

NPPF Revision Planner

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12-week plan · Sergeants' exam, October 2027

START WEEK 1	REGISTRATION CLOSES	EXAM WINDOW	RESULTS BY
Mon 12 Jul 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. 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 12 Jul – Sun 18 Jul 2027	Crime
Session 1	Mens Rea (State of Mind)	Notes p.7 ☐
Session 2	Actus Reus (Criminal Conduct); Incomplete Offences	Notes p.9, 11 ☐
Session 3	General Defences	Notes p.13 ☐
Session 4	Homicide; Misuse of Drugs	Notes p.15, 17 ☐
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 19 Jul – Sun 25 Jul 2027	Crime
Session 1	Firearms and Gun Crime	Notes p.20 ☐
Session 2	Racial and Religiously Aggravated Offences	Notes p.23 ☐
Session 3	Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person: read and start notes	Notes p.25 ☐
Session 4	Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.25 ☐
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 26 Jul – Sun 1 Aug 2027	Crime
Session 1	Misc. Offences Against the Person and Deprivation of Liberty; Sexual Offences: read and start notes	Notes p.29, 31 ☐
Session 2	Sexual Offences: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.31 ☐
Session 3	Child Protection; Theft and Related Offences: read and start notes	Notes p.34, 36 ☐
Session 4	Theft and Related Offences: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.36 ☐
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 2 Aug – Sun 8 Aug 2027	Crime / Evidence & Procedure
	Registration opens: Tue 3 Aug	
Session 1	Fraud	Notes p.40 ☐
Session 2	Criminal Damage; Offences Against the Administration of Justice	Notes p.42, 43 ☐
Session 3	Instituting Criminal Proceedings; Release of Persons Arrested: read and start notes	Notes p.47, 49 ☐
Session 4	Release of Persons Arrested: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.49 ☐
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. Crime is finished: do an end-of-part self-test on all its topics.	Notes pp.43–45 ☐
WEEK 5	Mon 9 Aug – Sun 15 Aug 2027	Catch-up week
Session 1	Finish any sessions you missed in Weeks 1 to 4	☐
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 6	Mon 16 Aug – Sun 22 Aug 2027	Evidence & Procedure / Roads Policing
Session 1	Court Procedure and Witnesses; Youth Justice, Crime and Disorder; Exclusion of Admissible Evidence	Notes p.52, 53, 54 ☐
Session 2	Disclosure of Evidence; Detention and Treatment (PACE Code C)	Notes p.56, 57 ☐
Session 3	Identification (PACE Code D)	Notes p.60 ☐
Session 4	Interviews (PACE Codes C, E and F); Definitions and Principles	Notes p.62, 66 ☐
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. Evidence & Procedure is finished: do an end-of-part self-test on all its topics.	Notes pp.63–64 ☐
WEEK 7	Mon 23 Aug – Sun 29 Aug 2027	Roads Policing / General Police Duties
Session 1	Key Police Powers; Offences Involving Standards of Driving	Notes p.68, 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; Forgery and Falsification of Documents; Complaints and Misconduct	Notes p.74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 82 ☐
Session 4	Unsatisfactory Performance and Attendance; Stop and Search	Notes p.84, 85 ☐
Recap	15 minutes: quick self-test on your Week 6 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. Roads Policing is finished: do an end-of-part self-test on all its topics.	Notes pp.79–80 ☐

WEEK 8	Mon 30 Aug – Sun 5 Sep 2027	General Police Duties
Session 1	Entry, Search and Seizure	Notes p.86 ☐
Session 2	Powers of Arrest	Notes p.89 ☐
Session 3	Hatred and Harassment Offences	Notes p.92 ☐
Session 4	Anti-Social Behaviour; Offences Involving Communications; Terrorism and Associated Offences	Notes p.94, 96, 97 ☐
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.	☐
WEEK 9	Mon 6 Sep – Sun 12 Sep 2027	General Police Duties
Registration closes at 6pm (your force may close it earlier): Thu 9 Sep		
Session 1	Public Order, Processions and Assemblies: read and start notes	Notes p.99 ☐
Session 2	Public Order, Processions and Assemblies: finish notes, then self-test	Notes p.99 ☐
Session 3	Sporting Events; Weapons	Notes p.103, 104 ☐
Session 4	Protection of People Suffering from Mental Disorders; Offences Relating to Land and Premises; Licensing and Offences Related to Alcohol; Offences and Powers Relating to Information; Equality	Notes p.106, 107, 108, 109, 110 ☐
Recap	15 minutes: quick self-test on your Week 8 and Week 6 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 10	Mon 13 Sep – Sun 19 Sep 2027	Consolidate
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 11	Mon 20 Sep – Sun 26 Sep 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. Sit it at the time of day you plan to take the real exam.	☐

WEEK 12	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	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.		☐

EXAM WEEK

Tue 5 to Thu 7 October 2027, 8am to 8pm each day. Results 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).

DATE	PAPER OR SET	SCORE	%	WEAKEST TOPICS

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.