

Border Patrol 10-Codes Practice Test (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. Which code indicates Remove unit from assignment?**
 - A. Assigned unit**
 - B. Create incident ticket**
 - C. Completes unit assignment**
 - D. Remove unit from assignment**

- 2. Which code corresponds to Completes unit assignment?**
 - A. Completes unit assignment**
 - B. Assigned unit arrived time**
 - C. Remove unit from assignment**
 - D. Create incident ticket**

- 3. What does 10-29 indicate in radio communications?**
 - A. Traffic accident.**
 - B. Check for wants/warrants.**
 - C. Vehicle registration / license plate.**
 - D. All clear; no further assistance needed.**

- 4. Which code signifies Create incident ticket?**
 - A. Create incident ticket**
 - B. Vehicle change**
 - C. Operated in coded mode**
 - D. Operated in clear mode**

- 5. What does Stand by indicate and how should you respond?**
 - A. End the transmission**
 - B. Respond with Go ahead**
 - C. Pause and wait for further instruction; acknowledge with Standing by.**
 - D. Immediately proceed without pause**

- 6. Which 10-code indicates Stolen/wanted vehicle check?**
 - A. 10-24**
 - B. 10-29**
 - C. 10-27**
 - D. 10-21**

- 7. Which code indicates Operated in clear mode?**
- A. Operated in coded mode**
 - B. Operated in clear mode**
 - C. Assigned unit**
 - D. Create incident ticket**
- 8. What does 10-6 indicate?**
- A. Out of service / Unavailable**
 - B. Be on the lookout**
 - C. In service / Available**
 - D. Temporarily busy**
- 9. What does 10-5 BOLO mean?**
- A. Receiving Poorly**
 - B. Be on the lookout (BOLO)**
 - C. In service / Available**
 - D. Repeat Last Transmission**
- 10. Which 10-code means Person in custody speak English?**
- A. 10-21**
 - B. 10-30**
 - C. 10-22**
 - D. 10-27**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Which code indicates Remove unit from assignment?

- A. Assigned unit
- B. Create incident ticket
- C. Completes unit assignment
- D. Remove unit from assignment**

The code tested here is about signaling the removal of a unit from its current assignment. The exact phrase "Remove unit from assignment" communicates that action clearly and directly, which is why it's the best choice for indicating removal. In practice, this code tells dispatch or supervisors that the unit is no longer needed on that task and can be reassigned or released. The other phrases describe different situations: "Assigned unit" means a unit has been assigned to a task, not removed. "Create incident ticket" refers to generating a ticket for an incident, which is a separate administrative action. "Completes unit assignment" (completion of an assignment) implies the task is finished or closed, not that the unit is being removed from it.

2. Which code corresponds to Completes unit assignment?

- A. Completes unit assignment**
- B. Assigned unit arrived time
- C. Remove unit from assignment
- D. Create incident ticket

Understanding unit status codes helps dispatch and responders stay on the same page about what a unit is doing. When a unit finishes its current task, you need a signal that clearly communicates that completion so the unit can be reassigned or released for other duties. The option that explicitly states completing the unit's assignment is the best match because it directly conveys that the current task is finished. The other choices describe related but different actions: recording when the unit arrived at a scene, removing a unit from an assignment (which implies cancellation or reassignment), or creating a new incident ticket (which starts a new task). Using the completion code removes ambiguity and keeps the workflow efficient.

3. What does 10-29 indicate in radio communications?

- A. Traffic accident.
- B. Check for wants/warrants.**
- C. Vehicle registration / license plate.
- D. All clear; no further assistance needed.

Ten-codes are used to convey common actions quickly on the radio, and 10-29 is specifically a request to check for wants or warrants. This prompts dispatch or a nearby unit to run a background check against agency databases to see if the person, vehicle, or plate is wanted or has outstanding warrants. That direct purpose is why this is the best answer: it communicates a need to verify legal status before or during an encounter, helping determine how to proceed. Other options don't fit because they describe different situations. A traffic accident is an incident type you'd report with location and details, not a warrant check. A plate or registration inquiry is handled by a different code, and an all-clear message is a status update rather than a warrant lookup.

4. Which code signifies Create incident ticket?

- A. Create incident ticket**
- B. Vehicle change**
- C. Operated in coded mode**
- D. Operated in clear mode**

In this set, the action you're signaling is the exact task of starting a formal report after an incident. "Create incident ticket" is the direct command to initiate that process, so it clearly communicates the needed action without any ambiguity. That makes it the best fit for signifying the task at hand. The other options describe something different: a vehicle change points to switching or assigning a vehicle for duty, which isn't about logging an incident. Operated in coded mode and operated in clear mode refer to how the message is transmitted—whether it's encoded or sent plainly—not to creating the incident ticket itself.

5. What does Stand by indicate and how should you respond?

- A. End the transmission**
- B. Respond with Go ahead**
- C. Pause and wait for further instruction; acknowledge with Standing by.**
- D. Immediately proceed without pause**

Stand by means to pause your transmission and wait for further instructions, not to end the conversation or proceed immediately. When you hear this, respond with "Standing by" to acknowledge that you're listening and ready for the next instruction. Then stay on the channel and be prepared to receive the next directive. Ending the transmission would cut off contact, and jumping ahead without waiting would ignore the instruction to pause. In practice, you'd use standing by to show you're present and waiting for permission to continue.

6. Which 10-code indicates Stolen/wanted vehicle check?

- A. 10-24**
- B. 10-29**
- C. 10-27**
- D. 10-21**

In this area, the code used to check if a vehicle is stolen or wanted is a specific 10-code that triggers a lookup in the records system (NCIC/Wanted-Warrants) using the vehicle's plate or VIN. This code is designed exactly for pulling up the vehicle's status to see if it's reported stolen or tied to warrants, which helps you decide how to proceed during a stop or at a checkpoint. The other codes listed serve different functions—one is for verifying a driver's license, another marks an assignment as completed, and another initiates a phone contact. Since those do not perform a stolen/wanted vehicle status check, the code that calls for a vehicle status inquiry is the correct choice.

7. Which code indicates Operated in clear mode?

- A. Operated in coded mode
- B. Operated in clear mode**
- C. Assigned unit
- D. Create incident ticket

Clear mode means you're communicating in plain language rather than using coded terms or 10-codes. The option that explicitly states "Operated in clear mode" directly indicates the mode of transmission, which is exactly what the question asks for. The other options describe using coded language or describe actions (like assigning a unit or creating a ticket) that aren't about the mode of communication. So, this option best communicates the mode of operation.

8. What does 10-6 indicate?

- A. Out of service / Unavailable
- B. Be on the lookout
- C. In service / Available
- D. Temporarily busy**

In this radio code set, a unit signaling 10-6 is saying they're temporarily busy and can't take a new transmission right away. They should stand by and respond when freed up. This is used when an officer is actively tied up with another call or task and will get back to you soon. It's different from being out of service or unavailable (that would imply they're completely unable to respond), and it's not the same as being in service or available (ready to respond). Also, "be on the lookout" isn't a 10-code meaning the same as 10-6.

9. What does 10-5 BOLO mean?

- A. Receiving Poorly
- B. Be on the lookout (BOLO)**
- C. In service / Available
- D. Repeat Last Transmission

Be on the lookout for a person or vehicle. BOLO means Be On the Lookout, a broadcast sent so all units watch for a subject or vehicle and share details like description, location, plate, and direction. When you see the phrase paired with the 10-5, it signals issuing that alert so units across the area know to be vigilant and report sightings. It's not about signal quality or availability, which is why those other options don't fit.

10. Which 10-code means Person in custody speak English?

- A. 10-21
- B. 10-30**
- C. 10-22
- D. 10-27

10-codes are meant to convey quick status or requests, but language ability isn't tied to a universal code. In practice, whether someone in custody speaks English is usually recorded in booking notes or handled by assigning an interpreter, not by a standard radio code. For example, common codes here refer to administrative actions or routine checks—one code often involves checking a driver's license, another signals a radio discipline issue, and others cover on-scene contact or follow-up tasks. None of these standard meanings describe a language capability. Because language indicators are agency-specific and typically handled at intake rather than through a fixed 10-code, the idea of a universal 10-code for "Person in custody speak English" doesn't align with how these codes are used. If your department uses a language flag, it will be documented in internal records or handled via interpreter assignment rather than a universal code.

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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.

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

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