

National Rifle Association

Probationary Members' Training Course

The National Rifle Association, as a Home Office approved club, runs training courses for its own probationary members at the National Shooting Centre, Bisley throughout the year. Under Home Office guidelines, probationary membership is for a minimum period of three months during which time the probationer must undergo instruction in the safe handling of firearms and also shoot regularly under supervision.

The NRA runs at least six probationary courses each year at Bisley. Each course consists of five formal training days and this course is an integral part of the NRA Safe Shooting System. Probationary training normally takes place at weekends but individual mid week lessons may be arranged for candidates who find that they are unable to attend all or part of a standard course.

During the course, probationers will learn about range safety procedures and will be taught how to handle and fire a number of different firearms safely. All live firing is conducted under the one to one supervision of NRA qualified instructors. Each training day consists of a classroom theory lesson in the morning followed by live firing practice in the afternoon on one of the outdoor ranges. Probationers will learn about and shoot target rifles, F class ('scoped) rifles, gallery rifles and muzzle loading pistols. Each probationer will receive a copy of the NRA Probationary Training Manual.

The progress of each individual is monitored throughout the probationary course and a detailed report is written after each training session. Probationers must pass the final written and practical assessment tests in order to complete the course. Successful candidates can expect to be offered full membership of the National Rifle Association and receive a Shooter's Certificate of Competence once their statutory three-month probationary period has been completed.

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