

FAA Air Marshall Qualification Pistol Drill

Anyone who shoots on a regular basis knows that these are extremely difficult standards to meet. **WARNING:** most shooting facilities are not set up to accommodate this test. Stage 5 requires shooting across lanes at a standard-layout range and is generally prohibited by management, and stage 6 requires special facilities not available at most commercial ranges.

Drill Action	Repetitions	Starting Position	Total seconds for all shots	Total shots fired
1. One round	2	From concealment	3.30	2
2. Double tap	2	Low ready	2.70	4
3. Six rounds at single target	1	Low ready	3.00	6
4. One shot, reload, one shot	2	Low ready	6.50	4
5. One round at two targets three yards apart	2	Low ready	3.30	4
6. 180° pivot: one shot at three targets left, center and right	2	From concealment	7.00	6
7. One round, slide locks back, drop to one knee, reload, one additional shot	2	Low ready	8.00	4

1. This stage is fired twice, from concealment each time. Total time for both shots cannot exceed 3.30 seconds, e.g., if first shot takes 2.00, second shot must be fired in 1.30 or less.

2. Two shots are fired starting from low ready, cease fire, then two more from low ready, for a total of four shots. Each string of two must be achieved (on average) in 1.35 seconds.

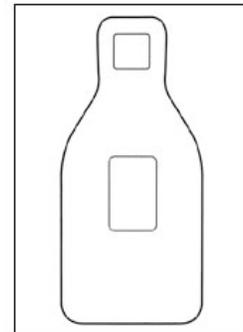
3. All six shots should be fired with no more than 0.60 seconds between shots.

4. Both sets of two shots must occur in 6.50 seconds or less (3.25 for each pair on average).

5. This stage is fired twice, an average of 1.65 seconds for each pair of shots.

6. This stage cannot be fired at most commercial ranges.

7. A single round is loaded into the first magazine, causing the slide to lock back after firing, after which the shooter drops to one knee while reloading to fire a second round, in an average of four seconds for both shots. The stage is shot twice.



ACCURACY: A total of 30 shots are fired from seven yards at an FBI "QIT" bottle-shaped target, pictured above, in a combined total of 33.8 seconds. Shots inside the bottle score 5, on the line or outside score 2, for a maximum possible score of 150. Minimum to qualify is 135, and all stages must be successfully shot to qualify. Air Marshals must be U.S. citizens capable of top secret clearance and under 37 years of age. "If you don't qualify, you don't fly."

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