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California Firearms Permit Requalification Planner

BSIS firearms permit for security guards · rules checked November 28, 2026

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My permit expires: _____ Calibers on my permit: _____

1. Find your windows (BSIS suggested schedule)

Permit expires in	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
January	May–Jun	Oct–Nov	Apr–May	Sep–Oct
February	Jun–Jul	Nov–Dec	May–Jun	Oct–Nov
March	Jul–Aug	Dec–Jan	Jun–Jul	Nov–Dec
April	Aug–Sep	Jan–Feb	Jul–Aug	Dec–Jan
May	Sep–Oct	Feb–Mar	Aug–Sep	Jan–Feb
June	Oct–Nov	Mar–Apr	Sep–Oct	Feb–Mar
July	Nov–Dec	Apr–May	Oct–Nov	Mar–Apr
August	Dec–Jan	May–Jun	Nov–Dec	Apr–May
September	Jan–Feb	Jun–Jul	Dec–Jan	May–Jun
October	Feb–Mar	Jul–Aug	Jan–Feb	Jun–Jul
November	Mar–Apr	Aug–Sep	Feb–Mar	Jul–Aug
December	Apr–May	Sep–Oct	Mar–Apr	Aug–Sep

2. Log each qualification

	Date	Facility / instructor	Calibers	2-hr review done	Live fire or simulator
1st				☐	
2nd				☐	
3rd				☐	
4th				☐	
Written exam	Score (85% to pass): _____		BSIS suggests the second 12 months		

Renewal window

Earliest I can apply (3 months before): _____ Deadline (60 days before): _____

☐ Renewal application with instructor certification ☐ DOJ form BOF 4040 ☐ $126 fee ($88 + $38)

3. The rules in one place

- 4 qualifications per 2-year permit: 2 in each 12-month period, at least 4 months apart, at a BSIS-certified facility.
- Take the 2-hour use-of-force and de-escalation review before each one. Only one per 12 months can be on a simulator.
- BSIS's schedule is a suggestion, not a requirement. The 4-month spacing is required.
- An expired permit can't be renewed. You'd have to apply for a new one.

Source: BSIS Firearms Permit Fact Sheet and fee schedule (effective Oct 1, 2025), checked Nov 28, 2026. General information, not legal advice. Confirm with BSIS.