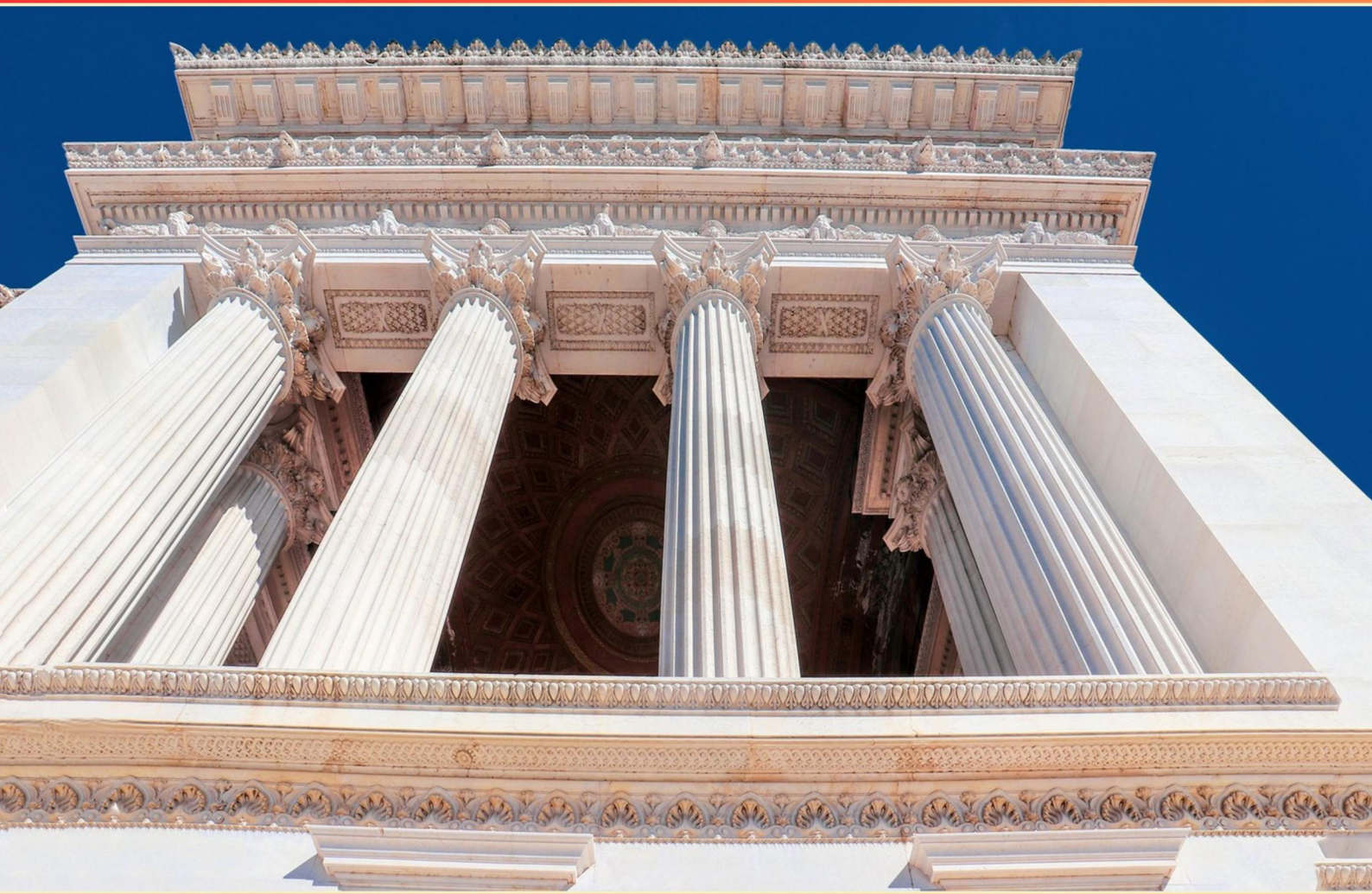


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Introduction

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 additional application is needed for each extra business location?**
 - A. A "License Modification Application"
 - B. A "Branch Office Application"
 - C. A "Location Change Application"
 - D. A "Business Expansion Application"
- 2. What must be included in the process of submitting fingerprints for renewal?**
 - A. Only electronic submissions are accepted
 - B. Paper submissions are preferable
 - C. Applicants need not submit any fingerprint information
 - D. Only if requested by the director
- 3. What constitutes a penalty for a first-time violation of division (A) of section 4749.13?**
 - A. Suspension of license
 - B. A misdemeanor of the first degree
 - C. A warning only
 - D. A fine only
- 4. Which activities are included in the "Business of private investigation"?**
 - A. Conducting investigations for hire and recovering lost property
 - B. All activities related to security services
 - C. Providing legal representation and advice
 - D. Only surveillance and monitoring
- 5. Under what conditions can a holder of an expired registration renew without penalty?**
 - A. If they move to another state
 - B. If they were in active military service or their spouse was
 - C. If they have a letter from their employer
 - D. If they notify the department ahead of time

- 6. What happens to the firearm bearer notation if the employee registration card expires or is revoked?**
- A. The firearm bearer notation remains valid until it is renewed
 - B. The firearm bearer notation automatically expires
 - C. The bearer is granted a temporary license to continue carrying firearms
 - D. The firearm bearer notation is placed on hold until the card is renewed
- 7. What role does the department of public safety have in relation to the retained applicant fingerprint database?**
- A. It provides legal advice
 - B. It serves as a participating public office
 - C. It issues licenses
 - D. It conducts investigations
- 8. What must a licensee do when an employee is terminated?**
- A. Change their access codes immediately
 - B. Return the employee's identification card
 - C. Notify the police
 - D. File a complaint
- 9. How recent must fingerprint impressions be for a provider application?**
- A. Not more than two years prior
 - B. Not more than six months prior
 - C. Not more than one year prior
 - D. Not more than three years prior
- 10. Who qualifies as an "Applicant for licensure" in security services?**
- A. Only the business owner
 - B. Any entity applying for licensure
 - C. Security guards applying for registration
 - D. Anyone employed in security services

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What additional application is needed for each extra business location?

- A. A "License Modification Application"
- B. A "Branch Office Application"**
- C. A "Location Change Application"
- D. A "Business Expansion Application"

The Branch Office Application is required for each additional business location to ensure that the Ohio PISGS maintains an accurate and up-to-date record of all licensed security operations. This process allows for the proper oversight of each branch's compliance with state regulations and standards. Each new location must be properly licensed and approved to operate under the existing security company's main license. This requirement facilitates the state's ability to regulate and monitor security companies effectively, ensuring that each location meets the necessary legal and operational standards for security services. Using the Branch Office Application helps in distinguishing between the main office and any additional offices, providing clarity and ensuring that all operations are covered under the appropriate licensing.

2. What must be included in the process of submitting fingerprints for renewal?

- A. Only electronic submissions are accepted**
- B. Paper submissions are preferable
- C. Applicants need not submit any fingerprint information
- D. Only if requested by the director

The correct answer indicates that only electronic submissions are accepted for the process of submitting fingerprints for renewal. This aligns with modern practices emphasizing efficiency and security, as electronic submissions streamline the process and enhance the accuracy of record-keeping. Electronic systems can quickly process and verify fingerprints against criminal databases, leading to faster decision-making regarding the renewal process. In contrast, relying on paper submissions can introduce delays and increase the chance for errors or lost documents. Furthermore, suggesting that fingerprint information is not needed or is only required upon request undermines the importance of thorough background checks, which are crucial in maintaining safety and security standards in the security industry. Thus, emphasizing the importance of a consistent and efficient electronic submission process is critical in this context.

3. What constitutes a penalty for a first-time violation of division (A) of section 4749.13?

- A. Suspension of license
- B. A misdemeanor of the first degree**
- C. A warning only
- D. A fine only

A first-time violation of division (A) of section 4749.13 is classified as a misdemeanor of the first degree. This classification is significant because it indicates the seriousness of the violation under Ohio law, carrying potential penalties that may include jail time and fines. A misdemeanor of the first degree is one of the more severe misdemeanor classes, reflecting the state's intention to enforce compliance in licensing and regulatory practices within the security industry. Other options presented do not align with the specific legal consequences established for this violation. For example, while suspending a license or imposing only a fine might appear to be consequences in other contexts or for different types of violations, they are not the stipulated penalties for a first-time violation of this particular statute. Additionally, a warning only would not serve the purpose of holding licensees accountable for their actions, especially in a regulated field like security services. Thus, identifying the penalty as a misdemeanor of the first degree underlines both the legal framework and the importance of adhering to the regulations set forth in section 4749.13.

4. Which activities are included in the "Business of private investigation"?

- A. Conducting investigations for hire and recovering lost property**
- B. All activities related to security services
- C. Providing legal representation and advice
- D. Only surveillance and monitoring

The scope of the "Business of private investigation" encompasses a variety of activities focused primarily on conducting investigations and securing information for clients. This involves tasks such as conducting investigations for hire, which can include gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses, and researching information relevant to the needs of clients. Additionally, recovering lost property can fall under the purview of a private investigator, as it involves efforts to locate and return items that are sought after by the owner. This aligns with the fundamental role of private investigators, which centers on investigating specific cases on behalf of clients rather than engaging in broader security service functions, providing legal counsel, or limiting activities to only surveillance and monitoring. Each of the other options involve activities outside the core definition of private investigation or include tasks that do not specifically reflect the nature of the services provided by licensed private investigators.

5. Under what conditions can a holder of an expired registration renew without penalty?

- A. If they move to another state
- B. If they were in active military service or their spouse was**
- C. If they have a letter from their employer
- D. If they notify the department ahead of time

A holder of an expired registration can renew without penalty if they or their spouse were in active military service. This condition is rooted in the understanding that active military service can impose significant challenges and obstacles that may prevent timely renewal of professional licenses or registrations. The law often includes provisions that support service members and their families by allowing them to maintain their professional credentials without facing penalties related to expiration due to deployment or mobilization. The other options do not generally provide a basis for penalty-free renewal. Moving to another state typically entails complying with the new state's registration requirements rather than allowing an expired registration to be renewed without penalties. A letter from an employer alone does not establish a legal basis for renewing an expired registration without penalties. Notifying the department ahead of time may be a good practice, but it does not exempt the holder from penalties associated with an expired registration. Thus, the provision for military personnel acknowledges the unique circumstances surrounding service in the armed forces.

6. What happens to the firearm bearer notation if the employee registration card expires or is revoked?

- A. The firearm bearer notation remains valid until it is renewed
- B. The firearm bearer notation automatically expires**
- C. The bearer is granted a temporary license to continue carrying firearms
- D. The firearm bearer notation is placed on hold until the card is renewed

The firearm bearer notation is closely tied to the employee registration card, and when the card expires or is revoked, the notation is no longer valid. This means that the bearer cannot legally carry firearms until they have renewed their registration card. The automatic expiration of the bearer notation emphasizes the importance of maintaining an active and valid employee registration to ensure compliance with relevant laws and regulations. Keeping the bearer notation valid requires continuous compliance with the requirements set by the licensing authority, and the expiration serves to protect public safety by preventing individuals with lapsed credentials from carrying firearms. Thus, it is essential for individuals holding such notations to be aware of their registration status and take timely action to renew their cards when necessary.

7. What role does the department of public safety have in relation to the retained applicant fingerprint database?

- A. It provides legal advice
- B. It serves as a participating public office**
- C. It issues licenses
- D. It conducts investigations

The department of public safety functions as a participating public office in relation to the retained applicant fingerprint database. This role involves managing and maintaining the database that records fingerprints of individuals who have undergone background checks for employment or licensing within various sectors, particularly those involving security. This database is crucial for ensuring that individuals in positions of trust, such as security personnel, have undergone thorough background checks before being employed. This involvement allows the department to facilitate the flow of information regarding fingerprints to ensure that necessary checks are conducted effectively. The responsibility of a participating public office includes collaborating with other entities to ensure compliance with laws regarding background checks and the proper use of criminal history records. The other options, while they do describe functions that may be performed by different agencies or offices, do not accurately capture the specific role of the department of public safety concerning the retained applicant fingerprint database. Legal advice is not provided by this department in terms of handling fingerprints; licensing is typically handled by licensing boards or commissions, and investigations may be within the jurisdiction of law enforcement agencies rather than a department solely focusing on public safety.

8. What must a licensee do when an employee is terminated?

- A. Change their access codes immediately
- B. Return the employee's identification card**
- C. Notify the police
- D. File a complaint

When an employee is terminated, the key action a licensee must take is to return the employee's identification card. This step is crucial for maintaining security and control over access to facilities and sensitive information. The identification card serves as a means of verification that allows the employee to gain access to various areas or systems associated with the licensee's operations. Failing to return the identification card can pose a security risk, as the terminated employee might still have access privileges or could potentially misuse the card. Therefore, promptly returning the identification card ensures that all security protocols are followed and reinforces the importance of rigorous practices in maintaining a secure environment. While changing access codes and notifying authorities may be necessary in specific situations, returning the identification card is the primary immediate action required after an employee is terminated to safeguard the organization's operations.

9. How recent must fingerprint impressions be for a provider application?

- A. Not more than two years prior
- B. Not more than six months prior
- C. Not more than one year prior**
- D. Not more than three years prior

Fingerprint impressions for a provider application must be recent enough to ensure that they reflect the applicant's current criminal history status. The requirement that these impressions be not more than one year prior strikes a balance between allowing applicants enough time to submit their fingerprints while also ensuring that the background check is as up-to-date as possible. Criminal records can change, and a more recent fingerprint impression helps to identify any new offenses that may have occurred since the last submission, thereby promoting greater safety and security within the industry. In this context, other time frames—the two-year and three-year options—are too lengthy, as they may not adequately capture recent criminal activity that could affect the applicant's eligibility. The six-month option is too restrictive, potentially burdening applicants who may need additional time to complete the application process. Therefore, the one-year requirement is the most appropriate for maintaining up-to-date and relevant background checks for providers.

10. Who qualifies as an "Applicant for licensure" in security services?

- A. Only the business owner
- B. Any entity applying for licensure**
- C. Security guards applying for registration
- D. Anyone employed in security services

An "Applicant for licensure" in security services encompasses any entity that is applying for a license to conduct security services. This definition includes businesses and organizations that are seeking to be officially recognized and authorized to operate within the security industry. By establishing that any entity, not just individuals, qualifies as an applicant, the regulations ensure a broader understanding of who needs to comply with licensing requirements. This is particularly important because the security industry may involve various forms of ownership, such as partnerships, corporations, or sole proprietorships, and recognizing these different entities as applicants emphasizes the regulatory focus on business accountability and compliance within the industry. Entities applying for licensure must demonstrate that they meet the necessary requirements set forth by regulatory bodies, ensuring that all parties involved in providing security services adhere to established standards. The other choices are narrower in their definition and do not encapsulate the full scope of who may apply for licensure within the security services sector.

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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