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your examination,  
be sure you understand  
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# California Bureau of Security and Investigative Services



## Private Investigator Examination

### Candidate Information Bulletin



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## PURPOSE

This bulletin is designed to provide you with general information regarding the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services' (BSIS) Private Investigator Examination processes.

## EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT

The Private Investigator Examination is developed and maintained by the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES), a division of the California Department of Consumer Affairs. OPES staff include testing specialists who are trained to develop and analyze occupational licensure examinations. Individual multiple-choice questions are developed in Examination Development Workshops by licensees serving as Subject Matter Experts. Each question is carefully researched and validated with published references to ensure accuracy and consistency with entry level practice.

## ESTABLISHING THE PASSING STANDARDS

A licensing examination determines whether an examinee is competent to practice, not whether the examinee performs better or worse than others who take the test.

In accordance with Business and Professions Code section 101.6, the purpose of Boards, Bureaus and Commissions is to "...establish minimum qualifications and levels of competency and license persons desiring to engage in the occupations they regulate upon determining that such persons possess the requisite skills and qualifications necessary to provide safe and effective services to the public, or register or otherwise certify persons in order to identify practitioners and ensure performance according to set and accepted professional standards."

## EXAMINATION REGISTRATION, PAYMENT, AND SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Once you have been approved by BSIS, 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/cabsi>, or schedule over the telephone at (877) 392-6422, TTY (800) 735-2929.

- **FIRST TIME EXAMINEES:** Examination eligibility expires, and an application is deemed abandoned, if the applicant fails to sit for the examination within one year after being notified of eligibility.
- **RE-EXAMINATION APPLICANTS:** Examination eligibility expires, and an application is deemed abandoned, if an applicant fails any written examination and does

not retake the examination within one year after initially being notified of eligibility.

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

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

### INTERNET SCHEDULING

You may schedule your examination by completing the online Test Registration Form, which is available at PSI's website, <https://test-takers.psiexams.com/cabsi>.

Log onto PSI's website and select Sign in / Create Account. Select Create Account. You are now ready to pay for and schedule the examination. Enter your zip code, and a list of the test centers closest to you will appear. Once you select the desired test center, 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 and Sunday between 6:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Pacific Time, to schedule your appointment for the examination.

### 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 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; or
- You do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

## **TAKING A RE-EXAMINATION**

Candidates who fail the examination are eligible to re-take it. An Application for Reexamination form will be provided with the score report at the test center or may be obtained by contacting BSIS. EXAMINEES MUST PARTICIPATE IN AND PASS THE EXAMINATION WITHIN ONE YEAR OF RECEIVING THE INITIAL ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION.

## **TEST CENTER CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY**

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of a test center 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.

## **TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE**

If you need testing accommodations to take the examination, call the BSIS Licensing Unit at 916-322-4000 to request a Testing Accommodations form. They will mail you the form, which must be completed and returned with your license application. You will be required to explain the disability and what testing accommodations are needed. A letter from your health-care provider must be included, confirming the disability and justifying the need for testing accommodations using the criteria in the request form.

**NOTE:** English as a second language is NOT a disability, and testing accommodations are not granted.

## **TEST CENTER 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 I-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 I-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 2300  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

FROM I-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 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 LA LANE.

## OUT-OF-STATE TEST CENTER LOCATIONS

The following out-of-state test centers will also offer this examination:

#### ALBUQUERQUE

2820 BROADBENT PARKWAY  
SUITE E & F ALBUQUERQUE,  
NM 87107

FROM I-40 W TAKE EXIT 159D, FOLLOW FRONTAGE RD. N TO MENAUL BLVD NE, MAKE A LEFT ONTO MENAUL BLVD NE, MAKE A RIGHT ONTO BROADBENT PKWY NE. BUILDING WILL BE ON THE RIGHT.



**ATLANTA (MARIETTA)**

2100 ROSWELL ROAD NE, SUITE 2128  
MARIETTA, GA 30062

FROM I-75 NORTHBOUND, TAKE EXIT #263 - THE 120 LOOP, EAST TOWARD ROSWELL. DRIVE APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES (PAST POWERS FERRY AND LOWER ROSWELL ROADS) AND EXIT RIGHT TOWARD ROSWELL. MAKE A RIGHT AT THE LIGHT OFF OF THE EXIT AND ONTO ROSWELL ROAD. PAVILIONS AT EAST LAKE SHOPPING CENTER IS ½ MILE ON RIGHT.

FROM I-75 SOUTHBOUND, TAKE EXIT#265 - GA 120 LOOP/EAST. TURN LEFT ONTO NORTH MARIETTA PKWY. AFTER 1.4 MILES, TAKE THE RIGHT-SIDE OFF RAMP TO GA-3/ROSWELL/MARIETTA. TURN LEFT ONTO GA-120 EAST/ROSWELL RD. GO .3MILE TO PAVILIONS AT EAST LAKE SHOPPING CENTER. TURN RIGHT INTO SHOPPING CENTER. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN SUITE 2128 IN THE SAME SHOPPING CENTER AS KROGERS.

**BRONX**

34 MARCONI STREET, SUITE 210  
BRONX, NY 10461

**\*\*PRESS IN THE CODE 26 TO ACCESS SUITE AFTER ARRIVAL AT BUILDING\*\***

HEAD NORTH ON HUTCHINSON RIVER PKWY N. TAKE EXIT 3W FOR PELHAM PKWY W. MERGE ONTO BRONX AND PELHAM PKWY. USE THE RIGHT LANE TO TAKE THE HUTCHINSON PKWY S RAMP TO WHITESTONE BR QUEENS. MERGE ONTO HUTCHINSON RIVER PKWY S. TAKE EXIT 2 TOWARD WESTCHESTER AVE/E TREMONT AVE. TAKE A SLIGHT RIGHT TOWARDS WATERS PL. TURN RIGHT ONTO WATERS PL. TURN RIGHT ONTO MARCONI ST. THE OFFICE WILL BE ON YOUR LEFT.

ENTER THE FRONT ENTRANCE PRESS 26 TO ACCESS. AFTER ENTRANCE INTO BUILDING TAKE THE STAIRS OR ELEVATOR TO THE SECOND FLOOR. WE ARE IN SUITE 210. IF TAKING THE STAIRS, TAKE A LEFT ONCE YOU REACH THE SECOND FLOOR. THE OFFICE IS AT THE TOP OF THE RAMP. FROM THE ELEVATOR, TAKE 2 RIGHTS. THE OFFICE IS AT THE TOP OF THE RAMP.

**CENTENNIAL**

12150 E. BRIARWOOD AVE, SUITE 270  
CENTENNIAL, CO 80112

EXIT I-25 AT ARAPAHOE ROAD. HEAD EAST ON ARAPAHOE (AWAY FROM THE MOUNTAINS) TO PEORIA (5 TRAFFIC LIGHTS). TURN RIGHT ON PEORIA AND LEFT ON BRIARWOOD.

**CHARLOTTE**

TYVOLA EXECUTIVE PARK 1  
5701 WESTPARK DR, #101  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28217

FROM I-77S TOWARDS COLUMBIA, EXIT TYVOLA ROAD (EXIT #5). TURN LEFT AT TYVOLA ROAD. MAKE A RIGHT AT WESTPARK DR. FROM I-77N, EXIT TYVOLA ROAD (EXIT #5). BEAR RIGHT AT TYVOLA ROAD. TURN RIGHT AT WESTPARK DR.

**CHERRY HILL**

901 LINCOLN DR W, SUITE 130  
MARLTON, NJ 08053

FROM NJ-73 NORTH - TAKE THE RAMP ON THE ON THE RIGHT FOR NJ-73 NORTH AND HEAD TOWARDS NEW JERSEY TURPIKE/PALMYRA/TACONY. GO 1.6 MILES THEN BEAR RIGHT TO TURN ONTO LINCOLN DR EAST. TURN LEFT ONTO LINCOLN DR E, WHICH THEN TURNS INTO LINCOLN DR. AT THE LIGHT, GO STRAIGHT ONTO LINCOLN DR WEST.

**CHICAGO**

332 S. MICHIGAN AVENUE  
SUITE 525  
CHICAGO, IL 60604

TAKE US-41S WHICH BECOMES I-94E. TAKE THE W JACKSON BLVD EXIT (51F). TURN LEFT ON W JACKSON BLVD. TURN RIGHT ON S MICHIGAN AVE.

**DALLAS**

1701 N COLLINS BLVD, SUITE 130

RICHARDSON, TX 75080

FROM US-75 NORTH TAKE EXIT 26 ONTO N. CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY TOWARD COLLINS BLVD. / CAMPBELL RD. TURN LEFT ONTO CAMPBELL RD. TURN LEFT ON COLLINS BLVD. BUILDING IS ON RIGHT.

**HOUSTON (NORTHWEST)**

9800 NORTHWEST FREEWAY  
SUITE 200  
HOUSTON, TX 77092

FROM HWY 290 DRIVING SOUTHEAST, MERGE ONTO LOOP 610 NORTH. EXIT AT T.C.JESTER AND THEN U-TURN UNDER LOOP 610. STAY ON THE FEEDER ROAD, SHERATON HOTEL IS ON THE RIGHT AS THE ROAD CURVES RIGHT. TURN INTO THE PARKING LOT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHERATON HOTEL AND BEFORE THE OFFICE BUILDING. CENTER IS ON THE 2ND FLOOR.

**MILFORD**

500 BIC DRIVE  
SUITE 101

MILFORD, CT 06461

FROM HIGHWAY I-95 EXIT 35. GO TOWARD BIC DRIVE. GO .5 MILES TO 500 BIC DRIVE WHICH IS AT GATE 1 OF THE FORMER BIC COMPLEX. GO TO THE REAR OF THE LOT AND PARK. WALK DOWN THE HILL IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING AND ENTER THE FRONT DOOR. SIGNS WILL DIRECT YOU TO SUITE 101 (PSI).

**NASHVILLE**

THE OAKS  
1102 KERMIT DRIVE, SUITE 101  
NASHVILLE, TN 37217

FROM I-40 EAST: TAKE EXIT ONTO I-24 (EXIT 213-A). TAKE MURFREESBORO ROAD AT THE FIRST EXIT (EXIT 52). STAY IN THE RIGHT LANE ON THE RAMP, AS THE EXIT APPEARS WHILE YOU ARE STILL IN THE CURVE. ON MURFREESBORO, STAY IN THE LEFT LANE. YOU WILL PASS DAYS INN AND SUPER GIGANTE GROCERY ON YOUR RIGHT. TURN LEFT ONTO KERMIT DRIVE WHEN THERE IS A MCDONALDS ON YOUR RIGHT. PSI IS IN THE FIRST BUILDING ON YOUR LEFT.

FROM I-40 WEST: TAKE EXIT ONTO BRILEY PARKWAY, TURN LEFT ONTO BRILEY PWY. EXIT ONTO MURFREESBORO RD. STAY IN THE RIGHT LANE. TURN RIGHT ONTO KERMIT DRIVE. PSI IS IN THE FIRST BUILDING ON YOUR LEFT.

**OLATHE**

18000 W. 105TH ST. CORPORATE  
RIDGE OFFICE PARK OLATHE, KS  
66061

FROM EAST - TAKE I-435 W TO K-10/LAWRENCE EXIT 1B. FROM K-10, EXIT AT RIDGEVIEW RD AND TURN LEFT. TAKE FIRST LEFT INTO OFFICE PARK. THE PSI OFFICE IS ON LEFT.

FROM NORTH - TAKE I-35 S TO I-435 W EXIT 222B, THEN TAKE K-10/LAWRENCE EXIT 1B. FROM K-10, EXIT AT RIDGEVIEW RD AND TURN LEFT. TAKE FIRST LEFT INTO OFFICE PARK. THE PSI OFFICE IS ON LEFT.

FROM WEST OF I-35, TAKE I-435 S, THEN TAKE K-10/LAWRENCE EXIT 1B. FROM K-10, EXIT AT RIDGEVIEW RD AND TURN LEFT. TAKE FIRST LEFT INTO OFFICE PARK. THE PSI OFFICE IS ON LEFT.

FROM SOUTH - TAKE I-35 N TO I-435 W EXIT 222B, THEN TAKE K-10/LAWRENCE EXIT 1B. FROM K-10, EXIT AT RIDGEVIEW RD AND TURN LEFT. TAKE FIRST LEFT INTO OFFICE PARK. THE PSI OFFICE IS ON LEFT. FROM WEST - TAKE K-10/LAWRENCE EXIT 1B. FROM K-10, EXIT AT RIDGEVIEW RD AND TURN RIGHT. TAKE FIRST LEFT INTO OFFICE PARK. THE PSI OFFICE IS ON LEFT. PLEASE PARK IN THE SPOTS DESIGNATED FOR VISITORS/TESTERS AT THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING.

**PHILADELPHIA**

ONE BALA AVENUE, SUITE 310 BALA  
CYNWYD, PA 19004

FROM I-76 EXIT CITY LINE AVENUE. FOLLOW CITY LINE AVENUE SOUTH. THE BUILDING IS ON THE CORNER OF BALA AVENUE AND CITY LINE (NEXT TO THE BALA CYNWYD RAILROAD STATION). THIS IS NOT BALA PLAZA.

**RICHMOND**

MOOREFIELD VI BUILDING 620  
MOOREFIELD PARK DRIVE SUITE  
205

RICHMOND, VA 23236

FROM I-64E, TAKE THE PARHAM RD EXIT AND TURN RIGHT. N PARHAM

RD/VA-73 S BECOMES VA-150 S/CHIPPENHAM PKWY. MERGE ONTO VA-76 S/POWHITE PKWY. MERGE ONTO MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE WEST. TURN LEFT ON MOOREFIELD PARK DR.

#### **SOUTHFIELD (DETROIT AREA)**

2640 LAHSER ROAD, SUITE 150  
SOUTHFIELD, MI 48033

FROM I-96 E MERGE ONTO I-696 E. THEN MERGE ONTO MI-10 S. TAKE THE LAHSER ROAD EXIT. KEEP LEFT AT THE FORK IN THE RAMP. TURN LEFT ONTO NORTHWESTERN HWY. TURN RIGHT ONTO LAHSER ROAD. YOU MAY ACCESS THE BUILDING FROM THE BACK USING THE NW DOOR.

#### **SPRINGFIELD**

1111 ELM STREET, SUITE 32A  
WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA 01089

TAKE MASS PIKE (RT. 90). EXIT 4-WEST SPRINGFIELD/HOLYOKE. TURN RIGHT ON WEST SPRINGFIELD/RT. 5 SOUTH. CONTINUE ON RT. 5 APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES. TURN RIGHT ON ELM ST.-IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOWCASE CINEMAS. OFFICE IS APPROXIMATELY 1/4 MILE ON THE RIGHT.

#### **TULSA**

2840 E. 51ST STREET  
BRITTANY SQUARE OFFICE PARK, SUITE 215 TULSA,  
OK 74105

FROM I-44 EAST - TAKE EXIT NUMBER 228 (HARVARD), STAY TO THE RIGHT WHICH WILL BE WESTBOUND ON 51ST ST. IN ROUGHLY 1/2 MILE, TURN LEFT ON DELAWARE CT. THE TEST CENTER IS IN THE FIRST BUILDING ON THE LEFT MARKED "BRITTANY SQUARE OFFICE PARK".

FROM I-44 WEST - TAKE EXIT 228 TOWARDS HARVARD AVE. MERGE ONTO E SKELLY DR. USE THE 2ND FROM THE LEFT LANE TO TURN LEFT ONTO S HARVARD AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO E 51ST ST/EAST 51ST STREET SOUTH. GO ABOUT 1/2 MILE THEN TURN LEFT ONTO DELAWARE CT. THE TEST CENTER IS IN THE FIRST BUILDING ON THE LEFT MARKED "BRITTANY SQUARE OFFICE PARK".

ONCE INSIDE THE BUILDING, PROCEED TO THE 2ND FLOOR. THE TEST CENTER IS IN SUITE 215.

#### **WEST DES MOINES**

1001 OFFICE PARK ROAD, SUITE 315  
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50265

FROM I-235, EXIT 8TH ST/73<sup>RD</sup> ST AND PROCEED SOUTH. TURN RIGHT ON OFFICE PARK ROAD. TURN RIGHT INTO THE DRIVEWAY.

#### **VANCOUVER**

11818 SE MILL PLAIN BLVD, STE 402  
VANCOUVER, WA 98684

FROM I-205 N - TAKE EXIT 28A-B-C FOR MILL PLAIN BLVD TOWARD NE 112TH AVE AND USE THE RIGHT 2 LANES. KEEP RIGHT AT THE FORK TO CONTINUE TO EXIT 28A AND FOLLOW THE SIGNS FOR MILL PLAIN BLVD E. USE ANY LANE TO TURN RIGHT ONTO SE MILL PLAIN BLVD. TAKE A LEFT ONTO NE 120TH AVE. TAKE THE FIRST LEFT INTO CRESTWOOD BUSINESS PARK. THE PSI TEST CENTER IS LOCATED IN BUILDING 4, SUITE 402, BETWEEN SACRED STONE HOLISTIC CENTER AND REALTYONEGROUP.

#### **WEST HARTFORD**

1245 FARMINGTON AVENUE, SUITE  
203 WEST HARTFORD CT.

FROM I-84 WEST, TAKE EXIT 40 TOWARD CT-71/NEW BRITAIN AVE/CORBINS CORNER. TURN RIGHT ONTO RIDGEWOOD RD. TURN LEFT ONTO WOOD PONT RD. TURN LEFT ONTO TUNXIS RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO BROOKMOOR RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO BUENA VISTA RD. TURN LEFT ONTO EVERETT AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO FARMINGTON AVE. DESTINATION IS ON THE RIGHT.

#### **WILSONVILLE**

25195 SW PARKWAY AVENUE, SUITE 105  
WILSONVILLE, OR 97070

GOING SOUTH: OFF I5, TAKE EXIT 286 (ELLINGENS/BOONES FERRY RD). TURN LEFT AND CROSS BACK OVER THE FREEWAY. TURN LEFT AT 2<sup>ND</sup> SIGNAL LIGHT (PARKWAY AVE.) TURN INTO PARKWAY PLAZA PARKING LOT (ACROSS THE STREET FROM SHRINER'S). WE ARE LOCATED IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE FIRST DOOR ON THE RIGHT.

#### **WHEATRIDGE**

4891 INDEPENDENCE ST #220  
WHEAT RIDGE, CO 80033

FROM I-70W, MERGE ONTO KIPLING ST/CO-391N. TURN RIGHT ONTO W 49TH AVE. TAKE THE 1ST RIGHT ONTO INDEPENDENCE ST.

## **REPORTING TO THE TEST CENTER**

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 test center, and you may forfeit your examination registration fee. Even though candidates will have their thumbprint taken, you are still required to comply with any identification requirements established by the appropriate regulatory entity.

### **REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT THE TEST CENTER**

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

- Valid photographic Driver's License (any state)
- Valid State identification card (any state)
- Valid U.S. military identification
- Valid passport
- U.S. Government-issued Passport Card

*All photographs must be recognizable as the person to whom the identification card was issued. The name on the application must match the photographic I.D. card.*

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 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
- 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 THE 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 center 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 room.
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 room.
4. Only one candidate at a time will be allowed to take a restroom break. 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 room:

Purses	Briefcases/daypacks/luggage
Cellular phones	Pagers
Drinks (including water)	Food/candy/snacks/gum
Good luck items	Luggage
Calculators	Reading materials

## **TAKING THE EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER**

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 are subject to inspection.*

*\*\*\*Jewelry that is allowed into the testing room is subject to inspection.*

*\*\*\*\*Drugs that are medically necessary during the pendency of the examination may be brought into the test center, 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 their 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 the examination.
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 testing time will be retained.

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

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.



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

## **TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR YOUR EXAMINATION**

The following suggestions will help you prepare for your examination:

- Planned preparation increases your likelihood of passing.
- Start with a current copy of this Candidate Information Bulletin and use the examination content outline as the basis of your study.
- Read study materials that cover all the topics in the content outline.
- Take notes on what you study. Putting information in writing helps you commit it to memory, and it is also an excellent business practice. Underline or highlight key ideas that will help with a later review.
- Discuss new terms or concepts as frequently as you can with colleagues. This will test your understanding and reinforce ideas.
- Your studies will be most effective if you study frequently, for periods of about 45 to 60 minutes. Concentration tends to wander when you study for longer periods of time.

## **STUDY COURSES AND PUBLICATIONS**

Some persons may offer examination preparation courses or publications. We have no information to indicate that applicants who use these sources have a higher pass rate than those who do not. Training courses, other than BSIS specified courses (i.e., Powers to Arrest training), are not associated with BSIS. No publishers or training sponsors have legal access to BSIS’s examination materials. We make every effort to ensure that the contents of our

examinations remain confidential and that the questions are changed frequently.

## **EXAMINATION RESULTS**

At the end of your examination, you will receive a pass/ fail result notice. Your examination results are confidential and are released only to you and your state licensing agency. To protect your privacy and to maintain the confidentiality of examination results, score information is not given over the telephone.

### **DUPLICATE SCORE REPORTS**

You may request a duplicate score report after your examination by emailing [scorereport@psionline.com](mailto:scorereport@psionline.com) or by calling (800) 733-9267.

## **LICENSING INFORMATION**

If you pass the BSIS examination, you will receive a letter from BSIS requesting confirmation of your Business Name, Business Address, and the initial license fee.

## **LICENSING FEE**

You are not licensed until you pay your initial license fee, complete all licensing requirements, including clearances from the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and your license number has been issued by BSIS. To obtain your license, complete the confirmation letter and return it with the required licensing fee. Make your check or money order payable, and mail to:

Department of Consumer Affairs  
Bureau of Security and Investigation Services  
PO Box 989002  
West Sacramento, CA 95798

If you have met the listed requirements above, your license number will be available approximately four weeks after your confirmation letter is received by BSIS. Please indicate if there has been any change to your address. It is vital that you keep BSIS informed of your current address. The California Code of Regulations Section 606 requires that you notify BSIS within 30 days of any change of address. In considering the address you list on the form, be aware that it will be your address of record and that it will be available to the public by tele phone, in writing, and through BSIS.

The license that you receive will specify an expiration date of 24 months after initial licensure. As a courtesy, BSIS will send a renewal notice to your address of record approximately 60 days prior to the expiration date of your license. However, it is your responsibility to renew your license whether or not you receive the renewal notice.

## THE LICENSING EXAMINATION

The **Private Investigator** Examination consists of 100 scored and 20 non-scored multiple-choice items. You will have 2 hours to take the examination.

### EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE

The following identifies the specific content areas for the Private Investigator Examination. The percentage of total examination items that correspond to these content areas are also identified. The actual number of items per content area included on an examination may vary due to exam development considerations.

### PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR

Content Area Name	Approximate Percent of Exam Items
Managing Private Investigation Business Operations	15%
Managing Private Investigations	55%
Managing Trial Preparation and Court Proceedings	10%
Managing Professional and Ethical Responsibilities	20%

### STUDY MATERIALS

The resources listed below are recommended study materials.

Exam Title	Resources
Private Investigator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Business &amp; Professions Code, Chapter 11.3 <a href="https://www.bsis.ca.gov/about_us/laws/piact.shtml">https://www.bsis.ca.gov/about_us/laws/piact.shtml</a></li><li>▪ California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 7 <a href="https://www.bsis.ca.gov/about_us/laws/index">https://www.bsis.ca.gov/about_us/laws/index</a></li></ul> Other Recommended Study Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Powers to Arrest Training Manual <a href="https://www.bsis.ca.gov/forms_pubs/poa.pdf">https://www.bsis.ca.gov/forms_pubs/poa.pdf</a></li><li>▪ California Civil Code</li><li>▪ California Code of Civil Procedure</li><li>▪ California Evidence Code</li><li>▪ California Financial Information Privacy Act</li><li>▪ California Labor Code</li><li>▪ California Penal Code</li><li>▪ California Vehicle Code</li><li>▪ Fair Credit Reporting Act</li><li>▪ Graham Leach Bliley Act</li><li>▪ United State Code</li><li>▪ U S Postal Service Administrative</li><li>▪ Support Manual books and publications on private investigation work practices such as obtaining records, and investigating insurance fraud and accidents.</li></ul>

TABLE 16 - EXAMINATION OUTLINE FOR THE PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR QUALIFIED MANAGER EXAMINATION

**Content Area 1. MANAGING PRIVATE INVESTIGATION BUSINESS OPERATIONS (15%)**

This area assesses a candidate's knowledge of PI business structures and operations.

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
T1. Manage business practices to comply with legal requirements regarding private investigative operations.	<p>K1. Knowledge of laws regarding private investigator qualified manager obligations.</p> <p>K2. Knowledge of laws regarding private investigator business entities and structures.</p> <p>K3. Knowledge of laws regarding fictitious business name requirements.</p> <p>K4. Knowledge of laws regarding out-of-state private investigation organizations operating in California.</p>
T2. Obtain insurance to comply with private investigation liability requirements.	<p>K5. Knowledge of laws regarding liability coverage for acts of errors or omissions.</p> <p>K6. Knowledge of laws regarding liability coverage for bodily injury, death, or property damage when firearms are carried on duty.</p> <p>K7. Knowledge of laws regarding insurance documentation and submission requirements.</p>
T3. Develop marketing strategies that comply with advertising and solicitation requirements to promote business.	<p>K8. Knowledge of laws regarding advertising private investigation services.</p> <p>K9. Knowledge of laws regarding solicitation of clients for private investigation services.</p>

T4. Maintain records of billable time and expenses to invoice clients for services related to investigations.	K10. Knowledge of methods for managing billable time records. K11. Knowledge of laws pertaining to fraudulent billing practices.
T5. Provide employees with wages and other compensation to comply with employer obligations.	K12. Knowledge of laws regarding employee wages, breaks, and other forms of compensation. K13. Knowledge of laws regarding paid time off and unpaid leave requirements. K14. Knowledge of laws regarding workers' compensation insurance requirements.
T6. Maintain personnel records to comply with employment and termination documentation requirements.	K15. Knowledge of laws regarding recordkeeping and retention of employee personnel records. K16. Knowledge of laws regarding confidentiality of employee personnel files.



## Content Area 2. MANAGING PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS (55%)

This area assesses a candidate's knowledge of investigation planning, practices, and documentation standards.

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### 2A. Scope of Engagement and Investigation Planning (10%)

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Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
T7. Evaluate client's private investigative objectives to determine scope of services.	K17. Knowledge of laws related to providing private investigation services. K18. Knowledge of methods for evaluating investigative needs of potential clients. K19. Knowledge of methods for managing client investigative requests that are illegal or unethical.
T8. Evaluate conditions associated with the investigation to identify potential hazards, safety issues, or problems.	K20. Knowledge of types of risks associated with conducting private investigations. K21. Knowledge of methods for identifying unexpected issues or events during investigations.
T9. Evaluate parameters of investigation to determine whether subcontracts or other experts are required.	K22. Knowledge of conditions that require involving subcontractors or other experts in investigations. K23. Knowledge of laws related to use of subcontractors in investigative services.
T10. Develop an investigation plan to define processes for guiding the investigation to completion.	K24. Knowledge of elements of investigation plans. K25. Knowledge of methods for developing investigation plans based on scope of engagement. K26. Knowledge of methods for developing time lines for investigation completion. K27. Knowledge of methods for approving changes to investigation plans.

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T11. Develop contracts with clients to specify details of investigative services.

K28. Knowledge of laws related to contracting with clients for private investigative services.

K29. Knowledge of methods for developing scope of work and costs contract provisions.

K30. Knowledge of laws regarding the collection of retainer fees.

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## Content Area 2. MANAGING PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS, continued (55%)

This area assesses a candidate's knowledge of investigation planning, practices, and documentation standards.

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### 2B. Information Gathering and Investigation Processes (35%)

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Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
T12. Research data sources to obtain general information related to subject of investigation.	K40. Knowledge of law regarding privacy rights as they relate to private investigations.
	K31. Knowledge of types of information sources used in investigations.
	K32. Knowledge of methods for researching databases, social networking sites, and other resources.
	K33. Knowledge of methods for verifying information related to subject of investigation.
T13. Conduct interviews to gather facts or secure statements related to investigation.	K34. Knowledge of laws regarding recording of investigation interviews.
	K35. Knowledge of laws regarding the use of coercion and duress in interviews.
	K36. Knowledge of laws regarding the use of polygraphs and voice stress analysis in investigative interviews.
	K37. Knowledge of methods for legally conducting investigative interviews.
	K38. Knowledge of methods for obtaining electronically recorded and typed statements.
	K39. Knowledge of techniques for managing defensive or hostile interviewees.

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T14. Perform background check or investigation to gather information pertaining to persons or businesses.

K41. Knowledge of laws regarding accessing of arrests, convictions, and criminal background information.

K42. Knowledge of laws regarding accessing credit and consumer spending information.

K43. Knowledge of laws regarding accessing driver records and information.

K44. Knowledge of laws regarding accessing education and employment information.

K45. Knowledge of laws regarding accessing personal health information.

K46. Knowledge of laws regarding accessing electronic data, social media, and phone accounts.

K47. Knowledge of laws regarding performance of pre-employment screenings.

K48. Knowledge of laws regarding negligent hiring, retention, and supervision.

K49. Knowledge of laws regarding discrimination and harassment.

K50. Knowledge of methods for performing legal background checks or investigations.

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## Content Area 2. MANAGING PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS, continued (55%)

This area assesses a candidate's knowledge of investigation planning, practices, and documentation standards.

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### 2B. Information Gathering and Investigation Processes, continued (35%)

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#### Task Statements

#### Knowledge Statements

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T15. Conduct assets searches to locate or recover real or personal property and financial interests.

K51. Knowledge of methods for locating tangible, intangible, and hidden assets.

K52. Knowledge of laws regarding accessing investment, trust, and account information.

K53. Knowledge of methods for performing probate and estate discovery.

K54. Knowledge of laws regarding repossession or recovery of assets and judgments.

K55. Knowledge of methods for performing legal asset searches and recovery.

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T16. Perform due diligence analyses to verify credibility of information or claims related to transactions or agreements.

K56. Knowledge of signs of fraud, economic crimes, or other illegal activity in transactions.

K57. Knowledge of methods for verifying credibility of businesses or parties associated with transactions.

K58. Knowledge of methods for identifying sources of risk or exposure associated with transactions.

K59. Knowledge of methods for conducting legal, financial, and commercial due diligence analyses.

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T17. Conduct surveillances to gather information about activities or whereabouts of subject of investigation.

K60. Knowledge of types of equipment for performing surveillance.

K61. Knowledge of laws regarding privacy rights, harassment, and stalking.

K62. Knowledge of laws regarding the use of GPS and tracking devices in surveillance.

K63. Knowledge of laws regarding eavesdropping and use of listening devices in surveillance.

K64. Knowledge of laws regarding trespassing or physical intrusion during investigations.

K65. Knowledge of laws regarding photographs, video recordings, and media manipulation or alteration.

K66. Knowledge of laws regarding pretexting, misrepresentation, and impersonation in gaining information or evidence.

K67. Knowledge of techniques for legally conducting covert and overt surveillance.

K68. Knowledge of methods for managing unexpected events during surveillance.

K69. Knowledge of methods for maintaining surveillance logs.

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## Content Area 2. MANAGING PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS, continued (55%)

This area assesses a candidate's knowledge of investigation planning, practices, and documentation standards.

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### 2B. Information Gathering and Investigation Processes, continued (35%)

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Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
T18. Track individuals to locate missing or hard-to-find persons.	K70. Knowledge of types of resources for finding missing or hard-to-find individuals.
	K71. Knowledge of methods for performing skip-tracing or locate analyses.
T19. Evaluate incident scenes to gather factual evidence related to damage, loss, or injury.	K72. Knowledge of methods for gathering physical or material evidence related to investigations.
	K73. Knowledge of methods for documenting incidents associated with damage, loss, or injury.
	K74. Knowledge of requirements related to interacting with law enforcement, insurance agencies, and other parties involved in investigations.

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## Content Area 2. MANAGING PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS, continued (55%)

This area assesses a candidate's knowledge of investigation planning, practices, and documentation standards.

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### 2C. Investigation Analyses, Documentation, and Report of Conclusions (10%)

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Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
T20. Analyze critical facts to develop conclusions that support or refute investigative claims or objective.	K75. Knowledge of methods for determining disposition of private investigations.
	K76. Knowledge of methods for applying deductive and inductive reasoning in analyzing facts of investigation.
T21. Document evidence to preserve context and details of investigations.	K77. Knowledge of requirements regarding documentation of investigative field notes and evidence.
	K78. Knowledge of requirements for securing and preserving information obtained during searches, interviews, and surveillances.
T22. Write report to describe processes and final results of the investigation.	K79. Knowledge of the elements of an investigative report.
	K80. Knowledge of laws regarding disclosure of public and non-public information.
	K81. Knowledge of laws regarding defamation, slander, and libel.
	K82. Knowledge of techniques for objective report writing.
T23. Review investigation findings with clients to clarify processes or conclusions.	K83. Knowledge of methods for securely distributing reports.
	K84. Knowledge of methods for conveying information regarding investigations.
	K85. Knowledge of methods for explaining technical terms and abbreviations.
	K86. Knowledge of methods for addressing client responses to investigation outcomes.

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### Content Area 3. MANAGING TRIAL PREPARATION AND COURT PROCEEDINGS (10%)

This area assesses a candidate's knowledge of PI activities in trial preparation and other civil and criminal court proceedings.

#### 3A. Litigation Support (5%)

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
T24. Provide litigation support to assist in preparing for trial or court proceedings.	K87. Knowledge of procedures associated with criminal and civil proceedings.
	K88. Knowledge of requirements for establishing facts of private investigations in trial or court proceedings.
	K89. Knowledge of requirements regarding admissibility of evidence in criminal and civil cases.
	K90. Knowledge of methods for providing support in trial or court proceedings.
T25. Prepare materials to introduce evidence or investigative findings in trial or court proceedings.	K91. Knowledge of laws regarding destruction of or tampering with evidence.
	K92. Knowledge of methods for preparing materials for use in trial or court proceedings.
T26. Evaluate witnesses for potential legal testimony to identify strengths and weaknesses related to the case.	K93. Knowledge of laws regarding obstruction of justice.
	K94. Knowledge of laws regarding witness intimidation or tampering.
	K95. Knowledge of methods for preparing witnesses for legal testimony.
T27. Serve legal documents to notify individuals of legal actions.	K96. Knowledge of types of legal documents involved in process serving. K97. Knowledge of laws regarding formal notification of legal actions.
	K98. Knowledge of methods for processing and serving legal documents.

### Content Area 3. MANAGING TRIAL PREPARATION AND COURT PROCEEDINGS, continued (10%)

This area assesses a candidate's knowledge of PI activities in trial preparation and other civil and criminal court proceedings.

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#### 3B. Participation in Court Proceedings (5%)

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Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
T28. Respond to subpoenas and court orders to comply with requirements for providing information or appearing in court.	K99. Knowledge of provisions of the work product rule and its limitations. K100. Knowledge of laws regarding responding to subpoenas and court orders.
T29. Provide testimony to present evidence or findings of investigations during trials or court proceedings.	K101. Knowledge of types of testimony and their legal requirements. K102. Knowledge of provisions of the hearsay rule. K103. Knowledge of provisions of privilege in private investigations and their limitations. K104. Knowledge of methods for providing legal testimony in criminal and civil cases.
T30. Preserve evidence to retain in the event of future litigation or case challenge.	K105. Knowledge of requirements regarding preservation of investigative evidence. K106. Knowledge of methods for maintaining integrity of evidence chain of custody.

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#### Content Area 4. MANAGING PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES (20%)

This area assesses a candidate's knowledge of PI professional and ethical responsibilities in investigations.

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##### 4A. Professional Responsibilities (8%)

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###### Task Statements

###### Knowledge Statements

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T31. Obtain firearms permit to carry concealed weapon while on private investigation assignments.

K107. Knowledge of laws regarding possession and carrying of firearms during private investigations.

K108. Knowledge of standards regarding criminal and civil liability associated with use of force.

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T32. Comply with scope of practice parameters to carry out professional activities safely and effectively.

K109. Knowledge of laws regarding private investigator scope of practice.

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T33. Adhere to standards regarding professional conduct to avoid violations related to professional qualifications, functions, and duties.

K110. Knowledge of laws regarding professional conduct for private investigators.

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T34. Report unlicensed or unregistered private investigation activity to notify BSIS of violations.

K111. Knowledge of types of unlicensed or unregistered activity in private investigations industry.

K112. Knowledge of requirements for submitting unlicensed and unregistered activity lead forms.

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#### Content Area 4. MANAGING PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES, continued (20%)

This area assesses a candidate's knowledge of PI professional and ethical responsibilities in investigations.

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##### 4B. Ethical Responsibilities (12%)

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Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
T35. Conduct investigations with honesty and integrity to uphold standards of the profession.	K121. Knowledge of standards for protecting confidentiality of investigation documents and information.  K113. Knowledge of ethical principles for conducting private investigations.  K114. Knowledge of methods for managing legal and ethical dilemmas that arise in private investigations.
T36. Practice within scope of competence to provide services congruent with education, training, and experience.	K115. Knowledge of situations that require consultation with law enforcement or experts.  K116. Knowledge of ethical standards regarding practicing within scope of competence.
T37. Manage personal biases to maintain objectivity during investigations.	K117. Knowledge of ethical principles regarding neutrality and professional objectivity in private investigations.
T38. Recognize conflict of interest to prevent conditions that may impair judgment or impact investigation.	K118. Knowledge of types of personal and economic interests that present a conflict in private investigations.  K119. Knowledge of ethical principles regarding acting in the best interest of clients and society.
T39. Maintain confidences within the limits of the law to protect sensitive information involved in investigations.	K120. Knowledge of methods for managing conflicts of interest in private investigations.

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## Practice Questions

1.

What is the most important factor to consider when maintaining physical evidence for trial?

- A. The storage of the evidence
- B. The chain of custody of evidence
- C. The tagging of the evidence
- D. The accuracy of the evidence log

2.

A current client asks a private investigator to disclose the content of a report that was prepared for a previous client. Which of the following actions should the private investigator take in this situation?

- A. Maintain confidentiality of the previous report
- B. Establish the relevance of the previous report to the current investigation
- C. Charge regular investigative fees for duplicating the content of the previous report
- D. Document the client's request regarding the inclusion of information from the previous report

3.

A private investigator is investigating a collision in an intersection. The investigator finds broken headlight glass on the approach to the intersection, 14 feet before the crosswalk. This finding could clarify which of the following aspects of the investigation?

- A. The area of impact of a rear end collision
- B. The path of a vehicle involved in the collision
- C. The speed of the vehicles at the time of the collision
- D. The point of rest of a vehicle involved in the collision

4.

A private investigator is setting up a surveillance device in a residence to observe a babysitter who might have committed child abuse. Which of the following practices should the investigator follow in this situation?

- A. Use a device with audio capability and place it in the child's bedroom
- B. Use a device with audio capability and place it in a common area of the home
- C. Use a device with no audio capability and place it in the bathroom
- D. Use a device with no audio capability and place it in the family room

5.

Before a private investigator places a global positioning system (GPS) tracking device on a vehicle, who must the investigator obtain permission from?

- A. Auto loan company
- B. Local police department
- C. Department of Motor Vehicles
- D. Registered owner of the vehicle

Answer Key

- 1. B
- 2. A
- 3. A
- 4. D
- 5. D

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