

PISGS Qualified Agent 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

- 1. Who qualifies as a "Qualifying Agent" under Ohio law?**
 - A. A senior member of the agency**
 - B. The Director of the agency**
 - C. An officer or hired person fulfilling experience requirements**
 - D. Only licensed private investigators**
- 2. What is the duration of a conditional license?**
 - A. One year**
 - B. Two years**
 - C. Six months**
 - D. Indefinitely**
- 3. How soon must a licensee report a change of office location?**
 - A. Within 24 hours**
 - B. Within 48 hours**
 - C. Within 72 hours**
 - D. Within a week**
- 4. Is the \$5 fee for a duplicate identification card refundable?**
 - A. Yes**
 - B. No**
 - C. Only under certain circumstances**
 - D. Depends on the time frame**
- 5. How much does it cost to transfer a private investigator or security guard provider license?**
 - A. \$40**
 - B. \$25**
 - C. \$15**
 - D. \$5**

- 6. What is the time frame for a licensee to notify the department about a change of address for a branch office?**
- A. 24 hours**
 - B. 48 hours**
 - C. 72 hours**
 - D. 1 week**
- 7. Within how many calendar days must an employee's completed application, including submitted fingerprints, be submitted after the employee's date of hire?**
- A. Five calendar days**
 - B. Seven calendar days**
 - C. Ten calendar days**
 - D. Fourteen calendar days**
- 8. Are examination fees refundable?**
- A. Yes, under certain conditions**
 - B. No, they are non-refundable**
 - C. Only if the applicant cancels within a week**
 - D. Fees can be transferred to another applicant**
- 9. Who has the authority to call for a meeting of the Commission?**
- A. Only the director of public safety**
 - B. Five members or the director of public safety**
 - C. Any public citizen**
 - D. Partnership officers**
- 10. Can a trooper refer to themselves as law enforcement while on duty?**
- A. Only if authorized**
 - B. Yes, it is appropriate**
 - C. No, they should use another title**
 - D. Only in specific jurisdictions**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Who qualifies as a "Qualifying Agent" under Ohio law?

- A. A senior member of the agency
- B. The Director of the agency
- C. An officer or hired person fulfilling experience requirements**
- D. Only licensed private investigators

A "Qualifying Agent" under Ohio law must meet specific criteria that include fulfilling necessary experience requirements relevant to the field. This allows for a broader interpretation of who can serve in that role, including officers or hired persons who have obtained the required qualifications and experience. The emphasis on experience ensures that Qualifying Agents are properly equipped to oversee the operational standards and legal compliance of the agency they represent. This option reflects the intention of the law to allow flexibility in designating someone as a Qualifying Agent, not limiting this role to senior members or directors of the agency, nor requiring that only individuals with a private investigator's license can fulfill this position. Being open to individuals meeting experience standards helps to accommodate various structures within agencies while adhering to regulatory compliance.

2. What is the duration of a conditional license?

- A. One year**
- B. Two years
- C. Six months
- D. Indefinitely

A conditional license is typically issued for a duration of one year. This kind of license is often provided to individuals who may have met certain qualifications but may still need to complete additional requirements or conditions to obtain a full license. The one-year time frame allows the individual to demonstrate compliance with these conditions while still being permitted to operate within the scope of their conditional license. In various regulatory frameworks, these licenses are created to help individuals transition effectively into full licensure while also monitoring their progress during the stipulated time. This one-year period is often seen as sufficient to assess an individual's readiness for a standard license or to address any additional criteria needed for licensure.

3. How soon must a licensee report a change of office location?

- A. Within 24 hours
- B. Within 48 hours**
- C. Within 72 hours
- D. Within a week

A licensee must report a change of office location within 48 hours to ensure compliance with regulatory standards. This timeframe is critical because it allows the licensing authority to update records promptly, which helps maintain accurate information about where the licensee is operating. Maintaining current contact information is essential for communications, legal notifications, and ensuring that clients and the public can reach the licensee without issues. Timely reporting within this 48-hour window reflects the responsibility of the licensee to adhere to industry regulations and maintain transparency in their business practices.

4. Is the \$5 fee for a duplicate identification card refundable?

- A. Yes
- B. No**
- C. Only under certain circumstances
- D. Depends on the time frame

The \$5 fee for a duplicate identification card is not refundable under any circumstances. This policy is generally in place to cover the administrative costs associated with processing the application for the duplicate card. Once the payment is made and the processing begins, the fee is considered non-refundable, irrespective of the reason for seeking a duplicate card or any issues that may arise thereafter. The fee's non-refundability helps to ensure a streamlined process for the issuance of identification cards, as these transactions are often handled quickly and efficiently within designated protocols.

5. How much does it cost to transfer a private investigator or security guard provider license?

- A. \$40
- B. \$25**
- C. \$15
- D. \$5

The cost to transfer a private investigator or security guard provider license is \$25. This fee is established by regulatory agencies that oversee the licensing of private investigators and security personnel. Licensing transfer fees are essential as they help cover administrative costs related to the processing of the transfer request, background checks, and ensuring compliance with state regulations. It's important for professionals in this field to be aware of such fees, as they are a part of maintaining their credentials and operating legally.

6. What is the time frame for a licensee to notify the department about a change of address for a branch office?

- A. 24 hours
- B. 48 hours**
- C. 72 hours
- D. 1 week

The time frame for a licensee to notify the department about a change of address for a branch office is 48 hours. This requirement ensures that the department maintains accurate and up-to-date records for all licensed agents and their offices. Timely notification allows for efficient communication and helps in maintaining regulatory compliance. A shorter notification period, such as 24 hours, may not allow enough time for the logistical processes involved in managing office relocations or restructurings, while longer periods, such as 72 hours or one week, could lead to outdated information being on record, which could impact various operational aspects such as licensing, communication, and legal compliance. Therefore, 48 hours strikes a balance, providing a reasonable time frame to inform the department while ensuring the information remains current.

7. Within how many calendar days must an employee's completed application, including submitted fingerprints, be submitted after the employee's date of hire?

- A. Five calendar days
- B. Seven calendar days**
- C. Ten calendar days
- D. Fourteen calendar days

An employee's completed application, including submitted fingerprints, must be submitted within seven calendar days after the employee's date of hire to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements governing the hiring process. This timeframe is established to maintain a systematic approach to employee screening and to facilitate timely background checks. Submitting the application within this period helps ensure that the employer is taking the necessary steps to verify the employee's qualifications and background promptly, which is crucial for upholding workplace safety and security standards. This specific timeframe allows for effective management of human resources while adhering to legal obligations, balancing operational efficiency with thorough due diligence.

8. Are examination fees refundable?

- A. Yes, under certain conditions
- B. No, they are non-refundable**
- C. Only if the applicant cancels within a week
- D. Fees can be transferred to another applicant

The examination fees are considered non-refundable. This policy is typically put in place to ensure that resources and administrative processes are managed efficiently. When an applicant pays for an examination, that fee usually covers not only the evaluation of the test but also the planning and administrative costs associated with setting up the examination. Therefore, because of these incurred costs, once the fee is paid, it cannot be reclaimed for any missed occasions whether due to cancellation, no-show, or other reasons. In contrast, other options suggest scenarios where refunds might be granted or conditions under which fees could be transferred or forfeited, which does not align with established policies regarding examination fees. The clarity around the non-refundable nature of these fees helps applicants make informed decisions about their commitment to taking the examination.

9. Who has the authority to call for a meeting of the Commission?

- A. Only the director of public safety**
- B. Five members or the director of public safety**
- C. Any public citizen**
- D. Partnership officers**

The correct answer is that the authority to call for a meeting of the Commission is vested in five members or the director of public safety. This indicates that a certain level of consensus or authority is necessary to initiate an official meeting, as it ensures that the process is conducted by designated individuals who hold relevant positions of responsibility. This structure helps maintain order, professionalism, and adherence to the established protocol within the Commission. A simple majority of members provides a balanced approach to decision-making, ensuring that the meeting is not called frivolously and that there is sufficient interest and need for discussion on the matters at hand. While the director of public safety holds significant authority, allowing five members to also have this power helps foster collaborative governance and ensures that decisions are representative of the Commission as a whole. When considering the other options, it's clear that restricting this authority to just the director would concentrate too much power in a single individual, undermining collaborative governance. The choice suggesting that any public citizen could call a meeting would likely lead to a lack of organization and could overwhelm the Commission with non-essential queries. Finally, the notion that partnership officers have this authority doesn't align with the established structure that clearly delineates the roles and responsibilities within the Commission.

10. Can a trooper refer to themselves as law enforcement while on duty?

- A. Only if authorized**
- B. Yes, it is appropriate**
- C. No, they should use another title**
- D. Only in specific jurisdictions**

A trooper can refer to themselves as law enforcement while on duty because this designation is an inherent aspect of their role. Law enforcement personnel, including troopers, are responsible for upholding the law, maintaining public order, and ensuring the safety of the community. This title reflects their authority and the duties they perform. It is expected for law enforcement officers to identify themselves as such to effectively communicate their role to the public and other agencies. While there may be cases where specific titles or roles are emphasized depending on jurisdiction or departmental policies, in general, the term "law enforcement" is universally recognized and accepted. Therefore, there is no need for a trooper to seek additional authorization or to refer to themselves using a different title while fulfilling their official duties.

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!