the Firearms Instructors Revolving Fund. CLEET shall  
3 promulgate the rules, forms and procedures necessary to implement  
4 the approval of firearms instructors as authorized by the provisions  
5 of this subsection. CLEET shall periodically review each approved  
6 instructor during a training and qualification course to assure  
7 compliance with the rules and course contents. Any violation of the  
8 rules may result in the revocation or suspension of CLEET and  
9 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation approval. Unless the  
10 approval has been revoked or suspended, a firearms instructor's  
11 CLEET approval shall be for a term of five (5) years. ~~Beginning on~~  
12 ~~July 1, 2003, any firearms instructor who has been issued a four-~~  
13 ~~year CLEET approval shall not be eligible for the five-year approval~~  
14 ~~until the expiration of the approval previously issued.~~ CLEET shall  
15 be responsible for notifying all approved firearms instructors of  
16 statutory and policy changes related to the Oklahoma Self-Defense  
17 Act. A firearms instructor shall not be required to submit his or  
18 her fingerprints for a fingerprint search when renewing a firearms  
19 instructor's CLEET approval.

20 C. 1. All firearms instructors approved by CLEET to train and  
21 qualify individuals for a handgun license shall be required to apply  
22 for registration with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation  
23 after receiving CLEET approval. All firearms instructors teaching  
24 the approved course for a handgun license must display their

1 registration certificate during each training and qualification  
2 course. Each approved firearms instructor shall complete a  
3 registration form provided by the Bureau and shall have the option  
4 to pay a registration fee of either One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)  
5 for a five-year registration certificate or Two Hundred Dollars  
6 (\$200.00) for a ten-year registration certificate to the Bureau at  
7 the time of each application for registration, except as provided in  
8 paragraph 2 of this subsection. Registration certificates issued by  
9 the Bureau shall be valid for a period of five (5) years or ten (10)  
10 years from the date of issuance. The Bureau shall issue a five-year  
11 or ten-year handgun license to an approved firearms instructor at  
12 the time of issuance of a registration certificate and no additional  
13 fee shall be required or charged. The Bureau shall maintain a  
14 current listing of all registered firearms instructors in this  
15 state. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to eliminate  
16 the requirement for registration and training with CLEET as provided  
17 in subsection B of this section. Failure to register or be trained  
18 as required shall result in a revocation or suspension of the  
19 instructor certificate by the Bureau.

20 2. ~~On or after July 1, 2003, the registered~~ Registered  
21 instructors listed in subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph shall  
22 not be required to renew the firearms instructor registration  
23 certificate with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation at the  
24 expiration of the registration term, provided the instructor is not

1 subject to any suspension or revocation of the firearms instructor  
2 certificate. The firearms instructor registration with the Oklahoma  
3 State Bureau of Investigation shall automatically renew together  
4 with the handgun license authorized in paragraph 1 of this  
5 subsection for an additional five-year term and no additional cost  
6 or fee may be charged for the following individuals:

- 7 a. an active duty law enforcement officer of this state  
8 or any of its political subdivisions or of the federal  
9 government who has a valid CLEET approval as a  
10 firearms instructor pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-  
11 Defense Act, and
- 12 b. a retired law enforcement officer authorized to carry  
13 a firearm pursuant to Section 1289.8 of this title who  
14 has a valid CLEET approval as a firearms instructor  
15 pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

16 D. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall approve  
17 registration for a firearms instructor applicant who is in full  
18 compliance with CLEET rules regarding firearms instructors and the  
19 provisions of subsection B of this section, if completion of the  
20 federal fingerprint search is the only reason for delay of  
21 registration of that firearms instructor applicant. Upon receipt of  
22 the federal fingerprint search information, if the Bureau receives  
23 information which precludes the person from having a handgun  
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1 license, the Bureau shall revoke both the registration and the  
2 handgun license previously issued to the firearms instructor.

3 E. The required firearms safety and training course and the  
4 actual demonstration of competency and qualification required of the  
5 applicant shall be designed and conducted in such a manner that the  
6 course can be reasonably completed by the applicant within an eight-  
7 hour period. CLEET shall establish the course content and  
8 promulgate rules, procedures and forms necessary to implement the  
9 provisions of this subsection. For the training and qualification  
10 course, an applicant may be charged a fee which shall be determined  
11 by the instructor or entity that is conducting the course. The  
12 maximum class size shall be determined by the instructor conducting  
13 the course; provided, however, practice shooting sessions shall not  
14 have more than ten participating students at one time. CLEET may  
15 establish criteria for assistant instructors and any other  
16 requirements deemed necessary to conduct a safe and effective  
17 training and qualification course. The course content shall include  
18 a safety inspection of the firearm to be used by the applicant in  
19 the training course; instruction on pistol handling, safety and  
20 storage; dynamics of ammunition and firing; methods or positions for  
21 firing a pistol; information about the criminal provisions of the  
22 Oklahoma law relating to firearms; the requirements of the Oklahoma  
23 Self-Defense Act as it relates to the applicant; self-defense and  
24 the use of appropriate force; a practice shooting session; and a

1 familiarization course. The firearms instructor shall refuse to  
2 train or qualify any person when the pistol to be used or carried by  
3 the person is either deemed unsafe or unfit for firing or is a  
4 weapon not authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The course  
5 shall provide an opportunity for the applicant to qualify himself or  
6 herself ~~on either a derringer, a revolver,~~ with a semiautomatic  
7 ~~pistol or any combination of a derringer, a revolver and a~~  
8 ~~semiautomatic pistol;~~ provided, no pistol shall be capable of  
9 firing larger than .45 caliber ammunition. Any applicant who  
10 successfully trains and qualifies himself or herself with a  
11 ~~semiautomatic pistol~~ may shall be approved by the firearms  
12 instructor on the training certificate ~~for a semiautomatic pistol, a~~  
13 ~~revolver and a derringer upon request of the applicant. Any person~~  
14 ~~who qualifies on a derringer or revolver shall not be eligible for a~~  
15 ~~semiautomatic rating until the person has demonstrated competence~~  
16 ~~and qualifications on a semiautomatic pistol.~~ Upon successful  
17 completion of the training and qualification course, a certificate  
18 of training and a certificate of competency and qualification shall  
19 be issued to each applicant who successfully completes the course.  
20 The certificate of training and certificate of competency and  
21 qualification shall comply with the forms established by CLEET and  
22 shall be submitted with an application for a handgun license  
23 pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 2 of subsection A of Section  
24 1290.12 of this title. The certificate of training and certificate

1 of competency and qualification issued to an applicant shall be  
2 valid for a period of three (3) years.

3 F. There is hereby created a revolving fund for the Council on  
4 Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET), to be designated the  
5 "Firearms Instructors Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a  
6 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
7 consist of all funds received for approval of firearms instructors  
8 for purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. All funds received  
9 shall be deposited to the fund. All monies accruing to the credit  
10 of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and  
11 expended by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training,  
12 for implementation of the training and qualification course  
13 contents, approval of firearms instructors and any other CLEET  
14 requirement pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense  
15 Act or as may otherwise be deemed appropriate by CLEET.  
16 Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by  
17 the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with  
18 the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
19 approval and payment.

20 G. Firearms instructors shall keep on file for a period of not  
21 less than three (3) years a roster of each training class, the  
22 safety test score of each individual, the caliber and ~~type~~ of the  
23 weapon each individual used when qualifying and whether or not each  
24 individual successfully completed the training course. Firearms

1 instructors shall be authorized to destroy all training documents  
2 and records upon expiration of the three-year time period.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.15, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1290.15

6 PERSONS EXEMPT FROM TRAINING COURSE

7 A. The following individuals may be exempt from all or part of  
8 the required training and qualification course established pursuant  
9 to the provisions of Section 1290.14 of this title:

10 1. A firearms instructor registered with the Oklahoma State  
11 Bureau of Investigation for purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense  
12 Act;

13 2. An active duty or reserve duty law enforcement officer of  
14 this state or any of its political subdivisions or of the federal  
15 government;

16 3. A retired law enforcement officer authorized by this state  
17 pursuant to Section 1289.8 of this title to carry a firearm;

18 4. A Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET)  
19 certified armed security officer, armed guard, correctional officer,  
20 or any other person having a CLEET certification to carry a firearm  
21 in the course of their employment;

22 5. A person on active military duty, National Guard duty or  
23 regular military reserve duty who is a legal resident of this state  
24 and who is trained and qualified in the use of handguns;

1           6. A person honorably discharged from active military duty,  
2 National Guard duty or military reserves ~~within twenty (20) years~~  
3 ~~preceding the date of the application for a handgun license pursuant~~  
4 ~~to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act,~~ who is a legal  
5 resident of this state, ~~and who has been trained and qualified in~~  
6 ~~the use of handguns;~~

7           7. A person retired as a peace officer in good standing from a  
8 law enforcement agency located in another state, who is a legal  
9 resident of this state, and who has received training equivalent to  
10 the training required for CLEET certification in this state; and

11           8. Any person who is otherwise deemed qualified for a training  
12 exemption by CLEET.

13           B. ~~No person who is determined to be exempt from training or~~  
14 ~~qualification may carry a concealed or unconcealed firearm pursuant~~  
15 ~~to the authority of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act until issued a~~  
16 ~~valid handgun license or possesses a valid military identification~~  
17 ~~card as provided for qualified persons in Section 1290.8 of this~~  
18 ~~title.~~

19           C. ~~Nothing contained in any provision of the Oklahoma Self-~~  
20 ~~Defense Act shall be construed to alter, amend, or modify the~~  
21 ~~authority of any active duty law enforcement officer, or any person~~  
22 ~~certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training~~  
23 ~~to carry a pistol during the course of their employment, to carry~~  
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1 any pistol in any manner authorized by law or authorized by the  
2 employing agency.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.  
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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 02/08/2023 -  
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