

QUALIFICATION AWARDS FOR JROTC RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP

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1. **Marksmanship Qualification Awards.** JROTC cadets who participate in rifle marksmanship instruction are eligible to earn qualification badges. The badges designate three qualification levels, Marksman, Sharpshooter and Expert. The Expert badge is the highest ranking and most difficult to earn. The badges signify that the cadets who earn them have demonstrated the knowledge and skill necessary to handle rifles safely and have mastered basic rifle marksmanship skills needed to achieve required scores in qualification firing tests. JROTC cadets are authorized to wear marksmanship qualification badges on their uniforms. Cadets may earn more than one badge, but may only wear the highest-ranking badge earned.



2. **Qualification Course Standards.** The following standards apply to the conduct of unit qualification firing:
 - 2.1. Rifles. All qualification firing must be done with sporter-class air rifles such as the Daisy M853/9753/953 pneumatic rifles or the Daisy M887/888 CO₂ rifles that were issued through the military supply system.
 - 2.2. Distance. Qualification firing must be done at a distance of 10 meters (33 feet).
 - 2.3. Targets. Air rifle qualification firing may be done on either the BMC (basic marksmanship course) or AR-1 competition targets.
 - 2.4. Clothing and Equipment. During qualification firing, a sling may be used in the prone and kneeling positions, a glove may be worn on the support hand in any position and a kneeling roll may be used in the kneeling position. Shooting jackets may not be worn during qualification firing.
3. **Integration with JROTC Marksmanship Curriculum.** Cadets must receive marksmanship instruction before they do qualification firing. These marksmanship qualification standards and procedures are designed for qualification firing to be done in conjunction with the safety marksmanship training material provided in the JROTC Marksmanship Instructor Course.
 - 3.1. Section V, which include instruction in gun safety, the operation of the rifle and range procedures.
 - 3.2. Section VII, modules A, B, C and D, which provide instruction in shot technique, sight adjustments and scoring, the standing position, the use of the sling, the prone position and the kneeling position. After Section VIIB is completed, qualification firing in the standing position may be done. After

Section VIIC is completed, qualification firing in the prone position may be done. After Section VIID is completed, qualification firing in all three positions may be done. To qualify for the Expert badge, qualification firing must be done by firing in all three positions, prone, standing and kneeling in a 30-shot series (3x10).

4. **Qualification Scores.** To receive a qualification badge, cadets must attain the following scores in qualification firing that is supervised or observed by a unit instructor.

Qualification Badge	Firing Positions	Air Rifle AR-1 Target	Air Rifle BMC Target
Marksman	10 shots standing, 10 shots prone	110-129	175-187
Sharpshooter	10 shots standing, 10 shots prone	130-200	188-200
Expert	10 shots prone, 10 shots standing, 10 shots kneeling	220-300	290-300

5. **Qualification Firing Procedures.** The unit instructor will designate the times when cadets may do qualification firing. Cadets may be given multiple opportunities to fire qualifying scores.

5.1. To earn the Marksman and/or Sharpshooter badge, a cadet will be credited with the total of the best 10-shot standing and the best 10-shot prone position scores fired during qualification firing periods designated by the instructor. The standing and prone scores that count for the Marksman or Sharpshooter badges do not have to be fired at the same time or on the same day.

5.2. To earn the Expert badge, a cadet must fire a 30-shot three-position score (10-shots prone, 10-shots standing and 10-shots kneeling, all fired at the same time) with the following sequence and time limits:

Stage	Time Limit
Preparation Period	10 minutes
Prone position	20 minutes
Changeover to standing	5 minutes
Standing position	20 minutes
Changeover to kneeling	5 minutes
Kneeling position	15 minutes
Practice or sighting shots may be fired in each position before record shots are fired, but any sighting shots and the 10 record shots must be fired within the time limit for that position.	