

About the:

Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners

40- Hour Basic Private Investigator Course Manual

The Manual can be purchased for \$30.00 from the State Board itself, or you can have it mailed to you for \$40.00. This is the only manual used by the State to train Private Investigators. Therefore, the manual is the main source of test question development. State Board Officials advise anyone who studies the manual will be able to pass the examination. It is particularly important for the State to have such a manual for individuals who come to Louisiana with experience and qualify for a license by passing the examination. This includes former local, state, and federal law enforcement professionals who want to obtain their PI license. Due to their training and experience, all they need to do is submit their application with the appropriate documents and pass the examination.

We at **piPrep** purchased the study manual and used it as a main source to build the practice examination questions. The study manual contains twelve chapters. The following lists each chapter and its content:

- Chapter 1: Private Investigator Stature
- Chapter 2: U.S. Legal System
- Chapter 3: U.S. Constitutional Law
- Chapter 4: Louisiana State Laws
- Chapter 5: Research Techniques for the Investigator
- Chapter 6: Interviews and Statements
- Chapter 7: Surveillance
- Chapter 8: Evidence
- Chapter 9: Organization of Data and Reports
- Chapter 10: Testimony
- Chapter 11: Ethics
- Chapter 12: Legal Considerations

Overall **piPrep** assess the manual as well thought out professional product. The last revision was completed in 2014.

To buy or not to buy the manual:

We will always recommend being an informed student. To become a more informed and educated student you must have access and acquire the correct study material. In this instance, the manual would be a good investment.

To help compliment the study manual we also highly recommend purchasing the practice examination from **piPrep**. The combination of the two will help bring the total learning experience together and make you better prepared for the actual examination. If you ask why,

we say that no examination is built just on facts contained within a manual or a study reference. Examination questions are based on taking the facts and placing them into real life scenarios that make you think and understand the topic. Each question was developed from the facts outlined in the reference material by former law enforcement and current Private Investigators. Therefore, the majority of the questions on the practice examination are written in such a way that it brings this training and experience to life within a question. Therefore, although a question was developed from a topic in the reference material, the question was developed and written in such a manner that creates a situation that you must work through based on real life experiences of the test writer.

The actual examination is a Computer Based Test (CBT) consisting of 150 questions. The examination is pulled from a database containing numerous questions or items and scrambled per test candidate by the computer. This allows the state to publish various test versions during each test administration. Scrambling on the fly is meant to stop cheating and the rotation of questions will mean a longer shelf life per question/item. Questions that are rotated are not overused and therefore they keep their effectiveness as a learning tool longer. Overused questions, in the testing industry, are useless because they stop being a good indicator of knowledge. This is particularly important when developing a test that is used by a licensing agency such as the Louisiana Board of Private Investigators.

The applicant must pass with a score of at least 75% and has two opportunities to pass the test, but must wait 30 days between attempts and pay the reexamination fees.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to write to us at contactus@pi-prep.com.

Good luck with your test. We feel confident that our practice examination will be a great study tool.

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