NRA INSTRUCTOR BASIC METALLIC CARTRIDGE RELOADING COURSE PRE-COURSE ASSESSMENT

Training Counselors should also have instructor candidates demonstrate their reloading background and experience through completion of the pre-course assessment exercises shown below. Only those candidates who meet all specified requirements for NRA instructors are eligible for certification.

Candidates for basic metallic cartridge reloading instructor ratings must perform as follows in the pre-course assessment exercises:

I. **Pre-Test:** 90 percent or higher. (The NRA Basic Metallic Cartridge Reloading Student Examination is used for the pre-test.)

II. **Pre-Course Assessment:** The candidate must demonstrate basic knowledge, skills, and safe handling procedures for reloading metallic cartridges by performing the following:
• Set up rifle sizing die for both full-length and neck sizing in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
• Set up and zero a powder scale (manufacturer's instructions available), then weigh an object such as a bullet or empty cartridge case.
• Set up powder measure (manufacturer's instructions available) to throw a specified load.
• When given a cartridge, bullet, and powder charge, find the approximate velocity and describe the ballistic characteristics from a reloading manual (i.e., zero at 100 yards, bullet height or drop at 50, 150, 200, and 300 yards).

Note: If necessary, a substitute (such as cornmeal) may be used in place of powder in these assessments.

Important Note: **Safety, adequate training, and the practice of proper techniques constitute the foundation of reloading. For this reason, anyone who wishes to engage in reloading should first become thoroughly familiar with proper reloading procedures (through a training course or other means). Also, reloading should not be undertaken by anyone who cannot devote his or her complete attention to the reloading process. Always consult a current reloading manual published by a reliable source and use only the components specified. Remember to double-check everything!**