

# NRA INSTRUCTOR BASIC SHOTGUN SHELL 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 shotgun shell reloading instructor ratings must perform as follows in the pre-course assessment exercises:

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

II. **Pre-Course Assessment:** The candidate must demonstrate basic knowledge, skill, and safe handling procedures for reloading shotgun shells by performing the following:

A. Set up a shotgun shell reloader in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions so that it will:

- Throw a charge of a particular size and weight of shot
- Throw a charge of a particular type and weight of powder
- Seat the wad with a specific amount of wad pressure
- Form a proper crimp

B. Set up and zero a powder scale (manufacturer's instructions available), then accurately weigh a thrown charge of shot or powder.

C. When given a specific hull, wad, and weight and velocity of the shot charge, use a shotgun shell reloading manual to find the proper powder type and quantity to safely produce the velocity desired with the components specified, as well as such ballistic information as downrange velocity and pellet energy at various ranges.

*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!