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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: North Carolina Army National Guard (NCARNG) Weapons Qualification Requirements and Uniform Standard

1. Consistent with the goal of "Training as you fight," units will conduct individual weapons qualification (IWQ) qualification on a standard record fire range. Convenience and comfort will not be the primary consideration when choosing a range. Units may use the 25-meter alternate course as a qualification course only when a standard record fire range is not available, and then no more often than every other year.
2. Weapons qualification requirements consist of iron sight qualification and add-on device qualification, i.e. M68 Close-Combat Optic (CCO) for the M16/M4. The item is resourced only if the unit MTOE includes CCOs. If the unit is equipped with these sights, it is considered the primary sight, with iron sights being the backup. North Carolina units will alternate their qualification between primary and backup sights each year.
3. All Soldiers in a field environment for weapons qualification operations will, at a minimum, wear the following issued equipment unless otherwise designated by specific mission requirements:
 - a. Ballistic Eye Protection or goggles. Eye protection will meet ANSI Z87.1 standards. Soldiers will wear clear lenses during hours of limited visibility.
 - b. Army Combat Helmet (ACH) or Kevlar with cover and band.
 - c. Interceptor Body Armor (IBA) / Improved Outer Tactical Vest (IOTV) if issued, or if required by local Range SOP, or Tactical Load Bearing Vest (LBV)/Modular Lightweight Load-carrying Equipment (MOLLE) Vest.

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- d. Hand protection (Gloves). Hand protection must meet AR 670-1 standards.
- e. Two canteens or one Hydration System (camelback).
- f. Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK) or First Aid Kit (FAK).
- g. Two ammo pouches for the type weapon system being fired.
- h. Hearing protection IAW AR 385-63.

The above is the minimum; if the equipment is available comply with PPL 2 or PPL 3 as listed below in Para 4, units will use it to achieve the highest possible level of protection.

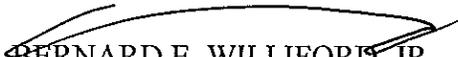
4. Range Qualification Uniform. The required minimum equipment for Individual Weapons Qualification and Crew-Served Weapons Qualification will be the same as listed above in paragraph 3 and below in the following table.

Personal Protective Level (PPL)	Personal protection required
1	Army combat uniform, hearing/eye protection, ACH or Kevlar w/cover and band, IBA/IOTV/ LBV/Molle Vest w/ 2 canteens or Camelback, gloves, IFAK or FAK, 2 ammo pouches for assigned weapon
2	PPL 1 plus body armor front/back enhanced small arms protective insert (E-SAPI) plates and groin protector
3	PPL 1 plus body armor with front/back/side enhanced small arms protective insert (E-SAPI) plates and groin protector

5. Units will conduct Preliminary Marksmanship Instruction (PMI) for all weapons systems being fired before they conduct weapons qualification IAW the references below.

6. POC is SGM Guilford S. Johnson at (919) 664-6489 or guilford.s.johnson.mil@mail.mil.

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NCARNG MSC CDRs/CSMs
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REFERENCES:

FM 3-22.9 Rifle Marksmanship M16A1, M16A2/3, M16A4, and M4 Carbine

FM 3-22.31 M203 Grenade Launcher

FM 3-22.27 MK 19 40mm Grenade Launcher

FM 3-22.65 Browning Machine Gun, Caliber .50HB, M2

FM 3-22.68 Machine Gun, 7.62mm, M240B

FM 3-23.35 Combat Training with Pistols, M9

191-5666 M500 Shotgun Operation and Marksmanship