

# Navy PSC 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. Don't worry about getting everything right, 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, and take breaks to retain information better.**

## 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.**

## 7. Use Other Tools

**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!**

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## **Questions**

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- 1. What designation represents the health professional pay entry date?**
  - A. CP
  - B. SS
  - C. HP
  - D. AS
  
- 2. What BAQ code is given to a student who is 21 or 22 years old and is a secondary dependent?**
  - A. T
  - B. P
  - C. S
  - D. H
  
- 3. What is the correct action when needing to retract a decision or statement?**
  - A. Stop
  - B. Correct
  - C. Change
  - D. Report
  
- 4. Which MMPA status indicates that a member is identified as having deserted?**
  - A. SP
  - B. SM
  - C. ST
  - D. SL
  
- 5. When is a member on 14 days of AT or Active Duty for Training (ADT) typically paid?**
  - A. At the beginning of the training
  - B. At the mid-point of the training
  - C. Once, on the last day of training duty
  - D. Every day of the training

**6. What does SRB Zone A cover in terms of active service for reenlistments?**

- A. 0 to 17 months**
- B. 17 months to 6 years**
- C. 6 years to 10 years**
- D. 10 to 14 years**

**7. What is the fan number associated with training expenses in the Navy?**

- A. 75000**
- B. 76000**
- C. 77000**
- D. 78000**

**8. What is the frequency of cash verification reviews mandated for Navy accounts?**

- A. Monthly**
- B. Every three months**
- C. Quarterly**
- D. Yearly**

**9. Can the Commanding Officer deviate from the regular payday schedule due to operational considerations?**

- A. Yes, but only once a year**
- B. No, they cannot deviate**
- C. Yes, on a continuing basis**
- D. Yes, but only for special situations**

**10. How many months of US Treasury checks supply should a disbursing officer maintain on hand?**

- A. 3 months**
- B. 6 months**
- C. 9 months**
- D. 12 months**

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. What designation represents the health professional pay entry date?**

- A. CP**
- B. SS**
- C. HP**
- D. AS**

The designation that represents the health professional pay entry date is "HP." This designation specifically indicates that an officer is a member of the Health Professional Corps, which includes various health care providers such as doctors, nurses, and dental officers within the Navy. The pay entry date for these health professionals is critical as it influences their pay and benefits, including special pays and bonuses that are often tied to their service and qualifications within the health sector. Understanding the "HP" designation is essential for recognizing how the Navy compensates its health professionals, especially since they play a vital role in maintaining the health and readiness of Navy personnel. The other designations do not specifically pertain to health professionals or their respective pay entry dates, making "HP" the accurate choice for this question.

**2. What BAQ code is given to a student who is 21 or 22 years old and is a secondary dependent?**

- A. T**
- B. P**
- C. S**
- D. H**

The BAQ code assigned to a student who is 21 or 22 years old and is considered a secondary dependent is S. This code specifically designates students who fall within that age range and are eligible for benefits as defined by military regulations. The classification of a secondary dependent is important for determining eligibility for financial assistance and benefits, as dependents are classified based on their age, status, and relationship to the service member. The use of the S code allows the military to track and manage benefits efficiently for students who are not primary dependents but still qualify for specific allowances within that age group. Understanding these classifications is crucial for service members and their families to ensure they receive the correct benefits and support that they are entitled to, especially in regards to educational assistance.

**3. What is the correct action when needing to retract a decision or statement?**

- A. Stop**
- B. Correct**
- C. Change**
- D. Report**

The correct action when needing to retract a decision or statement is to correct it. This involves acknowledging that the initial decision or statement was incorrect or misleading and then providing the accurate information or alternative decision. Correcting a mistake is essential in maintaining transparency and trust, especially in a military context where decisions can significantly impact operations and personnel. Choosing to correct not only clarifies the situation but also demonstrates accountability and integrity. It allows for the necessary adjustments to be made in a clear and direct manner, ensuring that all stakeholders are informed of the changes. This fosters an environment where open communication is encouraged, and mistakes can be addressed without fear, which is vital in any organization, but especially in a disciplined setting like the Navy.

**4. Which MMPA status indicates that a member is identified as having deserted?**

- A. SP**
- B. SM**
- C. ST**
- D. SL**

In the context of the Military Management Personnel Action (MMPA) status, the designation of SP (Status - Personnel) indicates that a member has been identified as having deserted. This status reflects a serious situation where a service member has left their assigned duty station without permission and has not returned, which can lead to administrative or legal action. Desertion is a significant violation of military law and is treated seriously within the armed forces. Understanding the implications of this status is crucial, as it can affect a service member's career, eligibility for benefits, and legal standing. By recognizing this specific notation, personnel within the Navy can take appropriate actions concerning accountability and discipline, focusing on procedures to either bring the member back into compliance or pursue disciplinary measures. The other statuses provide different designations related to service members but do not indicate desertion. Recognizing these distinctions is important for maintaining military order and ensuring that personnel are in proper standing within their service roles.

**5. When is a member on 14 days of AT or Active Duty for Training (ADT) typically paid?**

- A. At the beginning of the training**
- B. At the mid-point of the training**
- C. Once, on the last day of training duty**
- D. Every day of the training**

A member on 14 days of Active Duty for Training (ADT) or Annual Training (AT) is typically paid once, on the last day of training duty. This payment structure aligns with military pay policies which often consolidate payment for short-term active duty periods. In practice, this means that while the member is engaged in their training, they are not receiving daily payments. Instead, their pay is processed and issued at the conclusion of the training period, which allows for efficient administrative handling of compensation for those specific duty days. This method is designed to streamline payroll processing for military personnel and reduce administrative burdens associated with issuing pay on a daily basis. Understanding this payment structure is critical for service members as it influences their financial planning and budgeting during temporary duty periods.

**6. What does SRB Zone A cover in terms of active service for reenlistments?**

- A. 0 to 17 months**
- B. 17 months to 6 years**
- C. 6 years to 10 years**
- D. 10 to 14 years**

SRB Zone A pertains specifically to service members who are approaching their first reenlistment, covering the period of active service from 17 months to 6 years. This zone is important for determining eligibility for the Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB), which is designed to incentivize sailors to reenlist based on the length of their service. By categorizing service members into distinct zones based on their time in service, the Navy can more effectively manage personnel retention strategies. Zone A is particularly focused on those who have completed their initial training and are ready to extend their commitment to the Navy. This highlights the Navy's goal to retain experienced personnel during a critical period early in their careers when they might consider pursuing options outside of military service.

**7. What is the fan number associated with training expenses in the Navy?**

- A. 75000**
- B. 76000**
- C. 77000**
- D. 78000**

The fan number associated with training expenses in the Navy is 76000. This number specifically relates to the financial management and accounting processes within the Navy, helping to categorize and track expenditures related to training activities. The correct identification of this fan number is crucial for budgeting and resource allocation, ensuring that necessary funds are distributed appropriately to support various training programs. Understanding the correct fan number is essential for personnel involved in financial planning and management, as it allows for accurate reporting and analysis of training-related costs.

**8. What is the frequency of cash verification reviews mandated for Navy accounts?**

- A. Monthly**
- B. Every three months**
- C. Quarterly**
- D. Yearly**

The frequency of cash verification reviews mandated for Navy accounts is quarterly. This requirement ensures that financial operations are conducted with integrity and accuracy, allowing for regular oversight of cash management practices. By conducting these reviews every three months, the Navy can identify discrepancies or potential issues in financial reporting and cash handling on a timely basis. This frequency also aligns with standard accounting practices, which typically emphasize regular reconciliations to maintain financial accountability and transparency. Completing these reviews quarterly helps to safeguard assets and ensure compliance with financial regulations and policies that govern Navy operations.

**9. Can the Commanding Officer deviate from the regular payday schedule due to operational considerations?**

- A. Yes, but only once a year**
- B. No, they cannot deviate**
- C. Yes, on a continuing basis**
- D. Yes, but only for special situations**

The Commanding Officer has the authority to deviate from the regular payday schedule due to operational considerations. This flexibility allows the Commanding Officer to respond effectively to the needs of the unit, especially in dynamic and fluid operational environments where traditional scheduling may not be feasible or practical. For instance, if a deployment or other operational duty requires an adjustment to maintain morale or ensure the financial stability of the personnel involved, the Commanding Officer can make changes as needed. This ability to adjust the payday schedule is crucial for maintaining operational effectiveness and ensuring that service members are provided with timely compensation, especially during critical missions or unforeseen circumstances. The Commanding Officer's discretion in this matter aligns with the overarching goal of supporting the crew while balancing the operational demands of the unit.

**10. How many months of US Treasury checks supply should a disbursing officer maintain on hand?**

- A. 3 months**
- B. 6 months**
- C. 9 months**
- D. 12 months**

A disbursing officer is responsible for maintaining an adequate supply of U.S. Treasury checks to ensure that payments can be made without delay. The policy for maintaining these checks typically requires that disbursing officers keep a supply that lasts at least six months. This duration is established to effectively manage the disbursing functions of the Navy and ensure operational readiness for unexpected circumstances that could affect payments. Having six months' worth of checks on hand provides a sufficient buffer to handle regular operations, while also allowing for contingencies that could arise in the course of disbursing duties, such as logistical issues or unexpected increases in payment requirements. This practice supports the need for continuity in financial operations, making choice of six months the correct answer.

# 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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