Before scheduling your examination, be sure you understand the contents of this bulletin. Please retain and use it as a reference when contacting PSI.

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California Board of Vocational Nursing and California Psychiatric Technicians Licensure Examination

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible for the California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination. This bulletin provides information regarding the California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination procedures and content areas. Your address label contains important date information. In the upper left corner of the address label (above your name) is the date your application for examination was approved; following that is the date by which you must take your examination. You must take your examination by the date specified on the label, or you will need to reapply for the examination and submit another application fee. (See *Abandonment of Application* in this bulletin.)

You are responsible for calling the toll-free number listed under the *Examination Scheduling Procedures* portion of this bulletin to schedule your examination date, time and location.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians at (916) 263-7800

PURPOSE

This bulletin is designed to provide general information regarding the California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination process.

OBJECTIVE OF THE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS (BVNPT)

The mission of the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians is to protect the public. Public protection is paramount to the Board and its highest priority in exercising its licensing, regulatory and disciplinary functions. Toward this end, the Board ensures that only qualified persons are licensed vocational nurses and psychiatric technicians by enforcing education requirements and standards of practice, and by educating consumers of their rights.

The BVNPT is mandated by law to protect the health, safety and welfare of consumers by ensuring that all licensees possess the knowledge, skills and abilities required to practice in a safe and competent manner. This includes development of a licensing examination that evaluates minimum competency for those who wish to provide professional services to the consumer.

The California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination tests candidates on their knowledge and professional skills, as well as their ability to make judgments about appropriate techniques and methods, as applicable to the Psychiatric Technician scope of practice. This scope of practice is defined in Business and Professions Code Section 4502, which states: "…'psychiatric technician' means any person who, for compensation or personal profit, implements procedures and techniques that involve understanding of cause and effect and that are used in the care, treatment, and rehabilitation of mentally ill or emotionally disturbed persons, or persons with intellectual disabilities, and who has one or more of the following:

a. Direct responsibility for administering or implementing specific therapeutic procedures, techniques, treatments, or medications with the aim of enabling recipients or patients to make optimal use of their therapeutic regime, their social and personal resources, and their residential care.

b. Direct responsibility for the application of interpersonal and technical skills in the observation and recognition of symptoms and reactions of recipients or patients, for the accurate recording of these symptoms and reactions, and for the carrying out of treatments and medications as prescribed by a licensed physician and surgeon or a psychiatrist.

The psychiatric technician in the performance of these procedures and techniques is responsible to the director of the service in which his or her duties are performed. The director may be a licensed physician and surgeon, psychiatrist, psychologist, rehabilitation therapist, social worker, registered nurse, or other professional personnel."

EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT

The California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination is developed and maintained by the Board's test vendor, the Office of Professional Examination Services, an office of the California Department of Consumer Affairs. Individual examination items are developed in item writing workshops in a multiple-choice question format. Each item is carefully researched and validated with published references to ensure accuracy and consistency with entry level psychiatric technician practice.

ESTABLISHING THE PASSING STANDARDS

The examination measures the knowledge and skills required in current practice and represents a standard of performance that Psychiatric Technician Subject Matter Experts agree is the minimum level of competence required to practice safely at entry level for the profession. To establish the pass/fail standard, a panel of Subject Matter Experts, who are newly licensed or have direct experience with newly licensed Psychiatric Technicians, reviews the content of the examination questions. A psychometrician conducts the standard setting process in accordance with the requirements of the psychometric model used.

EXAMINATIONS BY PSI SERVICES LLC

The State has contracted with PSI Services LLC (PSI) to conduct its examination program. PSI provides examinations through a network of computer examination centers in California.

All questions and requests for information about examinations should be directed to PSI:

PSI Services LLC
(877) 392-6422
https://test-takers.psiexams.com/cavnpt

Eligibility for the examination is determined by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians:

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EXAMINATION SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Once you have been approved by the BVNPT, you are responsible for contacting PSI to schedule an appointment to take the examination. You may do so via the Internet at https://test-takers.psiexams.com/cavnpt, or schedule over the telephone at (877) 392-6422, TTY (800) 735-2929.

Your examination eligibility expires if you fail to sit for the examination within one year after being deemed eligible.

As stated in the Notice of Eligibility, the address label on the back of this Candidate Information Bulletin (above your name) indicates the date your application was approved; following that is the date by which you must take your examination. You must take the examination by the date specified on the label, or you will forfeit your fee, and you will be required to reapply and submit a new application and fee.

In most California testing centers, testing does not take place on the following major holidays:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Presidents Day
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Day
Day After Christmas

INTERNET SCHEDULING

You may schedule for your test by completing the online Test Registration Form. The Test Registration Form is available at PSI's website, https://test-takers.psiexams.com/cavnpt. You may schedule for a test via the Internet 24 hours a day.

Log onto PSI's website and select Sign in / Create Account. Select Create Account. You are now ready to pay and schedule for the exam. Enter your zip code and a list of the testing sites closest to you will appear. Once you select the desired test site, available dates will appear.

TELEPHONE SCHEDULING

You may call PSI at (877) 392-6422, Monday through Friday between 4:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., or Saturday-Sunday between 6:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Pacific Time, to schedule your appointment for the test.

CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee ***if your cancellation notice is received two (2) days prior to the scheduled examination date***. For example, for a 9:00 a.m. Monday appointment, the cancellation notice would need to be received before 9:00 a.m. on the previous Saturday. You may call PSI at (877) 392-6422.

Note: A voicemail or email message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the PSI Website or call PSI and speak directly to a Customer Service Representative.

MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

If you miss your appointment, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled; further, you will forfeit your examination fee, if:

- You do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the scheduled examination date;
- You do not appear for your examination appointment;
- You arrive after examination start time;
- You do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

RE-EXAMINATION

Candidates who fail the examination will be eligible to retake the examination once after a period of one month. At that time, if the candidate fails the examination a second time, the candidate will be eligible to retake the examination once every six months. There is no limit on the number of retakes. To be rescheduled, you must go to your online BreEZe account at www.breeze.ca.gov, fill out the Application for Re-Examination and pay the required, nonrefundable fee.

EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (877) 392-6422. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You will not be penalized. You will be rescheduled at no additional charge.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)
Examinees with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity may be eligible for accommodation in the testing process to assure you that the examination accurately reflects knowledge, skills and abilities. The BVNPT and PSI are fully compliant with ADA guidelines and will provide reasonable accommodations. Scheduling services are also available via our Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) by calling 800.735.2929.

ACCOMMODATION PROCEDURES
Candidates requiring reasonable accommodations due to a physical or mental impairment must submit a request to the BVNPT for such arrangements prior to scheduling their examination appointment.

Candidates must submit a letter describing the nature and extent of the disability, and the requested accommodations. In addition, a letter must be submitted from the appropriate medical authority that verifies the diagnosis, and describes the tests administered. The medical authority must state the appropriate type of accommodation recommended.

In addition, if the candidate received reasonable accommodations in school, a letter from the school must be submitted describing how the disability was accommodated in school. If the candidate was diagnosed after leaving school, this letter is not required.

EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS

CLICK HERE FOR THE TEST SITE PHONE NUMBERS

The California examinations are administered at the PSI examination centers in California as listed below:

AGOURA HILLS
30851 AGOURA RD SUITE 302
AGOURA HILLS, CA 91301
FROM THE EAST: TAKE US-101 N/VENTURA FWY WEST TO REYES ADOBE RD (EXIT 38). TURN LEFT ONTO REYES ADOBE RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO AGOURA RD. 30851 AGOURA RD IS ON THE RIGHT.
FROM THE WEST: TAKE US-101 S TO LINDERO CYN RD (EXIT 39). TURN RIGHT ONTO LINDERO CANYON RD. TURN LEFT ONTO AGOURA RD. 30851 AGOURA RD IS ON THE LEFT.

ATASCADERO
7305 MORRO RD, SUITE 201A
ATASCADERO, CA 93422
FROM US-101 N, TAKE THE CA-41 EXIT (EXIT 219) TOWARD MORRO RD. TURN LEFT ONTO EL CAMINO REAL. TURN LEFT ONTO CA-41/MORRO RD.

FROM US-101 S, TAKE THE MORRO RD/CA-41 EXIT (EXIT 219), TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-41/MORRO RD.

BAKERSFIELD
5405 STOCKDALE HIGHWAY
SUITE 103
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
FROM INTERSTATE 5-SOUTH, TAKE THE STOCKDALE HIGHWAY EXIT (EXIT 253). TURN RIGHT ONTO STOCKDALE HIGHWAY. END AT 5405 STOCKDALE HIGHWAY.

FROM INTERSTATE 5-NORTH TOWARD BAKERSFIELD, KEEP LEFT TO TAKE CALIFORNIA 99 NORTH VIA EXIT 221 TOWARD BAKERSFIELD/FRESNO. TAKE THE CALIFORNIA 58 EAST EXIT TOWARD TEHACHAPI/MOJAVE. TAKE THE EXIT ON THE LEFT TOWARD CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY/STOCKDALE HIGHWAY/BRUNDAGE LANE. TURN LEFT ONTO WIBLE ROAD, TURN SLIGHT LEFT ONTO STOCKDALE HIGHWAY. END AT 5405 STOCKDALE HIGHWAY.

CARSON
17420 S. AVALON BLVD, SUITE 205
CARSON, CA 90746
FROM CA-91 E/GARDENA FWY TAKE THE AVALON EXIT. OFF RAMP WILL LEAD YOU ONTO ALBERTONI ST. MAKE A RIGHT ONTO AVALON BLVD AND WE ARE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT HANDSIDE (SAME PARKING LOT AS CARL'S JR).

FROM CA-91 W TAKE THE AVALON EXIT. MAKE A LEFT ONTO AVALON BLVD. MAKE A U-TURN ON AVALON BLVD AND ALBERTONI ST. WE ARE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE. (SAME PARKING LOT AS CARL'S JR).

DIAMOND BAR
21660 EAST COPLEY DR SUITE 215
DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765
FROM I-10 E, TAKE THE GRAND AVE EXIT (EXIT 38A). TURN RIGHT ONTO S GRAND AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO GOLDEN SPRINGS DR. TURN LEFT ONTO COPLEY DR.
FROM 60 WEST, TAKE GRAND AVE EXIT (EXIT 24B).
TURN LEFT ONTO GRAND AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO GOLDEN SPRINGS DR. TURN LEFT ONTO COPLEY DR. 21660 COPLEY DR, STE 260 IS ON THE LEFT.

EL MONTE – SANTA FE SPRINGS
10330 PIONEER BOULEVARD, SUITE 285
SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670
FROM THE I-5 NORTH TAKE NORWALK BLVD (EXIT 121), TURN RIGHT ONTO NORWALK BLVD. TURN LEFT ONTO IMPERIAL HWY/CA-90. TURN RIGHT ONTO PIONEER BLVD, TESTING CENTER WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT.

FRESNO
351 E. BARSTOW AVE, SUITE 101
FRESNO, CA 93710
FROM CA-41 S, TAKE THE BULLARD AVE EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO E BULLARD AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO N FRESNO ST. PASS THROUGH THE INTERSECTION OF FRESNO AND BASTOW AVE. TAKE THE FIRST DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE.

FROM CA-41 N, TAKE THE SHAW AVE EXIT TOWARD CLOVIS. TURN RIGHT ONTO E SHAW AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO N FRESNO ST. TURN LEFT INTO THE LAST DRIVEWAY BEFORE BARSTOW AVE. TESTING CENTER IS IN THE OFFICE COMPLEX ON THE SW CORNER OF BARSTOW AND FRESNO ST.

IRVINE
8 CORPORATE PARK, SUITE 200
IRVINE, CA 92606
FROM I-405 S – USE THE 2ND LANE FROM RIGHT TO TAKE EXIT 7 FOR JAMBOREE RD, THEN USE THE LEFT 2 LANES TO TURN LEFT ONTO JAMBOREE RD. GO ABOUT 1.5 MILES THEN TURN RIGHT ONTO BECKMAN AVE. TAKE THE FIRST RIGHT ONTO CORPORATE PARK. 8 CORPORATE PARK IS THE SECOND BUILDING ON THE RIGHT.

FROM I-5 S – TAKE EXIT 100 FOR JAMBOREE RD. USE THE 2ND FROM RIGHT LANE TO TURN RIGHT ONTO JAMBOREE RD. TAKE THE RAMP TO JAMBOREE RD THEN KEEP LEFT AT THE FORK TO CONTINUE ONTO JAMBOREE RD. GO ABOUT 2.2 MILES THEN TURN LEFT ONTO BECKMAN AVE. TAKE THE FIRST RIGHT ONTO CORPORATE PARK. 8 CORPORATE PARK IS THE SECOND BUILDING ON THE RIGHT.

ONCE PARKED, PROCEED THROUGH THE FRONT ENTRANCE AND TAKE THE ELEVATOR TO THE SECOND FLOOR. THE TEST CENTER IS IN SUITE 200.

LAWNDALE
THE BAYTOWER CORPORATE CENTER
15901 HAWTHORNE BLVD, SUITE 330
LAWNDALE, CA 90260
FROM I-5S, MERGE ONTO CA-110S, WHICH BECOMES I-110S. MERGE ONTO I-105W. TAKE THE I-405S/I-405N EXIT AND MERGE ONTO I-405S. TURN RIGHT ONTO INGLEWOOD AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD. TURN RIGHT ONTO HAWTHORNE BLVD.

REDDING
2861 CHURN CREEK, UNIT C
REDDING, CA 96002
FROM I-5 S, TAKE THE CYPRESS AVENUE EXIT (677). TURN RIGHT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ON CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM I-5 N TOWARDS SACRAMENTO, TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM 299 E TOWARDS REDDING, START GOING WEST ON CA-299. MERGE ONTO 1-5 S RAMP ON THE LEFT TOWARDS SACRAMENTO. TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM 299 W TOWARDS REDDING. START GOING EAST ON CA-299 TOWARDS WEAVERVILLE/REDDING. FROM 299 EAST TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-273/CA-299 E/MARKET STREET. TURN LEFT ONTO CA-299-E. MERGE ONTO 1-5 S VIA EXIT 2A TOWARDS RED BLUFF/SACRAMENTO. TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.

RIVERSIDE
7888 MISSION GROVE PARKWAY S., SUITE 130
RIVERSIDE, CA 92508
FROM THE CA-91W TOWARD RIVERSIDE/BEACH CITIES, TAKE THE CENTRAL AVENUE EXIT TOWARD MAGNOLIA CENTER. TURN LEFT ONTO CENTRAL AVE. CENTRAL AVE BECOMES ALESSANDRO BLVD. VEER TO THE RIGHT, THEN STAY STRAIGHT TO GO ONTO TRAUTWEIN RD (YOU WILL PASS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER DR). TURN LEFT ONTO MISSION GROVE PKY W.

FROM THE HIGH DESERT/SAN BERNARDINO AREA 215 S, WHERE THE 60 FWY, 91 FWY, AND THE 215 FWY SPLIT, TAKE 215S (SIGNS FOR THE 60 EAST INDIO). TAKE EXIT 27C FOR ALESSANDRO BLVD, TURN RIGHT ONTO E ALESSANDRO BLVD, TURN LEFT ONTO MISSION GROVE PKWY S.

SACRAMENTO
8950 CAL CENTER DR, SUITE 158
BUILDING TWO
SACRAMENTO, CA 95826
FROM US-50 E: USE THE RIGHT TWO LANES TO TAKE EXIT 11 FOR WATT AVE. USE THE RIGHT 2 LANES TO TURN RIGHT ONTO WATT AVE. USE THE LEFT LANE TO TURN LEFT AT THE FIRST CROSS STREET ONTO FOLSOM BLVD. USE THE LEFT TWO LANES TO TURN LEFT ONTO MANLOVE RD. TURN LEFT ONTO CAL CENTER DR. BUILDING 8950 WILL BE ON THE LEFT.

FROM US-50 W: USE THE RIGHT TWO LANES TO TAKE EXIT 11 FOR WATT AVE. USE THE LEFT 2 LANES TO TURN LEFT ONTO WATT AVE. USE THE LEFT LANE TO TURN LEFT AT THE FIRST CROSS STREET ONTO FOLSOM BLVD. USE THE LEFT TWO LANES TO TURN LEFT ONTO MANLOVE RD. TURN LEFT ONTO CAL CENTER DR. BUILDING 8950 WILL BE ON THE LEFT.

SAN DIEGO
5440 MOREHOUSE DRIVE, SUITE 3100
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121
FROM 1-805 S, TAKE THE SORRENTO VALLEY RD/MIRA MESA BLVD EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO MIRA MESA BLVD, TURN LEFT ONTO SCRANTON ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MOREHOUSE DRIVE.
FROM I-805 N TOWARD LOS ANGELES, TAKE THE MIRA MESA BLVD/VISTA SORRENTO PKWY EXIT. TURN RIGHT ONTO MIRA MESA BLVD. TURN LEFT ONTO SCRANTON RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MOREHOUSE DR.

ADDITIONAL PARKING CAN BE FOUND (ON TOP OF THE AT&T BUILDING) BY CONTINUING ON MOREHOUSE PAST OUR BUILDING AND TURNING LEFT AT THE NEXT DRIVEWAY UP THE HILL.

SAN FRANCISCO
150 EXECUTIVE PARK BLVD., STE 2400
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94134
I-80 W BECOMES US-101 S. TAKE EXIT 429A TOWARD MONSTER PARK/TUNNEL AVE. TAKE THE RAMP TOWARD 3COM PARK. TURN RIGHT ONTO ALANNA RD. TURN LEFT ONTO EXECUTIVE PARK BLVD.

SANTA CLARA
2936 SCOTT BLVD
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054
FROM US-101 N, TAKE THE SAN TOMAS EXPWY/MONTAGUE EXPWY EXIT-EXIT 392. TAKE THE SAN TOMAS EXPWY RAMP. MERGE ONTO SAN TOMAS EXPY/CR-G4. TURN LEFT ONTO SCOTT BLVD.

FROM I-880 S TOWARD SAN JOSE, TAKE THE MONTAGUE EXPWY EXIT (7). TAKE THE MONTAGUE EXPWY WEST RAMP. MERGE ONTO MONTAGUE EXPY/CR-G4 E. TURN LEFT ONTO E TRIMBLE RD. E TRIMBLE RD BECOMES DE LA CRUZ BLVD. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO CENTRAL EXPY/CR-G6 W. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO SCOTT BLVD.

SANTA ROSA
160 WIKIUP DRIVE, SUITE 105
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403
FROM US-101 N, TAKE MARK WEST SPRINGS/RIVER ROAD EXIT. TURN RIGHT ON MARK WEST SPRINGS. TURN LEFT AT OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY. TURN RIGHT ON WIKIUP DRIVE. FIRST DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT.

FROM US-101 S, TAKE MARK WEST SPRINGS/RIVER ROAD EXIT. TURN LEFT ON MARK WEST SPRINGS. TURN LEFT AT OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY. TURN RIGHT ON WIKIUP DRIVE. FIRST DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT.

UNION CITY
32960 ALVARADO-NILES RD, SUITE 650
UNION CITY, CA 94587
FROM I-880 N – AT EXIT 23, TAKE RAMP RIGHT AND FOLLOW SIGNS FOR ALVARADO NILES RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO ALVARADO NILES RD. AFTER ABOUT A MILE, MAKE A U-TURN AT DOWE AVE. TAKE THE FIRST RIGHT INTO THE OFFICE PARK AND THEN TAKE THE FIRST LEFT ONCE ON THE PROPERTY. SUITE 650 WILL BE IN THE FIRST BUILDING ON YOUR RIGHT.
FROM I880 S - AT EXIT 23, TAKE RAMP RIGHT AND FOLLOW SIGNS FOR ALVARADO NILES RD. TURN LEFT ONTO ALVARADO NILES RD. AFTER ABOUT A MILE, MAKE A U-TURN AT DOWE AVE. TAKE THE FIRST RIGHT INTO THE OFFICE PARK AND THEN TAKE THE FIRST LEFT ONCE ON THE PROPERTY. SUITE 650 WILL BE IN THE FIRST BUILDING ON YOUR RIGHT.

VENTURA
4245 MARKET ST, SUITE 208
VENTURA, CA 93003
FROM US-101N, TAKE THE TELEPHONE ROAD (EXIT 65). TURN LEFT ONTO TELEPHONE ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MARKET STREET.

VISALIA
3400 W MINERAL KING AVE, SUITE D
VISALIA, CA 93291
FROM CA-99N, MERGE ONTO CA-198E VIA EXIT 96 TOWARD VISALIA/SEQUOIA NAT'L PARK. TAKE THE EXIT TOWARD DEMAREE STREET. MERGE ONTO W NOBLE AVENUE. TURN LEFT ONTO S COUNTY CENTER DRIVE. TAKE THE 1ST LEFT ONTO W MINERAL KING AVENUE.

WALNUT CREEK
175 LENNON LANE, SUITE 203
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598
FROM I-5N, KEEP LEFT TO TAKE I-580W TOWARD TRACY/SAN FRANCISCO. MERGE ONTO I-680N VIA EXIT 44B TOWARD SACRAMENTO/WALNUT CREEK/CONCORD. TAKE THE YGNACIO VALLEY ROAD EXIT AND TURN RIGHT. TURN LEFT ONTO LENNON LANE.

REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you must arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. This allows time for check-in and identification verification and provides time to familiarize yourself with the examination process. If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you may forfeit your examination registration fee.

Candidates shall not communicate with anyone other than a PSI proctor once their examination has begun. Visitors are not allowed in the testing lobby.

Even though candidates will be thumbprinted, you are still required to comply with any identification requirements established by the appropriate regulatory entity.

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE

You must provide one of the following valid forms of government-issued identification before you may examine:

- An unexpired State-issued Driver's License
- An unexpired State Department of Motor Vehicles Identification Card
- A current U.S military–issued identification
- An unexpired passport
- A U.S. Government-issued Passport Card

If you have had a name change, you must submit a name change to the BVNPT, in writing, accompanied by legal documentation to verify your new legal name. Acceptable documentation may include a marriage license, a divorce decree or a copy of your new driver's license.

If you cannot provide the required identification, you must call (877) 392-6422 at least 3 weeks prior to your scheduled appointment to arrange a way to meet this security requirement. *Failure to provide all of the required identification at the time of the examination without notifying PSI is considered a missed appointment, and you will not be able to take the examination.*

CALIFORNIA LAW SECURITY PROCEDURES

Section 123 of the California Business and Professions Code states: It is a misdemeanor for any person to engage in any conduct which subverts or attempts to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination, including, but not limited to:

- Conduct which violates the security of the examination materials;
- Removing from the examination room any examination materials without authorization;
- The unauthorized reproduction by any means of any portion of the actual licensing examination;
- Aiding by any means the unauthorized reproduction of any portion of the actual licensing examination;
- Paying or using professional or paid examination-takers for the purpose of reconstructing any portion of the licensing examination;
- Obtaining examination questions or other examination material, except by specific authorization either before, during, or after an examination; or
- Using or purporting to use any examination questions or materials which were improperly removed or taken from any examination for the purpose of instructing or preparing any applicant for examination; or
- Selling, distributing, buying, receiving, or having unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered licensing examination.
- Communicating with any other examinee during the administration of a licensing examination.
- Copying answers from another examinee or permitting one's answers to be copied by another examinee.
- Having in one's possession during the administration of the licensing examination any books, equipment, notes, written or printed materials, or data of any kind, other than the examination materials distributed, or otherwise authorized to be in one's possession during the examination.
- Impersonating any examinee or having an impersonator take the licensing examination on one's behalf.

Nothing in this section shall preclude prosecution under authority provided for in any other provision of law. In addition to any other penalties, a person found guilty of violating this section shall be liable for the actual damages sustained by the agency administering the examination not to exceed ten thousand dollars ($10,000) and the costs of litigation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TAKING AN EXAMINATION

1. All candidates will have their thumbprint taken during examination check-in. The thumbprint must be matched after candidates return from a restroom break and any time the candidate leaves and returns to the test site after check-in.

2. The temperature in the testing room is maintained at a moderate level. Candidates are advised to layer clothing. Acceptable layered clothing includes lightweight shirts, sweaters, and pullovers without pockets or hoods. These items must be worn upon check-in, while you wait to enter the testing room, and during your initial seating for the examination. If the layered item is removed during the examination, you will be required to store it in the lobby while time continues to count down on your examination. Outerwear (coats, heavy jackets, vests, shawls, scarves, etc.) is not allowed in the testing rooms.

3. There are timing mechanisms available in the testing room and on the computer console to help candidates keep track of time during the test administration. Candidates are not permitted to bring watches or other timekeeping devices into the testing rooms.

4. Only one candidate will be allowed to take a restroom break at a time. Candidates are required to sign out when leaving and returning to the testing room. If a candidate's restroom break takes longer than 5 (five) minutes, a proctor will check on the candidate and will notify the applicable regulatory entity of the occurrence. The regulatory entity will investigate and take appropriate action.

5. The following is a non-exhaustive list of personal items that are not permitted in the testing rooms:

Purses	Briefcases/daypacks/luggage
Cellular phones	Pagers
Drinks (including water)	Food/candy/snacks/gum
Good luck items	Luggage
Calculators	Reading materials
Textbooks	Notes
Any recording device	Smart devices
Electronic devices	Headphones or earphones/earbuds
Personal pens or pencils	Therapeutic items
Cameras	Over-the-counter medication
Weapons	Fashion scarves
Hats/baseball caps/visors*	Sunglasses**
Bulky, large or noisy jewelry***	Prescription drugs****

**Headwear worn for religious purposes is subject to inspection.*
***Prescription and non-prescription eyeglasses may not be worn for the photo. Eyeglasses subject to inspection.*
****Jewelry that is allowed into the examination room is subject to inspection.*
*****Drugs that are medically necessary during the pendency of the examination may be brought into the examination site, in a container bearing a proper prescription label with the name of the candidate and of the drug; any such medication is subject to examination by a proctor upon check-in.*

Examination proctors will have considerable discretion to refuse permission of clothing and/or items that compromise the integrity or security of the examination.

During the check-in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any of the prohibited items and all candidates will be asked to empty their pockets. If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates must return these items to their vehicle or other place of safekeeping. Neither PSI nor the Department of Consumer Affairs will be responsible for the items. Any candidate possessing prohibited items in the testing room will have his or her examination results invalidated, and PSI will notify the appropriate regulatory entity of the occurrence.

6. Shoes must be worn at all times and feet are not permitted on the chairs. Feet must remain on the floor during examinations.

7. Copying any portion of the examination content by any means, or communicating examination content for the purpose of aiding its unauthorized reproduction, whether before, during, or after the examination, is a violation of PSI security policy and existing law. Either one may result in the disqualification or invalidation of examination results, the denial of your license, and may result in criminal prosecution.

8. If a candidate is asked by a proctor to step into the lobby during your examination, the proctor will suspend the candidate's examination, so all remaining test time will be retained.

Only candidates, and those individuals with prior regulatory entity approval, are allowed to be present in the testing sites.

If candidates require that an exception be made to ANY of the abovementioned security procedures, candidates must contact their regulatory entity PRIOR to the date of their examination. The regulatory entity must provide the exception to PSI. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE ON THE DAY OF THE EXAMINATION.

TAKING THE EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER

The examination will be administered via computer. You will be using a mouse and computer keyboard.

IDENTIFICATION SCREEN

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.

TUTORIAL

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included following the tutorial so that you may practice answering questions, and reviewing your answers.

TEST QUESTION SCREEN

The "function bar" at the top of the test question screen provides mouse-click access to the features available while taking the examination.

One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers.

EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION

The California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination contains **240** multiple-choice items and candidates are allowed four hours to complete the examination. This examination uses Linear On-the-Fly Testing (LOFT), meaning that each candidate receives a uniquely generated set of questions. Although the questions differ, they are statistically scaled so that all versions of the exam have a consistent level of difficulty across testing sessions.

SAMPLE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

1. A client is using a wheelchair following a spinal cord injury. Which of the following dietary interventions should be implemented, and why?

A. Low fat diet to prevent weight gain
B. High protein diet to aid in healing of spinal cord
C. Increased vitamin intake to promote skin integrity
*D. High fiber diet and fluids to prevent constipation

2. While caring for a client with a diagnosis of pertussis, which of the following guidelines should be followed when changing the face mask?

A. Change it if mask slips below the user's nares
*B. Change it if mask is wet, soiled, or contaminated
C. Change it when mask has been touched with hands
D. Change it when mask becomes torn along the edges

3 A psychiatric technician is assisting with facilitation of a therapy group. One of the group members states, "John is up and down all night, and he had better stop." Which of the following responses is most therapeutic?

A. John, do you know why you stay awake at night?
B. Have you asked for sleep medication, John?
C. Do you have any suggestions about what to do with John?
*D. It seems that you are angry with John for keeping you awake.

4. Which of the following is the best response to a client demanding to know why an intrafacility transfer has been arranged?

A. The doctor ordered that you be moved.
B. We need this bed for another patient.
C. You will have to ask the person in charge.
*D. You can tolerate a more active unit now.

5. A client who was exhibiting violent behavior and could not be redirected is being placed in seclusion. The psychiatric technician discovers a pencil in the client's possession and confiscates it. The client protests, "I want to draw. It helps me calm down." How should the psychiatric technician respond to the client's request?

*A. Explain that the removal is for everyone's safety
B. Allow the client to keep the pencil if a no-harm contract is made
C. Inform the client that seclusion is a time for reflecting on behavior
D. Refuse to answer because the client knows the rules and is being manipulative

6. An 18-year-old male client is being admitted to an inpatient psychiatric unit. He states, "Something is wrong with me. I'm getting big breasts and my nipples have been leaking." How should the psychiatric technician respond to the client?

A. Do you have a family history of breast cancer? This can cause gynecomastia.
*B. Let's review your chart. There are many medications that can increase prolactin levels.
C. Have you changed your laundry detergent recently? That is a common cause of inflammation.
D. Hormonal changes often occur at your age, but hormone levels will return to normal in the future.

7. An elderly client with a diagnosis of schizophrenia has recently been admitted to a skilled nursing facility. During an activity on the patio, the psychiatric technician notices that the client has muscle rigidity. An hour after the activity, the client's temperature becomes abnormally high. How should the psychiatric technician proceed?

A. Monitor for worsening of symptoms; then call the client's primary health care provider
B. Encourage client to increase fluid intake and administer prescribed antipyretics
C. Reassess the temperature after administering a tepid sponge bath
*D. Report assessment to the client's primary health care provider

7. Which of the following statements best indicates that a client diagnosed with antisocial personality disorder is ready for discharge?

A. I plan to take charge of everything and get my life together fast.
B. I know I can get my parents to lend me money until I get back on my feet.
*C. I realize I have to take my time and rebuild my relationships gradually.
D. I know I'll never repeat these same mistakes and hurt my family again.

8. Which of the following principles of supervision is most important in making staff assignments?

A. Duty assignments should be based upon staff requests
*B. Duty assignments should match the staff person's abilities
C. Staff assignments should be based upon the number of clients
D. Difficult assignments should be evenly distributed among staff

9. Which of the following data is most important to convey at shift change?

A. A client diagnosed with antisocial disorder reports being picked on by peers
B. A client diagnosed with depression reports lack of appetite and fatigue
C. A client diagnosed with schizophrenia reports lack of concentration
*D. A client diagnosed with bipolar disorder reports sweating and blurred vision

10. An adolescent male client is being admitted to a locked psychiatric unit on a 72-hour involuntary hold for being a danger to others. When asked if he has any weapons, the client voluntarily surrenders a knife. Which of the following actions should the psychiatric technician take next to promote staff and client safety?

A. Confiscate and search all of the client's clothing
*B. Request additional staff to assist with a search of the client
C. Call the police to report the client's possession of contraband
D. Place the client in seclusion until the threat has subsided

11. Following discharge from an acute psychiatric facility after a failed suicide attempt, a client diagnosed with borderline personality disorder voluntarily admits for treatment in an inpatient program. After 24 hours of inpatient treatment, the client states, "I am tired of being here. I am going to check myself out." Which of the following actions should the psychiatric technician take?

*A. Affirm the client's right to request discharge
B. Initiate the process to place the client on an involuntary hold
C. Notify the physician that the client is attempting to leave against medical advice
D. Warn the client that once she is discharged, she will not be able to return

EXAMINATION RESULTS

At the end of the test, each candidate will receive a printed score report. Numerical scores are provided to candidates who fail but are not provided to candidates who pass.

IF YOU PASS THE EXAMINATION

Candidates who pass the examination are eligible for licensure upon receipt of fingerprint clearance from the California Department of Justice and submission of the required initial license fee. Your license may be delayed if you have criminal background issues. Go to your online BreEZe account at www.breeze.ca.gov, apply for your license and pay the nonrefundable required fee. A license will not be issued unless the full license fee is paid.

FAILING SCORE REPORTS

A failing score report indicates the candidate's overall score and grade, including the percent of items answered correctly in each content area of the examination. The primary purpose in providing a candidate with the percentage of items answered correctly for each part of the examination is to guide candidates in areas requiring additional preparation for re-testing.

Candidates who fail the examination will be eligible to retake the examination once after a period of one month. At that time, if the candidate fails the examination a second time, the candidate will be eligible to retake the examination once every six months. There is no limit on the number of retakes. To reschedule an examination, go to your online BreEZe account at www.breeze.ca.gov, fill out the Application for Re-Examination and pay the required, nonrefundable fee.

ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATION/INELIGIBILITY

Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 2571 states:

(a) An application shall be deemed to have been abandoned and the application fee forfeited when:

1. The applicant fails to complete the application within two years after it is originally submitted;
2. The applicant fails to complete the application within two years after the last notification of deficiency;
   or
3. The applicant without good cause fails to take the examination within one year after being scheduled.

(b) An application submitted subsequent to the abandonment of a former application shall be treated as a new application.

EXAMINATION PLAN

The development of an examination program begins with an occupational analysis, most recently completed for psychiatric technicians in 2025. An occupational analysis is a method for identifying the tasks performed in a profession at entry level and the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to perform those tasks safely. The results of an occupational analysis are used to develop an examination plan, which forms the basis of a licensing examination and ensures that an examination is job-related. The current examination plan for the California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination is based on the results of the 2025 occupational analysis.

This appendix contains a summary of the current examination content outline. The full version of the examination outline is available in the 2025 Psychiatric Technician Occupational Analysis report on the Board's website at: https://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/pdf/psychiatric_tech_oa_202.pdf.

The following table displays the seven content areas on the current examination plan and the proportion of questions from each of the content areas on the examination:

Content Area	Approximate % of Test
1. Basic Nursing Care	22%
Baseline physiological assessment	
Chief complaint identification	
Diagnostic testing support	
Musculoskeletal assessment & mobility support	

Skin integrity and healing	
Nutrition and dietary assessment	
GI, GU & reproductive assessment	
Respiratory assessment	
Neurological assessment	
Endocrinological assessment	
Cardiovascular assessment	
Emergency recognition and response	
Infection control and prevention	
Client information management	
Vital signs & point-of-care testing	
Client information management	
Gender-affirming care assessment	
2. Psychosocial Status	24%
Communication barriers and therapeutic communication	
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Stressors, barriers, and daily functioning	
Psychiatric and substance use history	
Cognitive functioning and psychosocial assessment	
Self-care and activities of daily living	
Social, interpersonal, and communication skills training	
Mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders	
Substance use and addiction support	
Leisure skills and activity engagement	
Vocational and functional academic skills	
Independent living skills	
Integration into therapeutic environment	
Adaptive coping and problem-solving skills	
Court-mandated competency training	
Group activities and group-based interventions	
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3. Behavior Management	13%
Behavioral assessment and management	
Crisis recognition and staging	
Crisis intervention and safety management	
Post-crisis debriefing and reintegration	
Evaluation and documentation of crisis events	
4. Medications	18%
Medication assessment and verification	
Medication preparation	
Medication administration	
Medication education and self-management	
Medication security, storage, and disposal	
Medication inventory and supply management	
Order transcription and record accuracy	
Medication documentation and reporting	
5. Treatment Planning	5%
Treatment plan development and coordination	
Treatment plan evaluation and progress assessment	
Client education, transition, and discharge support	
6. Safe and Effective Care Environment	8%
Activity planning	
Staff scheduling and task assignment	
Staff instruction and competency evaluation	
Staff supervision and performance monitoring	
Staff conflict resolution	
Continuity of care and shift communication	
Facility rounds and environmental monitoring	
Contraband and weapon detection and security	
Environmental hazard identification and mitigation	
Client safety and housing assessment	
Emergency and disaster response	
7. Legal and Professional Responsibilities	10%
Informed consent procedures	

	Client rights and denial of rights	
	Confidentiality and its limitations	
	Legal status and court-ordered care	
	Client advocacy	
	Duty to warn and protect	
	Mandated reporting	
	Reporting unprofessional conduct	
	Professional boundaries	
	Ethical practice and conflict of interest	
	Scope of practice compliance	
	Professional development and training needs	
	Legal and ethical documentation	

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