



Competency Training

In terms of Article 9 of the Firearms Control Act (Act 60 of 2000) a person wishing to apply for a competency certificate to possess a firearm must:

- Be a South African citizen and at least 21 years old
- Have no criminal record
- Not have a complaint against them for the negligent use of a firearm
- Complete the prescribed firearm competency training at any accredited firearm training centre or institution

The firearm competency training comprises the following training modules based on unit standards (provided by accredited firearm training centres or institutions):

- 117705 – knowledge of the law (mandatory - Art 9 (2) (q) Act 60 of 2000)
- 119649 – handling and use of a handgun
- 119650 – handling and use of a self-loading firearm
- 119651 – handling and use of a bolt-action rifle
- 119652 – handling and use of a shotgun
- 243200 – handling and use of a black powder firearm

It is necessary to complete the prescribed competency training at a training institution accredited by the Professional Firearms Trainers Council (PFTC). See a [list of accredited firearm training institutions](#) in your area.

The training institution provides relevant study guides for self-study and preparation for each unit standard.

On the day of the course, the assessor will discuss the theoretical aspects of the training and firearm use before writing the exam/test and performing a practical shooting test.

Upon successful completion of the firearm training, the training institution will issue a Statement of Results.

A certified copy of this certificate must be attached to the application for a competency certificate.