

Certification Examination Information for Candidates

The International Public Safety Institute (IPSI) consists of 25 exams. Successful completion of the exam plus prerequisites and sufficient work experience is required to obtain the IPSI credential.

To apply for IPSI certification you must first be eligible.

Visit https://internationalpublicsafetyinstitute.org/ipsi-programs/ for eligibility requirements. Once an applicant has been approved, you will then be able to enroll in a training program after which you will be eligible to take the exam at a PSI Test Center or by Live Remote Online Proctoring. The Exam is available as continuous testing.

Candidates for the Exam will have two attempts within 365 days to pass the Exam. Candidates that fail the first exam must wait a minimum of thirty days before taking a second retake exam. Candidates may opt to take the exam without enrolling in a certification training program, however, they will have only one opportunity to pass the exam. If the candidate does not receive a passing grade no retakes will be allowed. The candidate must then enroll in a certification training program and pay a new certification exam fee which entitles the candidate to two attempts to pass the exam as outlined above.

HOW TO BOOK THE EXAM

1. You will receive an eligibility email from IPSI. Select the link imbedded in the email or select the following URL: https://test-takers.psiexams.com/ipsi.

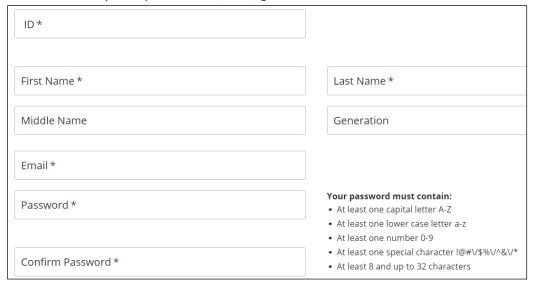


2. Select **TESTS** to create an account.

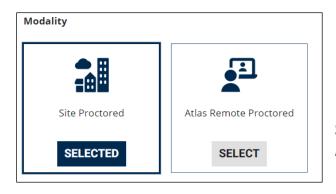
To continue the booking process and schedule your test, you must login or create an account.

LOGIN/REGISTER

- **3.** Select the Examination. You are ready to create an account. Select **LOGIN/REGISTER**.
- 4. You will be prompted to **CREATE AN ACCOUNT** with PSI.
 - The first and last name must be the same as you provided on your IPSI application and match exactly with your current, valid, government-issued ID.

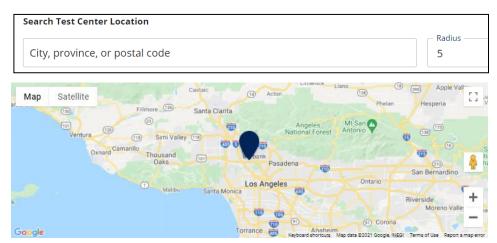


5. Select your test format: Test Center or Remote Online Proctored



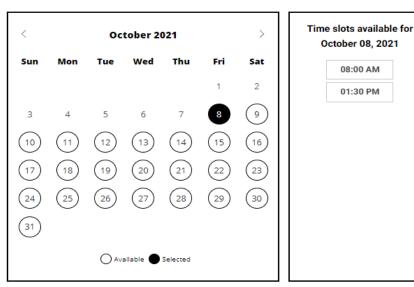
Scheduling at a Test Center If Online Remote Proctored is selected, go to STEP 9.

6. If **Test Center** is selected, enter the "City or Postal Code" and select FIND.



7. Select a date and time to book an appointment.

Choose a Date and Time

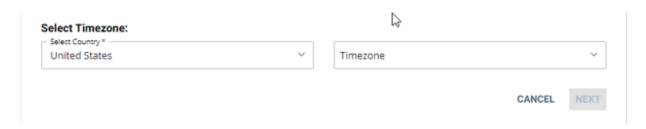


8. You will receive a message confirming the Test Center, booked date, and booked time. Please review the booking before selecting **CONFIRM**. Once your booking is confirmed, select **DONE**



Scheduling via Remote Proctor

9. If Online Remote Proctoring was selected, enter the "Country and Timezone" and select NEXT.

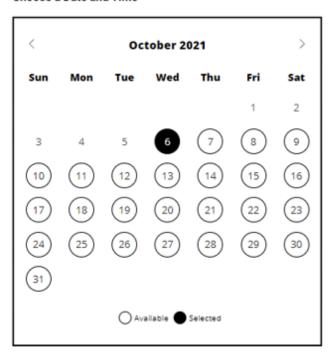


10. Select a date and time to book an appointment to take the test.

Book Your Test:

C (UTC: -08:00) Pacific Time (America/Los_Angeles) Change Timezone

Choose a Date and Time





CANCEL NEXT

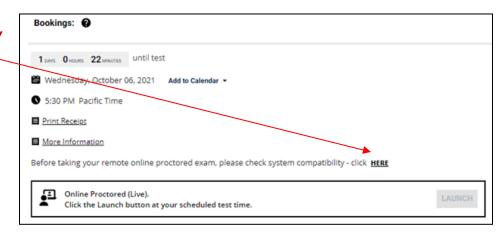
11. You will receive a message confirming the test format, booked date, and booked time. Please review the booking before selecting **CONFIRM.** Once your booking is confirmed, select **DONE.**



12. Your booking will now display in your account. You will be able to **LAUNCH** your test within 30 minutes of your booked test time.

IMPORTANT: BE SURE TO CHECK THE COMPATIBILITY OF YOUR COMPUTER

to include Audio/Video Check, Webcam Check and System Check. Prior to testing, click **HERE** in your account.



By not starting your test within 15 minutes after your booked time, you forfeit your test fee or test eligibility. Fees and test eligibilities are non-refundable. If you have any questions regarding your compatibility check, or if you experience issues launching your test, you may contact PSI's technical support team at (844) 267-1017.

TEST CANCELLATION AND REBOOKING POLICY

- Tests must be cancelled or rebooked no later than 24 hours prior to your booked testing time.
- Failure to cancel or rebook within this time will result in forfeiting your right to defer to future test windows.
- By not starting your test within 15 minutes after your booked test time, you automatically forfeit your test fee. Test fees are non-refundable.

TESTING ONSITE (TEST CENTER)

On the day of your test, report to the Test Center 30 minutes before your booked time. Once you enter the building, look for the signs indicating PSI Test Center Check-In. A candidate who arrives more than 15 minutes after the booked test time will not be admitted.

ONSITE (TEST CENTER) IDENTIFICATION

To gain admission to the Test Center, you must present (1) form of identification. The form of identification must be government issued, current and include your name, signature, and photograph. No form of temporary identification will be accepted. You will also be required to sign a roster for verification of identity.

Examples of valid forms of identification are current: driver's license with photograph; state/province identification card with photograph; international passport; military ID; or Visa with photograph.

If your name on your registration is different than it appears on your identification, you must bring proof of your name change (e.g., marriage license, divorce decree or court order).

Candidates must have proper identification to gain admission to the Test Center. Failure to provide appropriate identification at the time of the test is considered a missed booking. There will be no refund of test fees.

After your identification has been confirmed, you will be directed to a testing carrel. You will be prompted on-screen to enter your candidate identification number.

ONSITE (TEST CENTER) TEST SECURITY

PSI administration and security standards are designed to ensure all candidates are provided the same opportunity to demonstrate their abilities. The Test Center is continuously monitored by audio and video surveillance equipment for security purposes. The following security procedures apply during the test:

- Tests are proprietary. You are prohibited from reproducing, communicating, or transmitting any test content in any form for any purpose.
- No cameras, notes, tape recorders, pagers or cellular/smart phones are allowed in the testing room. Possession of a cellular/smart phone or other electronic devices is strictly prohibited and will result in dismissal from the test.
- No guests, visitors or family members are allowed in the testing room or reception areas.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

No personal items, valuables or weapons should be brought to the Test Center. Only wallets and keys are permitted. Large coats and jackets must be left outside the testing room. You will be provided a soft locker to store your wallet and/or keys with you in the testing room. The proctor will lock the soft locker prior to you entering the testing room. You will not have access to these items until after the test is

completed. Please note the following items will not be allowed in the testing room except securely locked in the soft locker.

- Watches
- Hats
- Wallets
- Keys

Once you have placed your personal belongings into the soft locker, you will be asked to pull out your pockets to ensure they are empty. If you bring personal items that will not fit in the soft locker, you will not be able to test. The site will not store or be responsible for your personal belongings. If any personal items are observed or heard (such as cellular/smart phones, alarms) in the testing room after the test is started, you will be dismissed, and the administration will be forfeited.

ADMISSION RULES

Please review the following Admission Rules required for the exam:

General Instructions

- Do not use cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, or any other type of electronic devices
- Do not capture the screenshots of the test screens or the test results page
- Do not talk, whisper, or move your lips
- Avoid covering your mouth
- You must have your entire face visible to the camera
- Exam setting must be in private space, not an open public area
- You must remain at your workspace area (desk or table)
- Workspace must be well lit with proper lighting
- Both hands must be on or above your workspace area

Not Allowed

- Hats
- Breaks
- Food or drinks
- Gum
- Chewing gum
- Handheld Calculator
- Reference materials unless otherwise noted

Allowed

- Food (Special Accommodations)
- Water in a clear container with no labels
- PSI Secure Browser calculator
- Online Whiteboard / Notepad tool within the PSI Secure Browser Stays as an artifact.

Certain violations may result in termination of your exam and possible forfeiture of your exam fees.

If you need any assistance during your exam, click the chat option in the toolbar.

ONSITE (TEST CENTER) RESTRICTIONS

- A whiteboard is allowed, where available, and must be erased by the candidate in the proctor's view.
- No documents or notes of any kind may be removed from the Test Center.
- No questions concerning the content of the test may be asked during the test.
- Eating, drinking, or smoking is not permitted in the Test Center.

TESTING BY ONLINE PROCTORED (LIVE)

Candidates may log in to their account up to 30 minutes prior to the booked start time, but will not be connected with a proctor until their test time. By not starting your test within 15 minutes after your booked time, you forfeit your test fee or test eligibility. Fees and test eligibilities are non-refundable. If you have any questions regarding your compatibility check, or if you experience issues launching your test, you may contact PSI's technical support team at (844) 267-1017.

ONLINE PROCTORED (LIVE) IDENTIFICATION

Candidates must provide proper identification to the online proctor. You must present (1) form of identification. The form of identification must be government issued, current and include your name, signature, and photograph. No form of temporary identification will be accepted.

Examples of valid forms of identification are current: driver's license with photograph; state/province identification card with photograph; international passport; or Visa with photograph. NOTE: A military identification card is not acceptable for online proctored (live) tests.

If your name on your registration is different than it appears on your identification, you must show proof of your name change (e.g., marriage license, divorce decree or court order).

Failure to provide appropriate identification at the time of the test is considered a missed booking. There will be no refund of test fees.

ONLINE PROCTORED (LIVE) TEST SECURITY

PSI administration and security standards are designed to ensure all candidates are provided the same opportunity to demonstrate their abilities. The following security procedures apply during the online proctored (live) test:

- You are prohibited from reproducing, communicating, or transmitting any test content in any form for any purpose. This behavior will result in the disqualification of test results, will be reported to IPSI and may lead to legal action.
- With the exception of your testing machine, electronic devices and recording devices of any kind (including but not limited to cell phones, pagers, and cameras) are NOT permitted during the online proctored (live) test.
- You will be asked to scan the room where you are testing prior to launching your test. If there are notes, drinks, a box of tissues or any such items on your desk, you will be asked to remove them prior to releasing the test. Walls should be clear of any materials though art and decor are permitted.
- Other people are not allowed in the room while you are testing. Someone else entering the room and/or talking to you is considered a test violation and may result in termination of your test.

ONLINE PROCTORED (LIVE) RESTRICTIONS

- No questions concerning the content of the test may be asked during the test.
- Water in a clear container inspected by a proctor is allowed. Food is not allowed, unless prior documentation is provided as an exam accommodation.

MISCONDUCT

For all test format modes, if you engage in any of the following conduct during the test you may be dismissed, your scores will not be reported, and test fees will not be refunded. Examples of misconduct are when you:

- Create a disturbance, are abusive or otherwise uncooperative.
- Display and/or use electronic communication devices such as pagers, cellular/smart phones.
- Talk or participate in conversation with other test candidates.
- Give or receive help or are suspected of doing so.
- Leave the Test Center or exit the camera view during the test.
- Attempt to record test questions or make notes.
- Attempt to take the test for someone else.
- Are observed with personal belongings.
- Are observed with unauthorized notes, books, or other aids.

TEST ACCOMMODATIONS

PSI can provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Please contact IPSI if you require testing accommodations.

Test accommodations must be approved by IPSI prior to booking a test appointment. If you have been approved by IPSI for test accommodations, please select the following link by <u>Clicking Here</u> to submit booking details to the PSI ADA team for coordination.

ONSITE (TEST CENTER) CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

If severe weather or another emergency forces a Test Center to close on a booked test date, your test will be re-booked. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your test appointment by calling (855) 340-0065 or visiting www.psionline.com/openings. Every effort will be made to rebook your test at a convenient time as soon as possible. You will not be penalized. Your test will be rebooked at no additional charge to you.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

At the Test Center: Immediate results for the Knowledge Exam will be displayed on your screen once you complete both your exam and the survey following the exam. Candidates will receive an email containing their pass/fail score report. IPSI will send the "official" results to candidates along with other documentation for the credential.

Candidates taking a live remote online proctored exam: Please note that you must select to end both the exam portion and survey portion of your test in order to receive your on-screen results.

Knowledge Exam candidates will receive an email containing their pass/fail score report. IPSI will send the "official" results to candidates along with other documentation for the credential.

RE-EXAMINATION

If the candidate does not pass the Knowledge Exam in two attempts during the 365 days, a new application and fee is required to reapply for the Public Safety Technician exam. Candidates must wait 30 days between the first and second attempts to pass the exam.

PSI SUPPORT

PSI Candidate Services Support:

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PSI Online Proctored (Live) Technical Support:

Phone: +1 844-267-1017

PSI Candidate Services for Special Accommodations:

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