

NPPF Revision Planner

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16-week plan · Sergeants' exam, October 2027

START WEEK 1	REGISTRATION CLOSES	EXAM WINDOW	RESULTS BY
Mon 14 Jun 2027	6pm, Thu 09 Sep 2027	5 to Thu 7 October 2027	Thu 28 October 2027

How to use it

Four study sessions a week, of about 60 to 90 minutes, fitted around your shifts. Tick each line when it is done. The 15-minute recap re-tests earlier weeks, so topics are not forgotten by exam day.

Any notes

Works with the 2027 Blackstone's Police Manuals, which the exam is based on, and any revision notes.

Registration

Dates are marked in red in the week they fall. Your force may close registration earlier, so check with your force examinations officer.

WEEK 1	Mon 14 Jun – Sun 20 Jun 2027	Crime
Session 1	Mens Rea (State of Mind)	☐
Session 2	Actus Reus (Criminal Conduct)	☐
Session 3	Incomplete Offences	☐
Session 4	General Defences; Homicide	☐
Practice	20 to 30 practice questions on this week's topics, from a question bank or the College's free questions on the Knowledge Hub.	☐
WEEK 2	Mon 21 Jun – Sun 27 Jun 2027	Crime
Session 1	Misuse of Drugs: read and start notes	☐
Session 2	Misuse of Drugs: finish notes, then self-test	☐
Session 3	Firearms and Gun Crime	☐
Session 4	Weapons	☐
Recap	15 minutes: quick self-test on your Week 1 topics, without looking at your notes	☐
Practice	20 to 30 practice questions on this week's topics, from a question bank or the College's free questions on the Knowledge Hub.	☐
WEEK 3	Mon 28 Jun – Sun 4 Jul 2027	Crime
Session 1	Racially and Religiously Aggravated Offences	☐
Session 2	Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person: read and start notes	☐
Session 3	Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person: continue notes	☐
Session 4	Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person: finish notes, then self-test	☐
Recap	15 minutes: quick self-test on your Week 2 topics, without looking at your notes	☐
Practice	20 to 30 practice questions on this week's topics, from a question bank or the College's free questions on the Knowledge Hub.	☐
WEEK 4	Mon 5 Jul – Sun 11 Jul 2027	Crime
Session 1	Offences Involving the Deprivation of Liberty; Sexual Offences: read and start notes	☐
Session 2	Sexual Offences: finish notes, then self-test	☐
Session 3	Child Protection: read and start notes	☐
Session 4	Child Protection: finish notes, then self-test	☐
Recap	15 minutes: quick self-test on your Week 3 and Week 1 topics, without looking at your notes	☐
Practice	20 to 30 practice questions on this week's topics, from a question bank or the College's free questions on the Knowledge Hub.	☐

WEEK 5	Mon 12 Jul – Sun 18 Jul 2027	Crime
Session 1	Theft and Related Offences: read and start notes	☐
Session 2	Theft and Related Offences: finish notes, then self-test	☐
Session 3	Fraud	☐
Session 4	Criminal Damage; Offences Against the Administration of Justice and Public Interest	☐
Recap	15 minutes: quick self-test on your Week 4 and Week 2 topics, without looking at your notes	☐
Practice	20 to 30 practice questions on this week's topics, from a question bank or the College's free questions on the Knowledge Hub. Crime is finished: do an end-of-part self-test on all its topics.	☐
WEEK 6	Mon 19 Jul – Sun 25 Jul 2027	Catch-up week
Session 1	Finish any sessions you missed in Weeks 1 to 5	☐
Session 2	Self-test on every topic covered so far and mark the weak ones on your tracker	☐
Session 3	Re-read your two weakest topics	☐
Session 4	If you are up to date, take this week off: leave, nights or rest	☐
Practice	Timed set of 50 questions on everything covered so far. Record the score in your mock log.	☐
WEEK 7	Mon 26 Jul – Sun 1 Aug 2027	Evidence & Procedure
Session 1	Instituting Criminal Proceedings	☐
Session 2	Release of Person Arrested	☐
Session 3	Court Procedure and Witnesses	☐
Session 4	Exclusion of Admissible Evidence	☐
Recap	15 minutes: quick self-test on your Week 5 and Week 3 topics, without looking at your notes	☐
Practice	20 to 30 practice questions on this week's topics, from a question bank or the College's free questions on the Knowledge Hub.	☐
WEEK 8	Mon 2 Aug – Sun 8 Aug 2027	Evidence & Procedure
	Registration opens: Tue 3 Aug	
Session 1	Disclosure of Evidence; Detention and Treatment of Persons: read and start notes	☐
Session 2	Detention and Treatment of Persons: finish notes, then self-test	☐
Session 3	Identification	☐
Session 4	Interviews	☐
Recap	15 minutes: quick self-test on your Week 7 and Week 4 topics, without looking at your notes	☐
Practice	20 to 30 practice questions on this week's topics, from a question bank or the College's free questions on the Knowledge Hub. Evidence & Procedure is finished: do an end-of-part self-test on all its topics.	☐
WEEK 9	Mon 9 Aug – Sun 15 Aug 2027	General Police Duties
Session 1	Complaints and Misconduct; Unsatisfactory Performance and Attendance; Stop and Search	☐
Session 2	Entry, Search and Seizure: read and start notes	☐
Session 3	Entry, Search and Seizure: finish notes, then self-test	☐
Session 4	Powers of Arrest: read and start notes	☐
Recap	15 minutes: quick self-test on your Week 8 and Week 5 topics, without looking at your notes	☐
Practice	20 to 30 practice questions on this week's topics, from a question bank or the College's free questions on the Knowledge Hub.	☐

WEEK 10	Mon 16 Aug – Sun 22 Aug 2027	General Police Duties
Session 1	Powers of Arrest: finish notes, then self-test	☐
Session 2	Hatred and Harassment Offences; Domestic Violence and Abuse	☐
Session 3	Protecting Citizens and the Community: Injunctions, Orders and Police Powers	☐
Session 4	Offences and Powers Relating to Information and Communications	☐
Recap	15 minutes: quick self-test on your Week 9 and Week 7 topics, without looking at your notes	☐
Practice	20 to 30 practice questions on this week's topics, from a question bank or the College's free questions on the Knowledge Hub.	☐
WEEK 11	Mon 23 Aug – Sun 29 Aug 2027	General Police Duties
Session 1	Terrorism and Associated Offences; Public Order Offences, Processions and Assemblies: read and start notes	☐
Session 2	Public Order Offences, Processions and Assemblies: continue notes	☐
Session 3	Public Order Offences, Processions and Assemblies: finish notes, then self-test	☐
Session 4	Sporting Events; Protection of People Suffering from a Mental Disorder; Offences Relating to Land and Premises	☐
Recap	15 minutes: quick self-test on your Week 10 and Week 8 topics, without looking at your notes	☐
Practice	20 to 30 practice questions on this week's topics, from a question bank or the College's free questions on the Knowledge Hub.	☐
WEEK 12	Mon 30 Aug – Sun 5 Sep 2027	General Police Duties
Session 1	Licensing and Offences Relating to Alcohol; Diversity, Equality and Inclusion; Offences Involving Standards of Driving and Road Policing Definitions and Principles: read and start notes	☐
Session 2	Offences Involving Standards of Driving and Road Policing Definitions and Principles: continue notes	☐
Session 3	Offences Involving Standards of Driving and Road Policing Definitions and Principles: finish notes, then self-test	☐
Session 4	Key Police Powers Relating to Road Policing; Drink, Drugs and Driving	☐
Recap	15 minutes: quick self-test on your Week 11 and Week 9 topics, without looking at your notes	☐
Practice	20 to 30 practice questions on this week's topics, from a question bank or the College's free questions on the Knowledge Hub. General Police Duties is finished: do an end-of-part self-test on all its topics.	☐
WEEK 13	Mon 6 Sep – Sun 12 Sep 2027	Consolidate
Registration closes at 6pm (your force may close it earlier): Thu 9 Sep		
Session 1	Gold topics, Crime and Evidence & Procedure: Misuse of Drugs, Weapons, Non-Fatal Offences, Sexual Offences, Child Protection, Theft, Criminal Damage, Release of Person Arrested, Detention and Treatment of Persons, Interviews	☐
Session 2	Learn the key time limits, authorising ranks and section numbers	☐
Session 3	Flashcards, first half of your deck. Put aside any you miss and repeat them	☐
Session 4	Your three weakest topics from your mock log: re-read, then self-test	☐
Mock	Full timed paper: 150 questions in 3 hours, in one sitting. Record the score in your mock log.	☐

WEEK 14 Mon 13 Sep – Sun 19 Sep 2027		Consolidate
Session 1	Gold topics, General Police Duties: Entry, Search and Seizure, Powers of Arrest, Public Order, Standards of Driving and Road Policing Definitions	☐
Session 2	Flashcards, second half of your deck. Put aside any you miss and repeat them	☐
Session 3	Your three weakest topics from your mock log: re-read, then self-test	☐
Session 4	Your next three weakest topics: re-read, then self-test	☐
Mock	Full timed paper: 150 questions in 3 hours, in one sitting. Record the score in your mock log. Compare it with last week.	☐
WEEK 15 Mon 20 Sep – Sun 26 Sep 2027		Weak areas
Session 1	Your three weakest topics from your mock log: re-read, then self-test	☐
Session 2	Your next three weakest topics: re-read, then self-test	☐
Session 3	Gold topics, Crime and Evidence & Procedure: Misuse of Drugs, Weapons, Non-Fatal Offences, Sexual Offences, Child Protection, Theft, Criminal Damage, Release of Person Arrested, Detention and Treatment of Persons, Interviews	☐
Session 4	Gold topics, General Police Duties: Entry, Search and Seizure, Powers of Arrest, Public Order, Standards of Driving and Road Policing Definitions	☐
Mock	Full timed paper: 150 questions in 3 hours, in one sitting. Record the score in your mock log. Sit it at the time of day you plan to take the real exam.	☐
WEEK 16 Mon 27 Sep – Sun 3 Oct 2027		Final week: light review, no new material
Session 1	Learn the key time limits, authorising ranks and section numbers	☐
Session 2	Flashcards, first half of your deck. Put aside any you miss and repeat them	☐
Session 3	Flashcards, second half of your deck. Put aside any you miss and repeat them	☐
Session 4	Read over your own notes and the flashcards you keep getting wrong	☐
Mock	Short timed set only (30 to 40 questions). Read the exam-day checklist. Rest the day before.	☐

EXAM WEEK

Tue 5 to Thu 7 October 2027, 8am to 8pm each day. Results expected by Thu 28 October 2027.

Mock log

Record every timed set and full paper. The pass mark is 55% (77 of the 140 marked questions).

Exam-day checklist

- ☐ Confirm which day and time you will sit it. You can choose any day in the window, 8am to 8pm.
- ☐ Re-read the candidate handbook rules for the online exam, including your room and equipment.
- ☐ Check your device and internet connection the day before.
- ☐ Clear your room of notes, books and other devices. Using AI tools is prohibited.
- ☐ Plan your pace: 150 questions in 3 hours is 50 questions an hour.
- ☐ Sleep properly the night before and eat before you start.