

NPPF Revision Planner

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12-week plan · Sergeants' exam, March 2027

START WEEK 1 Mon 21 Dec 2026	REGISTRATION CLOSES 6pm, Thu 18 Feb 2027	EXAM WINDOW 16 to Thu 18 March 2027	RESULTS BY Thu 8 April 2027
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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 21 Dec – Sun 27 Dec 2026	Crime
Session 1	Mens Rea (State of Mind)	☐
Session 2	Actus Reus (Criminal Conduct); Incomplete Offences	☐
Session 3	General Defences	☐
Session 4	Homicide; Misuse of Drugs	☐
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 28 Dec – Sun 3 Jan 2027	Crime
Session 1	Firearms and Gun Crime	☐
Session 2	Weapons	☐
Session 3	Racially and Religiously Aggravated Offences	☐
Session 4	Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person: read and start notes	☐
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 4 Jan – Sun 10 Jan 2027	Crime
Session 1	Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person: finish notes, then self-test	☐
Session 2	Offences Involving the Deprivation of Liberty; Sexual Offences	☐
Session 3	Child Protection	☐
Session 4	Theft and Related Offences: read and start notes	☐
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 11 Jan – Sun 17 Jan 2027	Crime / Evidence & Procedure
Session 1	Theft and Related Offences: finish notes, then self-test	☐
Session 2	Fraud	☐
Session 3	Criminal Damage; Offences Against the Administration of Justice and Public Interest; Instituting Criminal Proceedings	☐
Session 4	Release of Person Arrested	☐
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.	☐

WEEK 5 Mon 18 Jan – Sun 24 Jan 2027		Catch-up week
	Registration opens: Mon 18 Jan	
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 25 Jan – Sun 31 Jan 2027		Evidence & Procedure
Session 1	Court Procedure and Witnesses	☐
Session 2	Exclusion of Admissible Evidence; Disclosure of Evidence	☐
Session 3	Detention and Treatment of Persons	☐
Session 4	Identification	☐
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.	☐
WEEK 7 Mon 1 Feb – Sun 7 Feb 2027		Evidence & Procedure / General Police Duties
Session 1	Interviews; Complaints and Misconduct; Unsatisfactory Performance and Attendance	☐
Session 2	Stop and Search; Entry, Search and Seizure	☐
Session 3	Powers of Arrest: read and start notes	☐
Session 4	Powers of Arrest: finish notes, then self-test	☐
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. Evidence & Procedure is finished: do an end-of-part self-test on all its topics.	☐
WEEK 8 Mon 8 Feb – Sun 14 Feb 2027		General Police Duties
Session 1	Hatred and Harassment Offences; Domestic Violence and Abuse	☐
Session 2	Protecting Citizens and the Community: Injunctions, Orders and Police Powers; Offences and Powers Relating to Information and Communications	☐
Session 3	Terrorism and Associated Offences; Public Order Offences, Processions and Assemblies: read and start notes	☐
Session 4	Public Order Offences, Processions and Assemblies: finish notes, then self-test	☐
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 15 Feb – Sun 21 Feb 2027		General Police Duties
Registration closes at 6pm (your force may close it earlier): Thu 18 Feb		
Session 1	Sporting Events; Protection of People Suffering from a Mental Disorder	☐
Session 2	Offences Relating to Land and Premises; 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 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 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.	☐
WEEK 10 Mon 22 Feb – Sun 28 Feb 2027		Consolidate
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 11 Mon 1 Mar – Sun 7 Mar 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. Sit it at the time of day you plan to take the real exam.	☐
WEEK 12 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	☐
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.	☐

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.