

NPPF Revision Planner

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16-week plan · Sergeants' exam, March 2027

START WEEK 1	REGISTRATION CLOSES	EXAM WINDOW	RESULTS BY
Mon 23 Nov 2026	6pm, Thu 18 Feb 2027	16 to Thu 18 March 2027	Thu 8 April 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. If you have the Police Companion NPPF notes, the grey page numbers take you straight to each topic.

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 23 Nov – Sun 29 Nov 2026	Crime
Session 1	Mens Rea (State of Mind)	Notes p.7 ☐
Session 2	Actus Reus (Criminal Conduct)	Notes p.9 ☐
Session 3	Incomplete Offences	Notes p.11 ☐
Session 4	General Defences; Homicide	Notes p.13, 15 ☐
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 30 Nov – Sun 6 Dec 2026	Crime
Session 1	Misuse of Drugs: read and start notes	Notes p.17 ☐
Session 2	Misuse of Drugs: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.17 ☐
Session 3	Firearms and Gun Crime	Notes p.20 ☐
Session 4	Racial and Religiously Aggravated Offences	Notes p.23 ☐
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 7 Dec – Sun 13 Dec 2026	Crime
Session 1	Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person: read and start notes	Notes p.25 ☐
Session 2	Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person: continue notes	Notes p.25 ☐
Session 3	Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.25 ☐
Session 4	Misc. Offences Against the Person and Deprivation of Liberty; Sexual Offences: read and start notes	Notes p.29, 31 ☐
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 14 Dec – Sun 20 Dec 2026	Crime
Session 1	Sexual Offences: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.31 ☐
Session 2	Child Protection	Notes p.34 ☐
Session 3	Theft and Related Offences: read and start notes	Notes p.36 ☐
Session 4	Theft and Related Offences: continue notes	Notes p.36 ☐
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 21 Dec – Sun 27 Dec 2026	Crime / Evidence & Procedure
Session 1	Theft and Related Offences: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.36 ☐
Session 2	Fraud	Notes p.40 ☐
Session 3	Criminal Damage; Offences Against the Administration of Justice	Notes p.42, 43 ☐
Session 4	Instituting Criminal Proceedings	Notes p.47 ☐
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.	Notes pp.43–45 ☐
WEEK 6	Mon 28 Dec – Sun 3 Jan 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 4 Jan – Sun 10 Jan 2027	Evidence & Procedure
Session 1	Release of Persons Arrested	Notes p.49 ☐
Session 2	Court Procedure and Witnesses	Notes p.52 ☐
Session 3	Youth Justice, Crime and Disorder; Exclusion of Admissible Evidence	Notes p.53, 54 ☐
Session 4	Disclosure of Evidence; Detention and Treatment (PACE Code C): read and start notes	Notes p.56, 57 ☐
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 11 Jan – Sun 17 Jan 2027	Evidence & Procedure / Roads Policing
Session 1	Detention and Treatment (PACE Code C): finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.57 ☐
Session 2	Identification (PACE Code D)	Notes p.60 ☐
Session 3	Interviews (PACE Codes C, E and F)	Notes p.62 ☐
Session 4	Definitions and Principles; Key Police Powers; Offences Involving Standards of Driving: read and start notes	Notes p.66, 68, 69 ☐
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.	Notes pp.63–64 ☐

WEEK 9	Mon 18 Jan – Sun 24 Jan 2027	Roads Policing / General Police Duties	
	Registration opens: Mon 18 Jan		
Session 1	Offences Involving Standards of Driving: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.69	☐
Session 2	Reportable Accidents; Drink, Drugs and Driving	Notes p.71, 72	☐
Session 3	Insurance; Legislation for the Protection of Road Users; Construction and Use; Driver Licensing; Notices of Intended Prosecution	Notes p.74, 75, 76, 77, 78	☐
Session 4	Forgery and Falsification of Documents; Complaints and Misconduct	Notes p.79, 82	☐
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. Roads Policing is finished: do an end-of-part self-test on all its topics.	Notes pp.79–80	☐
WEEK 10	Mon 25 Jan – Sun 31 Jan 2027	General Police Duties	
Session 1	Unsatisfactory Performance and Attendance; Stop and Search; Entry, Search and Seizure: read and start notes	Notes p.84, 85, 86	☐
Session 2	Entry, Search and Seizure: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.86	☐
Session 3	Powers of Arrest: read and start notes	Notes p.89	☐
Session 4	Powers of Arrest: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.89	☐
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 1 Feb – Sun 7 Feb 2027	General Police Duties	
Session 1	Hatred and Harassment Offences	Notes p.92	☐
Session 2	Anti-Social Behaviour; Offences Involving Communications	Notes p.94, 96	☐
Session 3	Terrorism and Associated Offences; Public Order, Processions and Assemblies: read and start notes	Notes p.97, 99	☐
Session 4	Public Order, Processions and Assemblies: continue notes	Notes p.99	☐
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 8 Feb – Sun 14 Feb 2027	General Police Duties	
Session 1	Public Order, Processions and Assemblies: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.99	☐
Session 2	Sporting Events; Weapons	Notes p.103, 104	☐
Session 3	Protection of People Suffering from Mental Disorders	Notes p.106	☐
Session 4	Offences Relating to Land and Premises; Licensing and Offences Related to Alcohol; Offences and Powers Relating to Information; Equality	Notes p.107, 108, 109, 110	☐
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.	Notes pp.111–112	☐

WEEK 13	Mon 15 Feb – Sun 21 Feb 2027	Consolidate
	Registration closes at 6pm (your force may close it earlier): Thu 18 Feb	
Session 1	Gold topics, Crime and Evidence & Procedure: Misuse of Drugs, Non-Fatal Offences, Sexual Offences, Child Protection, Theft, Criminal Damage, Release of Persons Arrested, PACE Code C	Notes pp.17, 25, 31, 34, 36, 42, 49, 57 ☐
Session 2	Learn the key time limits, authorising ranks and section numbers	Notes pp.113–115 ☐
Session 3	Flashcards, first half of your deck. Put aside any you miss and repeat them	Notes pp.117–122, 129–134 ☐
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 22 Feb – Sun 28 Feb 2027	Consolidate
Session 1	Gold topics, Roads and General Police Duties: Standards of Driving, Entry, Search and Seizure, Powers of Arrest, Public Order, Weapons	Notes pp.69, 86, 89, 99, 104 ☐
Session 2	Flashcards, second half of your deck. Put aside any you miss and repeat them	Notes pp.123–128, 135–140 ☐
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 1 Mar – Sun 7 Mar 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, Non-Fatal Offences, Sexual Offences, Child Protection, Theft, Criminal Damage, Release of Persons Arrested, PACE Code C	Notes pp.17, 25, 31, 34, 36, 42, 49, 57 ☐
Session 4	Gold topics, Roads and General Police Duties: Standards of Driving, Entry, Search and Seizure, Powers of Arrest, Public Order, Weapons	Notes pp.69, 86, 89, 99, 104 ☐
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 8 Mar – Sun 14 Mar 2027	Final week: light review, no new material
Session 1	Learn the key time limits, authorising ranks and section numbers	Notes pp.113–115 ☐
Session 2	Flashcards, first half of your deck. Put aside any you miss and repeat them	Notes pp.117–122, 129–134 ☐
Session 3	Flashcards, second half of your deck. Put aside any you miss and repeat them	Notes pp.123–128, 135–140 ☐
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.	☐

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

- ☐ 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.