

Texas DPS Private Security Bureau (PSB) - Qualified Manager 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 is necessary for the Texas Private Security Board to take action against an individual?**
 - A. A majority vote from the board members**
 - B. A conviction for specific listed offenses**
 - C. An annual review of the individual's performance**
 - D. A public hearing**
- 2. What can happen if a person accepts the penalty but does not pay it in a timely manner?**
 - A. Nothing occurs as acceptance is sufficient**
 - B. They may face dismissal of the case**
 - C. The department may initiate suspension proceedings**
 - D. The person will receive a reduced penalty**
- 3. In addition to continuing education, what verification must commissioned security officers submit with their renewal application?**
 - A. Background check**
 - B. Firearms proficiency certificate**
 - C. Proof of a first aid course**
 - D. Professional development transcript**
- 4. Which of the following is the most critical factor for licensing by reciprocity?**
 - A. Experience in Texas**
 - B. Holding a good standing license from another jurisdiction**
 - C. Completion of additional training**
 - D. Filing an application**
- 5. If a license holder is under suspension, what can they not do?**
 - A. Engage in licensed activities**
 - B. Renew their registration**
 - C. File for disciplinary proceedings**
 - D. Change their license holder status**

6. Which information is NOT required in a license application under the Texas Private Security Act?

- A. Business address of the applicant**
- B. The applicant's social security number**
- C. The applicant's previous employment history**
- D. A statement of the intended business classification**

7. What penalty is associated with a manager failing to control business operations under the Texas Administrative Code?

- A. \$1,000.00**
- B. \$3,000.00**
- C. \$5,000.00**
- D. \$500.00**

8. Which of the following is NOT accepted as proof of qualification for a classroom instructor?

- A. An instructor's certificate from TCOLE**
- B. A concealed handgun instructor certificate**
- C. A diploma in psychology**
- D. An instructor's certificate from a recognized law enforcement agency**

9. Which topic is included in the handgun proficiency course instruction?

- A. Advanced combat strategies.**
- B. Nonviolent dispute resolution.**
- C. Criminal law enforcement tactics.**
- D. Tactical response operations.**

10. What is the consequence of multiple requests for continuance based on presumed lack of good cause?

- A. They may be honored**
- B. They may be denied**
- C. They require a hearing**
- D. They are automatically approved**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is necessary for the Texas Private Security Board to take action against an individual?

- A. A majority vote from the board members**
- B. A conviction for specific listed offenses**
- C. An annual review of the individual's performance**
- D. A public hearing**

The Texas Private Security Board can take action against an individual when there is a conviction for specific listed offenses. This requirement is essential because it establishes a legal basis for the Board's actions, ensuring that any disciplinary measures are founded on proven misconduct that aligns with established legal standards. Such convictions indicate a breach of legal responsibilities or ethical standards, which can serve as justification for the Board to impose sanctions, revoke licenses, or take other corrective actions against the individual. In this context, the necessity of a conviction ensures that the Board operates within the framework of due process and adheres to the principles of legal accountability. Without a conviction, the Board would lack the necessary grounds to intervene, as actions based solely on allegations or performance reviews without legal backing would not hold up under scrutiny. The other options do not directly trigger the Board's ability to take formal action. A majority vote, while important for decision-making, does not specifically pertain to grounds for action. An annual review of performance is a part of internal assessments but does not equate to the legal action taken against individuals. A public hearing may be part of the process but does not necessarily initiate action on its own—it typically follows when issues have already been identified, often regarding the outcomes of a conviction or similar

2. What can happen if a person accepts the penalty but does not pay it in a timely manner?

- A. Nothing occurs as acceptance is sufficient**
- B. They may face dismissal of the case**
- C. The department may initiate suspension proceedings**
- D. The person will receive a reduced penalty**

When a person accepts a penalty but fails to pay it on time, it can lead to serious consequences, one of which is the initiation of suspension proceedings by the department. Accepting the penalty indicates that the person acknowledges their responsibility for the issue at hand. However, timely payment is often a condition of that acceptance. If the payment is not made as required, the authority may view this as a failure to comply with the terms of the penalty. Consequently, this can trigger suspension proceedings, which can have further implications for the individual, potentially affecting their ability to work or perform certain activities related to their profession or license. Timely payment is crucial in ensuring compliance with legal and administrative processes, and when that obligation is neglected, it puts the individual in a position to face additional scrutiny and consequences from regulatory bodies.

3. In addition to continuing education, what verification must commissioned security officers submit with their renewal application?

- A. Background check**
- B. Firearms proficiency certificate**
- C. Proof of a first aid course**
- D. Professional development transcript**

The requirement for commissioned security officers to submit a firearms proficiency certificate with their renewal application is integral to ensuring that they maintain the necessary skills and knowledge to safely and effectively carry firearms while on duty. This requirement underscores the importance of ongoing training and proficiency in firearms handling, reflecting the critical nature of their role in maintaining safety and security. By requiring a firearms proficiency certificate, the regulatory body emphasizes that commissioned officers must not only be trained initially but also demonstrate their continued competence in firearm use, which is paramount in the field of security. This ensures that officers are up-to-date with current practices, safety protocols, and handling techniques, thus enhancing public safety and officer accountability. The other options, while also relevant to various aspects of security training and professional development, do not align with the specific verification required for renewal of a commissioned officer's credentials. For example, background checks are typically part of the initial licensing process, and while promoting first aid skills is beneficial, it may not be universally mandated for renewal. Similarly, professional development transcripts serve to track an officer's ongoing education but do not directly relate to the critical requirement of firearms proficiency for those authorized to carry weapons.

4. Which of the following is the most critical factor for licensing by reciprocity?

- A. Experience in Texas**
- B. Holding a good standing license from another jurisdiction**
- C. Completion of additional training**
- D. Filing an application**

Holding a good standing license from another jurisdiction is the most critical factor for licensing by reciprocity because it serves as a direct indication of an individual's qualifications and adherence to the standards set by their original licensing authority. It provides assurance that the individual has met specific requirements and maintained a level of professionalism and compliance with regulations that are generally accepted. This status validates their readiness to operate under similar standards in Texas, promoting a level of trust and reliability in the licensing process. When an individual seeks to obtain a license through reciprocity, the emphasis is primarily on the legitimacy and status of their existing license. This streamlines the process and reduces the need for extensive evaluations or re-training, making it easier for qualified individuals from other jurisdictions to work in Texas. The intent behind reciprocity is to acknowledge and honor the credentials and training that the individual has already completed, ensuring they can transition to Texas's regulatory environment without unnecessary barriers.

5. If a license holder is under suspension, what can they not do?

- A. Engage in licensed activities**
- B. Renew their registration**
- C. File for disciplinary proceedings**
- D. Change their license holder status**

When a license holder is under suspension, they are prohibited from engaging in licensed activities. Suspension is a disciplinary action that typically occurs due to violations of regulations or laws governing the practice. During this time, the individual's license is effectively inactive, meaning they cannot perform any functions or engage in any activities that require that license. This ensures that individuals who may pose a risk to public safety or violate professional standards are not allowed to operate until their status is resolved. The other options do not accurately reflect restrictions tied to a suspension. For instance, while the registration cannot be renewed if the license is suspended, the act of renewal does not directly relate to engaging in licensed activities. Furthermore, filing for disciplinary proceedings is often a step taken to contest the suspension or address other issues, and changing their license holder status may be allowed under specific circumstances. However, none of these other actions permit the individual to engage in licensed activities during a suspension period.

6. Which information is NOT required in a license application under the Texas Private Security Act?

- A. Business address of the applicant**
- B. The applicant's social security number**
- C. The applicant's previous employment history**
- D. A statement of the intended business classification**

The information provided in a license application under the Texas Private Security Act must establish the identity, background, and qualifications of the applicant to ensure they meet the necessary criteria for licensing. While various personal and business details are essential for the assessment of trustworthiness and competence, the applicant's previous employment history is not explicitly required for the application process. In contrast, the other pieces of information serve specific purposes: the business address of the applicant provides a point of contact and operational location; the applicant's social security number is crucial for identity verification and background checks; and a statement of the intended business classification is necessary to determine the type of services the applicant intends to provide. Thus, while past employment might offer insights into an applicant's experience level, it is not mandated as part of the application's required information.

7. What penalty is associated with a manager failing to control business operations under the Texas Administrative Code?

- A. \$1,000.00**
- B. \$3,000.00**
- C. \$5,000.00**
- D. \$500.00**

The penalty associated with a manager's failure to control business operations under the Texas Administrative Code is set at \$3,000. This amount reflects the seriousness with which the Texas DPS Private Security Bureau regards the adherence to operational standards and the responsibilities placed on managers. Ensuring that operations are managed properly is crucial for maintaining professional standards in the private security industry. A monetary penalty like this serves to reinforce compliance and accountability among managers, aiming to prevent lapses that could jeopardize the security services provided to the public. The specified amount highlights the regulatory expectations and the potential financial implications of not meeting those expectations effectively.

8. Which of the following is NOT accepted as proof of qualification for a classroom instructor?

- A. An instructor's certificate from TCOLE**
- B. A concealed handgun instructor certificate**
- C. A diploma in psychology**
- D. An instructor's certificate from a recognized law enforcement agency**

A diploma in psychology is not accepted as proof of qualification for a classroom instructor in the context of private security training. The qualifications for instructors in this field typically emphasize specific training and credentials directly related to the areas they will teach, such as law enforcement procedures, safety protocols, or security operations. Instructor certificates from TCOLE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement) and recognized law enforcement agencies are designed to demonstrate that the individual has met specific standards in training and competency related to law enforcement and security instruction. Similarly, a concealed handgun instructor certificate is directly relevant to firearms training and is recognized within the context of security training. In contrast, while a diploma in psychology can indicate a level of educational achievement and understanding of human behavior, it does not inherently provide the specific qualifications required to instruct in security-related curricula. Therefore, it does not meet the necessary criteria to be recognized as valid proof of qualification for a classroom instructor in the private security field.

9. Which topic is included in the handgun proficiency course instruction?

- A. Advanced combat strategies.**
- B. Nonviolent dispute resolution.**
- C. Criminal law enforcement tactics.**
- D. Tactical response operations.**

The handgun proficiency course instruction encompasses various aspects of firearm handling and safety, particularly focusing on responsible use and decision-making. Nonviolent dispute resolution is included as it emphasizes the importance of de-escalation techniques and conflict management skills. This approach aims to ensure that individuals are not solely reliant on firearms for resolving disputes but rather equipped to handle situations through communication and negotiation. Understanding nonviolent resolution helps promote safety and reduces the likelihood of escalation to the use of a firearm. This is particularly relevant for those in the private security sector, where the goal is often to protect and serve without unnecessary force. Other options, while potentially relevant in a broader tactical or law enforcement context, do not align specifically with the focus of handgun proficiency training aimed at responsible use and conflict resolution.

10. What is the consequence of multiple requests for continuance based on presumed lack of good cause?

- A. They may be honored**
- B. They may be denied**
- C. They require a hearing**
- D. They are automatically approved**

When multiple requests for continuance are made based on a presumed lack of good cause, these requests are generally viewed with skepticism. The presumption is that the requests may not be justified if there is a pattern of submitting them without sufficient rationale. Consequently, the proper response in such situations is to deny these requests, asserting that a track record of similar requests lacks the necessary foundation to be granted another continuance. This policy is in place to prevent abuse of the process and ensure that proceedings are not unnecessarily delayed. It emphasizes the importance of presenting a compelling reason each time a request for continuance is submitted.

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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