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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. For TFPC online class completion, what is the correct minimum percentage requirement for each component?**
 - A. 70% on each component
 - B. 70% overall
 - C. 60% on skills and 70% on final
 - D. 80% on both
- 2. How many CE hours are required for blue card?**
 - A. 12
 - B. 24
 - C. 36
 - D. 48
- 3. Which document has a completion deadline of 6 days?**
 - A. NERIS
 - B. EPCR
 - C. Audit Report
 - D. Incident Comment
- 4. If you are unsure whether a behavior constitutes harassment, what should you do?**
 - A. Discuss with a coworker informally.
 - B. Consult a supervisor unrelated to the issue.
 - C. Document the behavior and monitor it.
 - D. Confer with Human Resources.
- 5. What is the required action to cancel a two-day/block before reporting time?**
 - A. Post a message on the internal chat
 - B. Notify the on duty deputy chief prior to reporting time
 - C. Submit a cancellation form to HR
 - D. Notify the union

- 6. For 56-hour personnel locally credentialed and precept, at what rate do they precept?**
- A. Two 24 hour shifts for every absence of 30 consecutive shifts
 - B. One 24 hour shift for every absence of 15 consecutive shifts
 - C. Three 24 hour shifts for every absence of 20 consecutive shifts
 - D. Four 24 hour shifts for every absence of 40 consecutive shifts
- 7. According to policy, which transactions are processed through the Fire Department Finance Section?**
- A. All transactions including house funds
 - B. Only house funds
 - C. All transactions except house funds
 - D. No transactions processed by the Finance Section
- 8. What describes the fraternization restriction?**
- A. Socializing between same ranks within the same unit is prohibited.
 - B. Socializing only among friends in the same unit is prohibited.
 - C. Socializing between different ranks within the same operational unit that harms discipline/order is prohibited.
 - D. Socializing with people from other units is prohibited.
- 9. Who is responsible for staffing entries into First Due?**
- A. Sergeant
 - B. Officer
 - C. HR
 - D. Station Clerk
- 10. How long is outside employment approval valid?**
- A. 1 year
 - B. 3 years
 - C. 2 years for specific employment type
 - D. 5 years

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. For TFPC online class completion, what is the correct minimum percentage requirement for each component?

- A. 70% on each component**
- B. 70% overall
- C. 60% on skills and 70% on final
- D. 80% on both

This tests how TFPC online class completion sets passing thresholds: you must earn at least 70% in every component of the course. Requiring a minimum on each part ensures you've demonstrated solid competency across all areas, not just overall performance. Each component represents a distinct, essential piece of the training—knowledge checks, skills demonstrations, and the final assessment, for example. If only the overall average mattered, a learner could excel in some parts but struggle in others, leaving critical gaps in safety-related skills and understanding. The other options either set a single overall pass mark or impose different minima in different parts, which can allow weak performance in one area to slip through. So, the most dependable standard is 70% on each component.

2. How many CE hours are required for blue card?

- A. 12
- B. 24
- C. 36**
- D. 48

Continuing education credits are the training units you must complete to renew a credential like the blue card. The blue card renewal requires 36 CE hours within the renewal period. This amount keeps you current on safety practices, codes, and department procedures, while allowing a mix of in-service, online, and hands-on training to fit into your schedule. You can earn these hours through EPFD in-service trainings, regional classes, online accredited courses, and skills labs. The other options don't fit because they wouldn't meet the renewal requirement or would exceed what the program prescribes. In short, 36 CE hours is the official renewal requirement for the blue card.

3. Which document has a completion deadline of 6 days?

- A. NERIS**
- B. EPCR
- C. Audit Report
- D. Incident Comment

The schedule for completing different types of reports reflects how urgently the information is needed. NERIS, the near-miss/safety incident reporting form, is designed to be filled out with a bit more time to collect accurate details and verify information, so six days is allotted for its completion. This balances thoroughness with keeping the incident workflow moving. In contrast, the Emergency Patient Care Report (EPCR) is tied to the patient care process and needs to be documented promptly to accurately reflect care provided and timelines. An Incident Comment is a quick note added soon after an event to capture immediate observations, not a full formal report. An Audit Report follows its own formal review cycle and isn't constrained to a six-day turnaround. So, the document with the six-day completion deadline is NERIS.

4. If you are unsure whether a behavior constitutes harassment, what should you do?

- A. Discuss with a coworker informally.
- B. Consult a supervisor unrelated to the issue.
- C. Document the behavior and monitor it.

D. Confer with Human Resources.

When you're unsure whether a behavior qualifies as harassment, seek official guidance from Human Resources. HR is trained to interpret the agency's harassment policy, understand applicable laws, and explain the steps for reporting and investigating. They can clarify what crosses the line, help you document what happened, and outline protections and remedies, all while handling the information confidentially and consistently. This makes the process safer and more reliable than trying to resolve it informally or through informal channels. Discussing with a coworker informally can provide support or perspective, but it may spread rumors or lack formal guidance and protection. A supervisor who is not directly connected to the issue might not have the authority or could have conflicts of interest, and relying on them alone might not lead to a proper resolution. Documenting the behavior is important and should be done, but it doesn't substitute for formal guidance and action. Getting HR involved ensures the matter is addressed properly, with appropriate policies followed and proper protections in place.

5. What is the required action to cancel a two-day/block before reporting time?

- A. Post a message on the internal chat
- B. Notify the on duty deputy chief prior to reporting time**
- C. Submit a cancellation form to HR
- D. Notify the union

When you need to cancel a two-day block before your reporting time, the proper action is to notify the on-duty deputy chief. This ensures the change goes through the official chain of command and allows the department to adjust staffing and reassign the block as needed before you arrive. The deputy chief can authorize the cancellation, document it, and coordinate coverage so operations remain safe and continuous. Informing someone via internal chat is informal and can be missed or left undocumented, which risks gaps in coverage. Submitting a cancellation form to HR is not the approved method for operational shift changes and may not result in timely staffing adjustments. Notifying the union is inappropriate for routine scheduling changes and isn't the official channel for pre-shift cancellations. The deputy chief's notice provides the authoritative, recorded, and actionable line of communication needed for shift changes.

6. For 56-hour personnel locally credentialed and precept, at what rate do they precept?

- A. Two 24 hour shifts for every absence of 30 consecutive shifts**
- B. One 24 hour shift for every absence of 15 consecutive shifts
- C. Three 24 hour shifts for every absence of 20 consecutive shifts
- D. Four 24 hour shifts for every absence of 40 consecutive shifts

The rate being tested is the precepting requirement tied to how long a trainee is absent. For 56-hour personnel who are locally credentialed and serving as a preceptor, the standard is to precept two 24-hour shifts for every absence of 30 consecutive shifts. This means when a trainee or another member is away for a span of 30 shifts, the credentialed preceptor steps in to cover two full 24-hour shifts. Why this makes sense: having two full shifts dedicated to precepting during a long absence provides substantial hands-on training time without overwhelming the preceptor, while still maintaining crew coverage. It creates a clear, proportional response to extended absences, ensuring trainees get the supervision they need while the department keeps operations running smoothly. The other options don't fit the policy because they prescribe different precepting counts or trigger points (rates or thresholds) that don't align with the established ratio of two 24-hour shifts per 30 consecutive shifts of absence.

7. According to policy, which transactions are processed through the Fire Department Finance Section?

- A. All transactions including house funds
- B. Only house funds
- C. All transactions except house funds**
- D. No transactions processed by the Finance Section

The important idea here is how financial processing is organized to maintain control and accountability. The Fire Department Finance Section handles the majority of department-wide transactions to keep records consistent, ensure proper approvals, and provide a clear audit trail. House funds, which are funds kept at the individual firehouses for station-level needs, are kept locally to preserve station autonomy and local accountability. Because of that separation, the Finance Section processes all transactions except house funds. The other options don't fit because they either imply the Finance Section handles everything (including house funds), or only houses funds, or that nothing goes through the Finance Section at all.

8. What describes the fraternization restriction?

- A. Socializing between same ranks within the same unit is prohibited.
- B. Socializing only among friends in the same unit is prohibited.
- C. Socializing between different ranks within the same operational unit that harms discipline/order is prohibited.**
- D. Socializing with people from other units is prohibited.

Fraternization restrictions focus on keeping professional boundaries so that interactions between different ranks within the same unit don't undermine discipline or the chain of command. The description that fits best says socializing between different ranks within the same operational unit is prohibited when it harms discipline or order. This captures the idea that a supervisor-subordinate relationship can affect authority, prompt favoritism, or disrupt unit discipline, even if both people are within the same unit. Socializing among people of the same rank isn't the concern here because there's no hierarchy to challenge. Socializing with people from other units isn't the scope of this rule, which specifically targets rank-based interactions inside the same unit and their potential to disrupt discipline.

9. Who is responsible for staffing entries into First Due?

- A. Sergeant
- B. Officer**
- C. HR
- D. Station Clerk

First Due is the live tool used to track unit readiness and staffing for responses. The on-duty Officer is responsible for ensuring the correct crew is assigned to the unit and that those assignments are accurately entered into First Due. This person oversees the crew, updates status, and keeps the system current so dispatch and operations reflect the actual staffing. A Sergeant may supervise the crew, but the responsibility for updating the unit's staffing in First Due typically rests with the Officer who has command of the apparatus and is accountable for its readiness. HR handles personnel records and policies, not real-time incident staffing. A Station Clerk handles administrative tasks at the station but does not typically manage live staffing updates for First Due.

10. How long is outside employment approval valid?

- A. 1 year
- B. 3 years
- C. 2 years for specific employment type**
- D. 5 years

Outside employment approvals are not open-ended; they're granted for a limited period and must be renewed. The period is tied to the type of outside work. For the category described as specific employment type, the approval is valid for two years. This window allows timely re assessment of safety, workload balance, and any conflicts with department duties while keeping the process manageable. The other durations—one year, three years, or five years—don't reflect the standard for that particular category, so two years is the best answer. If the job falls outside that category, a different renewal interval would apply, but the question targets this specific scenario.

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.

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

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