

## **RI DEM Pistol Revolver Certification (Blue Card)**

Any citizen of the United States and/or lawful resident of this state who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, may apply to purchase a pistol or revolver. At the time of application to purchase a concealable firearm, among other requirements, the applicant must present to the dealer a RI DEM Pistol/Revolver Certification (blue card).

The “blue card” certifies that the owner has successfully passed the State’s requisite safety exam and/or course. The exam is administered at DEM approved firearm dealers and sporting goods stores throughout the state.

The exam is comprised of multiple choice and true-or-false type questions based on information contained in the study material entitled “Set Your Sights on Handgun Basics”. This study booklet is available at the participating gun shops or by calling the DEM Fish and Wildlife Office at the Great Swamp at (401) 789-0281. The examination is available in Spanish. \_\_\_\_\_

If your local firearms dealer does not participate in the “blue card” testing program call the Division of Fish and Wildlife for the names and telephone numbers of approved dealers who give the examination.

A potential pistol/revolver purchaser can also satisfy the State’s requirement for a handgun safety certification by possessing a RI Hunter Education Course Card issued by the Department of Environmental Management’s Hunter Safety Program. The Hunter Safety Course Card will be equivalent to the pistol/revolver safety certification card (blue card). The Hunter Safety Course Card is proof of successful completion of a RI Hunter Safety Course required of hunters. Click on the [RI Hunter Education Program](#) for information concerning the Rhode Island Hunter Education Program.