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STUDY GUIDE



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

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How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

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Questions

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1. What portal is used for submitting BIS license applications?

A. SNAP-R

B. eBUS

C. BIS-Portal

D. LicenseNet

2. Under ITAR, retransfer means

A. The transfer of defense articles and defense services from one country to another.

B. The transfer of defense articles and defense services from one end-user to another in the same country.

C. The same as a reexport

D. None of the above

3. In final export compliance, which party is primarily responsible for licensing status reporting?

A. Freight forwarder

B. Shipper

C. Carrier

D. Importer

4. Which OFAC designation refers to individuals and entities blocked under sanctions?

A. Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons

B. Restricted Party List

C. Entity List

D. Denied Person List

5. Which action is a core part of final export compliance filings?

A. Filing AES declarations

B. Filing import declarations

C. Preparing inventory reports

D. Issuing insurance certificates

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6. Under the EAR, which type of records must be retained?

A. Notes, correspondence and memos

B. Employee performance reviews

C. Public press releases

D. Marketing brochures

7. Which organization provides the pre-application consultations, consignee reliability, and periodic system reviews for SCL license applications?

A. BIS

B. ITA

C. OFAC

D. FBI

8. Which statement is true about electronic filing forms for unclassified exports?

A. Permanent exports use DSP-5 (electronic); Temporary exports use DSP-73 (electronic)

B. Permanent exports use DSP-73 (electronic); Temporary exports use DSP-5 (electronic)

C. Both use DSP-5

D. Neither uses electronic forms

9. An empowered official must be:

A. A government auditor;

B. A knowledgeable, trained company employee who is a US person and has the responsibility to sign license applications;

C. A compliance officer external to the company;

D. A foreign national providing certification.

10. Which block on the BIS license application indicates verification that the applicant has the required documents on hand?

A. Block 7

B. Block 2

C. Block 3

D. Block 5

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Answers

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1. A
2. A
3. A
4. A
5. A
6. A
7. A
8. A
9. B
10. A

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Explanations

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1. What portal is used for submitting BIS license applications?

A. SNAP-R

B. eBUS

C. BIS-Portal

D. LicenseNet

SNAP-R is the official BIS portal for submitting license applications. It provides a secure, online filing system where you create a license request, attach supporting documents, and submit it for BIS review. You also receive case numbering and can track status and communicate with BIS analysts through the same system. The other portals listed are not the designated channels for BIS license submissions, so using SNAP-R ensures your application enters the official workflow and is handled properly.

2. Under ITAR, retransfer means

A. The transfer of defense articles and defense services from one country to another.

B. The transfer of defense articles and defense services from one end-user to another in the same country.

C. The same as a reexport

D. None of the above

In ITAR, retransfer refers to moving defense articles or defense services from one country to another. This cross-border transfer isn't just about where the item initially went, but about transferring it to a different country, which brings the transaction under licensing and regulatory controls again. That cross-border aspect is what makes it distinct from a domestic transfer within the same country, which ITAR treats differently. If the article were to be sent from one foreign end-user country to another, it would require authorization and appropriate licensing, because it changes the destination country and triggers export controls anew. The other options describe transfers within a single country or equate retransfer with reexport, which don't align with the cross-border transfer concept the term is intended to capture.

3. In final export compliance, which party is primarily responsible for licensing status reporting?

A. Freight forwarder

B. Shipper

C. Carrier

D. Importer

Licensing status reporting in final export compliance is handled by the party coordinating the shipment—the freight forwarder—because they are the central point for export documentation and communications with carriers and authorities. The forwarder gathers license information from the exporter, determines which license or license exception applies for the destination, and then records and communicates that licensing status in the required filings and documentation (such as export declarations) so the carrier and authorities know whether the shipment can proceed under the applicable license. They update this status as the shipment moves, ensuring all parties are informed and compliant. The exporter remains ultimately responsible for obtaining the license and ensuring overall compliance, but the forwarder is the primary reporter of licensing status in the day-to-day export process.

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4. Which OFAC designation refers to individuals and entities blocked under sanctions?

A. Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons

B. Restricted Party List

C. Entity List

D. Denied Person List

OFAC designates individuals and entities blocked under sanctions with a single, specific label: Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons. Being on this list means U.S. persons are prohibited from dealing with them, and any property or interests in property under U.S. jurisdiction that is in their possession or control can be blocked or frozen. This designation serves as the core mechanism for implementing sanctions across the U.S. financial system and other channels. The other terms come from different U.S. government agencies and relate to export controls rather than OFAC sanctions. Restricted Party List, Entity List, and Denied Persons List are managed by BIS (the Bureau of Industry and Security) and involve licensing requirements and restrictions on exporting or transferring certain goods and technology. While they indicate restricted parties, they are not the OFAC designation for sanctioned individuals and entities.

5. Which action is a core part of final export compliance filings?

A. Filing AES declarations

B. Filing import declarations

C. Preparing inventory reports

D. Issuing insurance certificates

Submitting export declarations through the Automated Export System is the essential action in final export compliance filings. This filing provides the government with the shipment data they need—destination, commodity classification, value, quantity, and license details—to monitor and regulate exports, determine license requirements, and support enforcement and statistics. It's typically completed by the exporter or an authorized agent before the shipment leaves the U.S., and it applies to most export transactions under relevant regulations. The other actions don't fulfill this regulatory role: filing import declarations pertains to goods entering the U.S., which is the opposite process; preparing inventory reports are internal or for business operations; issuing insurance certificates is a commercial document, not a government export filing.

6. Under the EAR, which type of records must be retained?

A. Notes, correspondence and memos

B. Employee performance reviews

C. Public press releases

D. Marketing brochures

Recordkeeping under the EAR focuses on preserving the documents that show how export decisions were made and who approved them. Notes, correspondence, and memos capture the day-to-day communications, decisions, and rationale behind classifications, license determinations, screening results, and end-use checks. These internal records provide the necessary trail to prove compliance, and they must be kept for the required retention period (typically five years after the transaction). Employee performance reviews, public press releases, and marketing brochures are not the kinds of export-control records the EAR requires to be retained for compliance purposes. They might be related to other business areas, but they don't document export-control actions or licenses.

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7. Which organization provides the pre-application consultations, consignee reliability, and periodic system reviews for SCL license applications?

A. BIS

B. ITA

C. OFAC

D. FBI

The organization in charge is the Bureau of Industry and Security, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce. BIS administers export controls and license processing under the EAR, which includes SCL license applications. It provides pre-application consultations to help determine licensing requirements and applicable controls, evaluates consignee reliability as part of license screening, and conducts periodic system reviews to maintain and improve the licensing process. The other agencies have different roles: ITA focuses on trade promotion and exporter support rather than licensing; OFAC enforces sanctions; the FBI handles enforcement and investigations.

8. Which statement is true about electronic filing forms for unclassified exports?

A. Permanent exports use DSP-5 (electronic); Temporary exports use DSP-73 (electronic)

B. Permanent exports use DSP-73 (electronic); Temporary exports use DSP-5 (electronic)

C. Both use DSP-5

D. Neither uses electronic forms

Electronic filing is the standard method for handling ITAR licenses on unclassified defense articles. When you need a permanent export, you submit the DSP-5 form electronically. For a temporary export, you use the DSP-73 form, also filed electronically. These two forms cover the two main types of transfers—permanent handover of ownership or control, and a temporary export for a defined period with return or specific end-use conditions. Using the electronic system streamlines processing, improves data accuracy, and provides auditable records for both types of licenses.

9. An empowered official must be:

A. A government auditor;

B. A knowledgeable, trained company employee who is a US person and has the responsibility to sign license applications;

C. A compliance officer external to the company;

D. A foreign national providing certification.

The role being tested is the person inside the company who has authority to sign export license applications and certify compliance. That empowered official must be a knowledgeable, trained company employee who is a US person and who has the responsibility to sign license applications. This ensures there is a accountable internal figure who understands the licensing rules, can assess classifications and screening, and can legally bind the company to the license filings. Having a US person in this role matters because it ties the sign-off to someone who is subject to U.S. law and who can be trusted to uphold the company's compliance program. Why this fits best: an empowered official isn't someone outside the company—like a government auditor—or an external compliance consultant signing on behalf of the company. And it shouldn't be a foreign national, since the role requires a US person who can legally sign and certify license documents for U.S. export controls.

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10. Which block on the BIS license application indicates verification that the applicant has the required documents on hand?

A. Block 7

B. Block 2

C. Block 3

D. Block 5

The main idea is recognizing where on the BIS license form you confirm you actually have the necessary supporting documents ready. The section labeled Verification is where the applicant certifies that the required documents are on hand and that they can be produced if BIS requests them. This step isn't about supplying the documents themselves or detailing the item, company info, or end-use; it's about confirming readiness to provide the paperwork that backs the license request. Other parts of the form collect information like applicant details or the specifics of the item and license, but they don't serve to prove you have the documents on hand. So, the Verification section is the place that signals that readiness.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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