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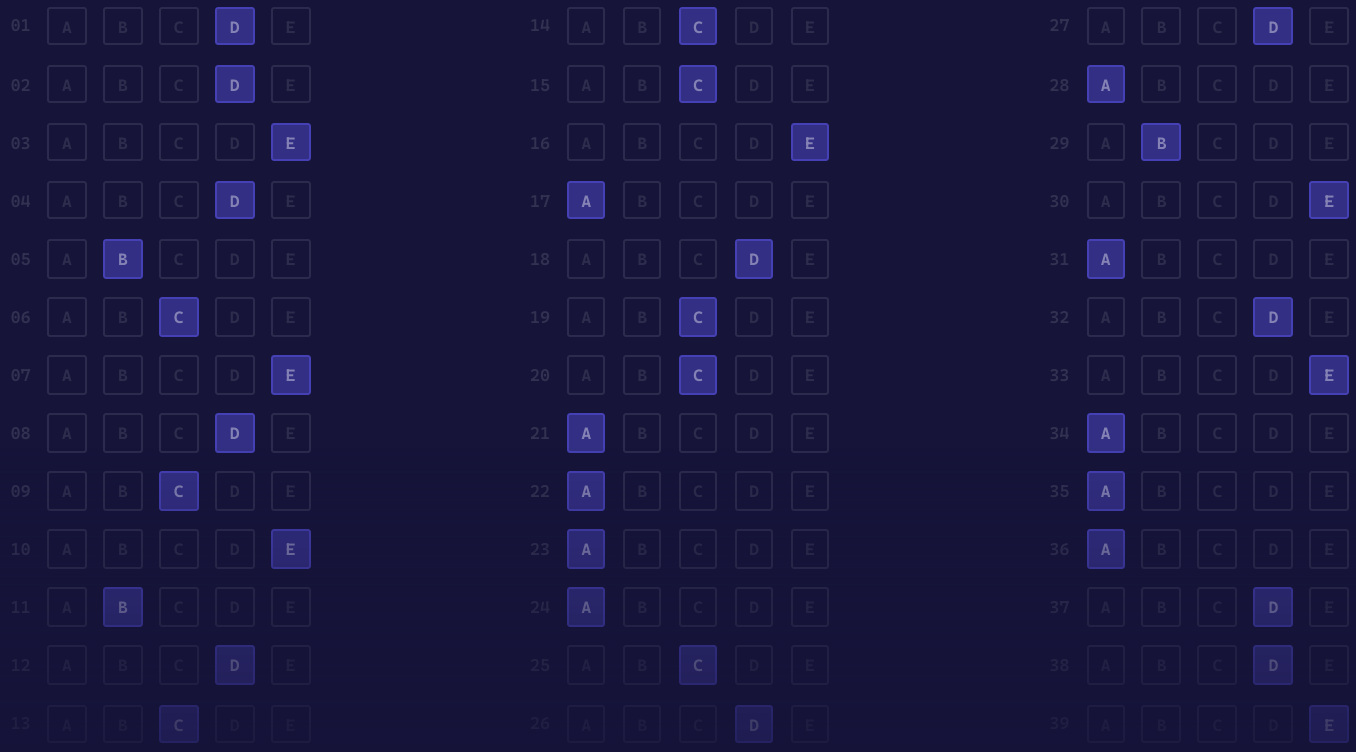

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CA Private Patrol Operator Licensing Examination

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QUESTION 1 SINGLE CHOICE

Under the California Business and Professions Code, which of the following best describes a 'Private Patrol Operator' (PPO)?

A Any individual who performs security guard duties for a licensed employer.

B **A person, firm, association, organization, partnership, or corporation that engages in the business of furnishing private patrol or watchmen services.**

C A peace officer employed by a state or local government agency.

D An unlicensed volunteer who provides neighborhood watch services.

ANSWER B

WHY The Bureau of Security and Investigative Services defines a Private Patrol Operator as a person or business entity that engages in the business of furnishing private patrol or watchmen services on a contractual basis. Option A describes a security guard, not the operating company; option C describes a peace officer; option D describes an unlicensed volunteer, which is not authorized to perform regulated private patrol services.

QUESTION 2 SINGLE CHOICE

Which document must a Private Patrol Operator file with the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) before conducting business in California?

A A certificate of insurance issued by the carrier only.

B **A completed application, the required fee, evidence of a qualifying bond, and proof of a qualified manager.**

C An approval letter from the local police chief.

D A federal firearms license.

ANSWER B

WHY To lawfully operate in California, a Private Patrol Operator must submit a complete application, pay the required licensing fee, file evidence of the qualifying bond, and designate a qualified manager. Insurance alone, local police approval, or a federal firearms license do not satisfy the state's PPO licensing requirements.

QUESTION 3 SINGLE CHOICE

Which of the following is true regarding a qualified manager for a licensed Private Patrol Operator?

A **The qualified manager must be at least 18 years of age, complete required training, and pass any examination required by the Bureau.**

B Only a licensed attorney may serve as a qualified manager.

C A qualified manager may supervise an unlimited number of PPO branch offices with no additional qualifications.

D The qualified manager is not required to undergo a criminal background review.

ANSWER **A**

WHY A qualified manager must meet the age requirement, complete any required training, submit to a background review, and pass any examination required by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. A qualified manager must hold a current, valid registration/license and can be designated for branch offices under specified conditions; an attorney license is not required.

QUESTION 4 SINGLE CHOICE

When must a Private Patrol Operator notify the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services of a change in the designated qualified manager?

A Within 24 hours of the change.

B **Within 30 days of the change, on a form prescribed by the Bureau.**

C Only at the time of license renewal.

D Notification is not required unless the new manager is unlicensed.

ANSWER **B**

WHY A PPO must report changes affecting the license, including a change in qualified manager, to the Bureau on the prescribed form within the timeframe required by regulation (typically within 30 days). Failing to designate a qualified manager can result in the PPO being unable to lawfully operate.

QUESTION 5 SINGLE CHOICE

Which of the following is required of every licensed Private Patrol Operator under California law?

A **A performance bond in an amount specified by BSIS regulations and evidence of insurance as required.**

B A minimum of $1,000,000 in cash on deposit with the Department of Consumer Affairs.

C A surety bond issued only by a federally chartered bank.

D Workers' compensation coverage is optional for PPOs with fewer than five employees.

ANSWER **A**

WHY California law requires a PPO to maintain a qualifying surety bond in the amount specified by the Bureau and to carry appropriate insurance (including, where applicable, workers' compensation). The other options either misstate the source/amount of the bond or incorrectly characterize insurance as optional.

QUESTION 6 SINGLE CHOICE

Which of the following would constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services against a Private Patrol Operator?

A **Refusing to maintain required records or refusing to make them available for Bureau inspection.**

B Operating only during weekday business hours.

C Charging clients a flat monthly fee.

D Hiring employees who are U.S. citizens.

ANSWER **A**

WHY Failure to maintain required records or to permit Bureau inspection is a violation of the Private Security Services Act and a recognized ground for discipline. The other options describe lawful business practices that, by themselves, do not constitute grounds for discipline.

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QUESTION 7 SINGLE CHOICE

A company provides uniformed guards who patrol a private residential community on a contractual basis, controlling access at the gatehouse. What is required to lawfully perform this work in California?

A Only a business license issued by the city.

B **A Private Patrol Operator license issued by BSIS, with registered guards employed by the licensee.**

C A Private Investigator license, since the guards are observing activity.

D No license is required if the guards are volunteers.

ANSWER B

WHY Furnishing uniformed patrol and access-control services for compensation is the business of a Private Patrol Operator under California law and requires a PPO license issued by the Bureau. The individual guards must hold the appropriate guard registration. A Private Investigator license covers different work, and the activity is not exempt simply because personnel are called volunteers.

QUESTION 8 SINGLE CHOICE

Which statement best describes a Private Patrol Operator's responsibility for the training of registered security guards?

A **The PPO must ensure each guard completes any Bureau-required training prior to performing duties and maintain records of that training.**

B Training is the sole responsibility of the individual guard and is not the PPO's concern.

C The PPO is required only to provide firearms training, not basic security training.

D Training records may be discarded after 90 days.

ANSWER A

WHY A licensed PPO is responsible for ensuring each registered guard completes all Bureau-required training before performing regulated duties and must retain training records as required by BSIS regulations. The other options either shift responsibility away from the licensee, misstate the scope of required training, or conflict with record-retention requirements.

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QUESTION 9 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Which of the following are grounds on which the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services may discipline a Private Patrol Operator? (Choose two.)

A **Fraud, misrepresentation, or false statements in connection with an application or report filed with the Bureau.**

B **Operating without a valid Private Patrol Operator license or after the license has been suspended or revoked.**

C Advertising services in a local telephone directory.

D Charging fees that the licensee considers reasonable for services performed.

ANSWER **A** · **B**

WHY The Bureau may discipline a PPO for fraud or misrepresentation in filings and for operating without a valid license (or while suspended/revoked). Placing an advertisement in a telephone directory and charging reasonable fees are not, by themselves, grounds for discipline.

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