

Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Codes Practice Exam (Sample)

Study Guide



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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- 1. What is the consequence of a DUI charge for commercial drivers in Arizona?**
 - A. Permanent license revocation**
 - B. Increased insurance premiums only**
 - C. A warning letter**
 - D. Higher fees for license renewal**

- 2. Which of the following is NOT associated with Code 999?**
 - A. Urgent assistance needed**
 - B. Routine traffic violation**
 - C. Emergency situation for a trooper**
 - D. Immediate backup requested**

- 3. What situation does Code 34 describe?**
 - A. Motorist assist**
 - B. Armed robbery**
 - C. Prison break**
 - D. Occupied disabled motor vehicle**

- 4. Which code indicates a situation requiring response with lights and sirens?**
 - A. Code 4**
 - B. Code 5**
 - C. Code 3**
 - D. Code 2**

- 5. What is the meaning of the code 10-38?**
 - A. Request for backup**
 - B. Is party out of hearing range?**
 - C. Search and apprehend**
 - D. Check for vehicle warrants**

- 6. When might a trooper use the 10-38 code?**
 - A. To check for stolen vehicles**
 - B. When assessing a traffic stop**
 - C. When reviewing validated reports**
 - D. To advise that more information is confidential**

- 7. What does the code 10-91 signify?**
- A. Assistance not needed**
 - B. Need assistance urgent response required**
 - C. Need assistance nonurgent response**
 - D. Additional resources required**
- 8. When is Code 998 typically used?**
- A. During traffic stops**
 - B. When a trooper is injured**
 - C. In situations where a trooper is involved in a shooting**
 - D. When a trooper's vehicle is disabled**
- 9. What is required to legally operate a commercial vehicle in Arizona?**
- A. A valid driver's license only**
 - B. A commercial driver's license and specific endorsements**
 - C. Insurance coverage only**
 - D. A vehicle registration certificate**
- 10. What details should be included when providing a location for an incident?**
- A. Only the street name**
 - B. Highway number, milepost, and direction of travel**
 - C. City and state**
 - D. Only the nearest landmark**

Answers

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1. A
2. B
3. D
4. C
5. B
6. D
7. B
8. C
9. B
10. B

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Explanations

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1. What is the consequence of a DUI charge for commercial drivers in Arizona?

- A. Permanent license revocation**
- B. Increased insurance premiums only**
- C. A warning letter**
- D. Higher fees for license renewal**

In Arizona, commercial drivers face significant consequences if charged with a DUI. A permanent license revocation is the most severe outcome one can encounter for such an offense. Given the nature of commercial driving, which entails a higher level of responsibility due to the potential risk on public roads, authorities impose strict penalties to ensure safety. When a commercial driver receives a DUI, it not only endangers their driving record but also affects their livelihood, as operating a commercial vehicle requires a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). A permanent revocation means that the individual loses their ability to obtain a CDL, making it nearly impossible to return to the profession in the future. This penalty is rooted in the need to maintain a high standard for commercial operators, reflecting the seriousness with which the law treats impaired driving, particularly in the context of driving vehicles that can pose great danger to the driver and surrounding motorists. Other consequences, while impactful, do not carry the same level of severity as permanent revocation. For example, increased insurance premiums and higher fees may affect financial aspects but do not impact the ability to drive commercially in the same profound way.

2. Which of the following is NOT associated with Code 999?

- A. Urgent assistance needed**
- B. Routine traffic violation**
- C. Emergency situation for a trooper**
- D. Immediate backup requested**

The choice indicating a routine traffic violation is indeed not associated with Code 999. Code 999 is used within the Arizona Department of Public Safety to signify a serious situation requiring urgent attention or emergency response, whether it's due to an emergency situation for a trooper needing immediate backup or calling for urgent assistance. Each of the other options directly relates to a critical scenario where officers require immediate support or face an emergency, highlighting the serious nature of Code 999. In contrast, a routine traffic violation does not fit this framework, as it involves standard enforcement procedures that do not necessitate the heightened urgency indicated by Code 999.

3. What situation does Code 34 describe?

- A. Motorist assist
- B. Armed robbery
- C. Prison break
- D. Occupied disabled motor vehicle**

Code 34 is designated to describe the situation involving an occupied disabled motor vehicle. This code is important for law enforcement as it allows officers to quickly recognize the specific nature of the situation. An occupied disabled motor vehicle might require immediate assistance to ensure the safety of the occupants and to facilitate the resolution of the issue, such as providing a tow or helping with repairs. Understanding this code is vital for rapid response and effective communication among law enforcement and emergency services, enabling them to prioritize resources appropriately. This ensures that individuals who may be stranded or in distress receive the necessary support promptly, helping to reduce potential hazards on the roadway.

4. Which code indicates a situation requiring response with lights and sirens?

- A. Code 4
- B. Code 5
- C. Code 3**
- D. Code 2

The code indicating a situation requiring response with lights and sirens is Code 3. This code signifies an emergency situation where there is a need for immediate response, allowing officers to use both lights and sirens in order to alert other road users and expedite their response to the scene. The use of lights and sirens is crucial for responding to incidents where time is a critical factor, such as in cases of life-threatening emergencies or serious crimes in progress. Other codes, while important, do not indicate the same level of urgency. For example, Code 2 generally signifies a non-emergency response that may require prompt attention but does not necessitate the use of lights and sirens. Understanding these codes helps in appropriately managing responses and ensuring that officers react correctly based on the severity of the situation at hand.

5. What is the meaning of the code 10-38?

- A. Request for backup**
- B. Is party out of hearing range?**
- C. Search and apprehend**
- D. Check for vehicle warrants**

The code 10-38 is typically understood in law enforcement communications to mean "Is party out of hearing range?" This code is used by officers to inquire about the communication abilities between them and another party, particularly in situations where verbal communication is crucial but hindered. Understanding the context of communication in law enforcement is vital, especially in situations where situational awareness and coordination are important. The use of such codes helps to convey messages succinctly without disclosing too much information over the radio, which can be crucial for operational security. Unlike the other options, which signify actions or requests that are more direct in nature, the interpretation of 10-38 involves checking on the conditions of communication rather than initiating backup, searching for warrants, or apprehending a suspect. Each of those actions carries a different protocol and urgency compared to inquiring about hearing range, which is more about ensuring effective communication.

6. When might a trooper use the 10-38 code?

- A. To check for stolen vehicles**
- B. When assessing a traffic stop**
- C. When reviewing validated reports**
- D. To advise that more information is confidential**

The 10-38 code is specifically used by law enforcement to convey information about the confidentiality of certain aspects of an investigation or report. When a trooper uses this code, it signals to others that the information being discussed is sensitive and should not be shared or disclosed publicly, ensuring that investigations are conducted without interference and that the subjects involved are protected. This allows officers to maintain the integrity of the information and manage how it is disseminated within the department and to the public. The other options focus on routine checks like validating stolen vehicles or assessing traffic stops, which have their own codes and protocols rather than the need to emphasize confidentiality.

7. What does the code 10-91 signify?

- A. Assistance not needed
- B. Need assistance urgent response required**
- C. Need assistance nonurgent response
- D. Additional resources required

The code 10-91 signifies "Need assistance urgent response required." This code is used to communicate that immediate help is necessary, indicating a situation that is critical or could escalate without prompt intervention. In various law enforcement and emergency services contexts, the use of such a code allows officers and responders to quickly convey the urgency of the situation to dispatch and other units, ensuring a rapid response. The designation of 10-91 reflects the need for prioritizing resources and speeding up the response time for assistance. In contrast, other codes might indicate nonurgent situations or require additional resources without the immediate urgency that 10-91 conveys. Understanding this specific code is crucial for effective communication during emergencies, as it helps responders assess the situation and allocate appropriate resources swiftly.

8. When is Code 998 typically used?

- A. During traffic stops
- B. When a trooper is injured
- C. In situations where a trooper is involved in a shooting**
- D. When a trooper's vehicle is disabled

Code 998 is specifically used in situations where a trooper is involved in a shooting. This code serves to alert other law enforcement and emergency services to the urgent nature of the incident, facilitating a rapid response and coordination among agencies. The designation underscores the serious nature of the event, prompting immediate mobilization of resources to address the situation, secure the area, and provide necessary medical assistance to the trooper involved and potentially to any other individuals affected by the incident. In contrast, the other scenarios provided do not involve this specific code. While traffic stops, injuries to a trooper, and vehicle malfunctions are serious situations that warrant their own protocols and responses, they do not carry the same critical urgency or implications as a shooting incident involving a law enforcement officer. This specificity is crucial for maintaining consistent communication and operational efficiency within law enforcement contexts.

9. What is required to legally operate a commercial vehicle in Arizona?

- A. A valid driver's license only
- B. A commercial driver's license and specific endorsements**
- C. Insurance coverage only
- D. A vehicle registration certificate

To legally operate a commercial vehicle in Arizona, a driver must possess a commercial driver's license (CDL) along with specific endorsements that correspond to the types of vehicles they are operating or any special cargo they may be hauling. A commercial driver's license is crucial because it ensures that the driver has met specific training and testing requirements that address the complexities and responsibilities associated with driving larger and more hazardous vehicles compared to standard passenger vehicles. Furthermore, certain endorsements may be required for operating specific vehicle types, such as buses, tankers, or vehicles carrying hazardous materials. While a valid driver's license is necessary, it does not suffice for commercial vehicle operation due to the higher standards set for safety and regulation in commercial driving. Insurance coverage is also a requirement for commercial vehicles but is separate from the licensing needed to operate the vehicle. Similarly, a vehicle registration certificate is essential for the legality of a vehicle itself but does not pertain to the driver's qualifications. Hence, possessing a CDL with appropriate endorsements is the accurate and necessary requirement for operating commercial vehicles in Arizona.

10. What details should be included when providing a location for an incident?

- A. Only the street name
- B. Highway number, milepost, and direction of travel**
- C. City and state
- D. Only the nearest landmark

Providing a comprehensive location for an incident is critical for ensuring that the appropriate response teams can arrive quickly and effectively. The choice that includes highway number, milepost, and direction of travel is the best option because it supplies precise details necessary for identifying the exact location of the incident, particularly on highways or rural roads where specific landmarks may be scarce. By including the highway number and milepost, responders can pinpoint the incident more accurately along a lengthy stretch of road. The direction of travel adds an additional layer of clarity, allowing responders to understand where the incident is occurring relative to other points on the highway. This detailed information minimizes confusion and enhances response efficacy. While other options may provide some contextual information, they lack the specificity needed for rapid response. For instance, a street name is often too vague without additional context, and city and state information might be relevant but does not give specifics about where exactly on a larger roadway the incident has occurred. Nearest landmarks can be useful, but relying solely on them may lead to ambiguities, especially if multiple landmarks exist in close proximity.

Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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