

# NCIC Ties Query Recertification 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

- 1. How long will unidentified person file records remain on file?**
  - A. Until the end of the year**
  - B. One year**
  - C. Indefinitely**
  - D. Until reviewed**
- 2. What types of user roles are available within NCIC systems?**
  - A. Data entry personnel, query operators, and system administrators**
  - B. Database analysts, software developers, and hardware technicians**
  - C. Field officers, legal advisors, and public relations specialists**
  - D. Network engineers, data scientists, and IT consultants**
- 3. Which information must all users provide for all III transactions?**
  - A. Verification**
  - B. Dissemination**
  - C. Disclosure**
  - D. Confirmation**
- 4. Which file contains court orders issued to prevent acts of domestic violence or harassment?**
  - A. Gang File**
  - B. Restraining Order**
  - C. Immigration Violator**
  - D. Identity Theft**
- 5. What is the primary purpose of Tiesnet?**
  - A. To serve as a public information database**
  - B. To provide communication between local law enforcement only**
  - C. To offer needed information to various law enforcement personnel**
  - D. To provide training to law enforcement officers**

- 6. What ensures that only authorized personnel access NCIC information?**
- A. Public access privileges**
  - B. Strict access control policies**
  - C. Decentralized user systems**
  - D. Easy login procedures**
- 7. In the response to an IQ message, what does FQ stand for?**
- A. Full Query**
  - B. Fast Query**
  - C. Fact Query**
  - D. Final Query**
- 8. What type of inquiries are included in the requirement for documentation?**
- A. All inquiries**
  - B. Only successful inquiries**
  - C. Test record inquiries**
  - D. External inquiries**
- 9. What should an officer do if they receive a hit from a Ties Query?**
- A. Ignore it unless there are further instructions**
  - B. Verify the information and follow protocol for responding to the alert**
  - C. Report it immediately to their supervisor**
  - D. Make the data public for awareness**
- 10. Which records do not remain in the NCIC securities file?**
- A. Travelers checks**
  - B. Stolen bonds**
  - C. Counterfeit currency**
  - D. Value certificates**



## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. How long will unidentified person file records remain on file?**

- A. Until the end of the year**
- B. One year**
- C. Indefinitely**
- D. Until reviewed**

Unidentified person file records are maintained indefinitely. This is crucial for law enforcement agencies as these records can assist in ongoing investigations and may provide vital information for identifying individuals in the future. Keeping these records on file indefinitely ensures that law enforcement has access to potentially relevant data that could aid in solving cases, especially as new information or technology becomes available. The indefinite retention of these records also reflects the importance of thoroughness in law enforcement procedures, ensuring no opportunity for identification is missed. The other options do not align with this policy, as setting a time limit for retention would risk loss of valuable information that could be critical to an unresolved case.

**2. What types of user roles are available within NCIC systems?**

- A. Data entry personnel, query operators, and system administrators**
- B. Database analysts, software developers, and hardware technicians**
- C. Field officers, legal advisors, and public relations specialists**
- D. Network engineers, data scientists, and IT consultants**

The correct response identifies the core user roles within NCIC systems, which are crucial for the effective operation and management of the system. Data entry personnel are responsible for inputting and managing the information that gets stored within the NCIC databases, ensuring that accurate and up-to-date data is available for queries. Query operators utilize the systems to perform searches and retrieve information pertinent to law enforcement and public safety operations. System administrators oversee the overall functionality and security of the NCIC systems, including user access and system maintenance. The other options contain roles that, while perhaps relevant to broader IT or law enforcement operations, do not specifically relate to the management and utilization of the NCIC system itself. This distinction is important for understanding the specific user roles essential for maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the NCIC network.

**3. Which information must all users provide for all III transactions?**

- A. Verification**
- B. Dissemination**
- C. Disclosure**
- D. Confirmation**

In the context of III (Interstate Identification Index) transactions, the key requirement is dissemination. This means users must provide the necessary information that allows for the proper sharing and distribution of data obtained through the NCIC system. Dissemination involves ensuring that the information is shared in a manner that is consistent with privacy and security guidelines, while also adhering to the legal and procedural standards set forth for handling sensitive information. This concept is crucial because it ensures that any data retrieved from the NCIC or III databases is utilized responsibly and shared with legitimate entities or personnel who have a valid need for the information. Proper dissemination protects the integrity of the information and upholds the trust placed in law enforcement and related organizations to manage sensitive data effectively. The other aspects, such as verification, disclosure, and confirmation, while related to the management of information in various contexts, do not encompass the comprehensive requirement to share and distribute data as dissemination does. This focus on dissemination highlights the importance of data sharing protocols within the framework of information security and legal compliance.

**4. Which file contains court orders issued to prevent acts of domestic violence or harassment?**

- A. Gang File**
- B. Restraining Order**
- C. Immigration Violator**
- D. Identity Theft**

The Restraining Order file contains court orders designed specifically to prevent acts of domestic violence or harassment. These orders are legal documents issued by a court to protect an individual from ongoing or potential harm by another person. They can include stipulations such as prohibiting contact, requiring the offending party to stay away from the victim's home or workplace, and other restrictions aimed at ensuring the safety of the individual. Court-issued restraining orders are an important part of legal protections against domestic abuse and harassment, clearly indicating their purpose in preventing further incidents. Other files listed, such as the Gang File, Immigration Violator, and Identity Theft files, deal with entirely different issues and are not focused on the protective measures against domestic violence or harassment. This distinction clearly identifies why the Restraining Order file is the appropriate choice for this question.

## 5. What is the primary purpose of Tiesnet?

- A. To serve as a public information database
- B. To provide communication between local law enforcement only
- C. To offer needed information to various law enforcement personnel**
- D. To provide training to law enforcement officers

The primary purpose of Tiesnet is to offer needed information to various law enforcement personnel. Tiesnet functions as a network that facilitates the sharing of critical data among law enforcement agencies, allowing officers and other personnel to access important information quickly and efficiently. This capability is vital for enhancing communication, coordination, and overall effectiveness in law enforcement operations, particularly when it comes to gathering intelligence and responding to incidents. While other choices may reference aspects of law enforcement operations, they do not encapsulate the core function of Tiesnet as effectively as the chosen answer does. For instance, Tiesnet is not designed to serve as a public information database, limiting its intended audience to traditional law enforcement. Additionally, it is not exclusively a communication tool for local law enforcement, as it supports interoperability across various jurisdictions. Finally, while training may be an important aspect of law enforcement, Tiesnet itself is not specifically designed for providing training programs to officers; rather, its focus is on information exchange and accessibility.

## 6. What ensures that only authorized personnel access NCIC information?

- A. Public access privileges
- B. Strict access control policies**
- C. Decentralized user systems
- D. Easy login procedures

The correct choice emphasizes the use of strict access control policies, which are designed to limit and manage who can access NCIC information effectively. Such policies ensure that only individuals with the appropriate clearance and training can retrieve sensitive data, thereby protecting the integrity and confidentiality of the information. These policies may include measures such as user authentication, role-based access, and regular audits to monitor and review access logs. By implementing stringent access controls, organizations can mitigate the risk of unauthorized access, thus maintaining the security and integrity of the data within the NCIC system. This structured approach is essential in safeguarding law enforcement information, which is critical for public safety and investigation efforts. The other options do not adequately address the need for secure access to NCIC information. For example, public access privileges would open up data to unauthorized users, decentralized user systems might lead to inconsistencies in access and oversight, and easy login procedures could compromise security by making it easier for those without proper authorization to gain entry to sensitive information.

**7. In the response to an IQ message, what does FQ stand for?**

- A. Full Query**
- B. Fast Query**
- C. Fact Query**
- D. Final Query**

The abbreviation FQ in response to an IQ message stands for Full Query. This term is used in database or information retrieval contexts where a comprehensive or complete set of data is requested or returned. In the case of an IQ message, which typically indicates an inquiry for information, the FQ response signifies that the system is providing a thorough and detailed account of the relevant records or data related to the query posed. Understanding this distinction is important for effectively interpreting messages within the NCIC system, as it highlights the difference between various types of queries and responses that could influence the actions taken by law enforcement or data management personnel. The recognition of FQ as Full Query emphasizes the level of detail available in the data retrieval process, ensuring that individuals accessing this information are equipped with the most relevant and complete data for their purposes.

**8. What type of inquiries are included in the requirement for documentation?**

- A. All inquiries**
- B. Only successful inquiries**
- C. Test record inquiries**
- D. External inquiries**

The requirement for documentation encompasses all inquiries to ensure comprehensive tracking and accountability in the system. Documenting every type of inquiry provides a clear and complete record, which is essential for audits, compliance checks, and maintaining the integrity of data management. This thorough documentation aids in understanding system usage, identifying trends, and addressing any issues that may arise. Focusing on just successful inquiries would leave gaps in the data and could hinder the ability to troubleshoot or analyze all interactions with the system. Similarly, limiting the documentation to test record inquiries or external inquiries would also fail to provide a full picture of system operation and usage, which is crucial for law enforcement and public safety. Thus, the inclusion of all inquiries ensures robust documentation practices that support the overall objectives of data management and system reliability.

**9. What should an officer do if they receive a hit from a Ties Query?**

- A. Ignore it unless there are further instructions**
- B. Verify the information and follow protocol for responding to the alert**
- C. Report it immediately to their supervisor**
- D. Make the data public for awareness**

When an officer receives a hit from a Ties Query, the most appropriate response is to verify the information and follow protocol for responding to the alert. This is crucial because the hit indicates that there may be relevant, actionable information that requires attention. Verification ensures that the officer confirms the accuracy of the data before taking further steps, which is vital for proper law enforcement and safety. Following protocol outlines the specific steps that should be taken in response to such alerts, ensuring that the officer adheres to established procedures designed to manage these situations effectively. The protocol may include cross-referencing databases, consulting with supervisors, or taking specific actions based on the nature of the hit. This structured approach helps maintain the integrity of the response and supports the safety of both officers and the public.

**10. Which records do not remain in the NCIC securities file?**

- A. Travelers checks**
- B. Stolen bonds**
- C. Counterfeit currency**
- D. Value certificates**

The records that do not remain in the NCIC securities file are travelers checks. This is due to the nature of travelers checks; they are generally considered a form of payment rather than a security or investment. As such, they do not fall under the typical categories of records that NCIC maintains for tracking stolen, counterfeit, or lost security instruments. In contrast, stolen bonds, counterfeit currency, and value certificates all pertain to instruments that represent a specific financial value or are intended for investment, and these are the types of records that NCIC has a vested interest in monitoring. Stolen bonds and counterfeit currency can have significant implications for law enforcement and financial institutions, while value certificates are also considered financial instruments that warrant tracking. Therefore, travelers checks stand apart as they do not align with the primary focus of the NCIC securities file.



## 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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