NEW JERSEY CERTIFIED TAX COLLECTOR II PRACTICE EXAM (SAMPLE)

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. **Resolution may permit suspension of any foreclosure action or assignment with prompt payment of installments.**

   A. Suspension of foreclosure action is allowed only after full payment.

   B. Reduction of tax liability.

   C. Prohibition of any future installments.

   D. The resolution may suspend foreclosure action or assignment with prompt payment.

2. **Which entity escheats unclaimed redemption funds after 5 years?**

   A. The state government

   B. The county

   C. The municipality

   D. The federal government

3. **Which statement about the Tax Sale List is accurate?**

   A. Standard Tax Sale list is prepared 50 days before the tax sale.

   B. Accelerated Tax Sale list is prepared 11/11.

   C. If there are taxes owed from years prior, a resolution may allow older liabilities to be included in tax sale.

   D. There is no standard timeline for tax sale lists.

4. **Under Chapter 11 rules, what may the municipality request if monthly plan payments or subsequent taxes are not paid?**

   A. Tax lien removal

   B. Order of Relief to enforce debt

   C. Dismissal of case

   D. Reassessment of property values

5. **If the tax sale exceeds 15% of the tax levy, who must purchase the property or certificate?**

   A. The Tax Collector

   B. The Municipality

   C. The buyer

   D. The State

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6. What is the escheat period for unclaimed redemption money?

A. 3 years

B. 5 years

C. 7 years

D. 10 years

7. Processing an audit adjustment that increases a taxpayer's liability requires which action?

A. Notify the taxpayer first and then adjust records.

B. Update the ledgers without journal entries.

C. Issue the adjustment through official journal entries and update ledgers, and notify the taxpayer.

D. Delay the adjustment until the next audit.

8. Who is responsible for notifying the State in In Rem foreclosure?

A. Attorney-General of NJ

B. Clerk

C. County Clerk

D. State Bar Association

9. Chapter 12 rules are?

A. Must be paid 5 years.

B. 3 years to pay all, unless there is 'for cause.'

C. Municipality has 60 days to file its proof of claim.

D. There is no limit on the payment period.

10. What is Proof of Claim?

A. An official affidavit from the creditor that supports their financial claim and is submitted to the Bankruptcy Court in a timely fashion.

B. A certificate stating the municipality owes money.

C. A court order halting all tax collection actions.

D. A notice mailed to taxpayers about debt.

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Resolution may permit suspension of any foreclosure action or assignment with prompt payment of installments.

A. Suspension of foreclosure action is allowed only after full payment.

B. Reduction of tax liability.

C. Prohibition of any future installments.

D. The resolution may suspend foreclosure action or assignment with prompt payment.

A resolution can pause foreclosure actions or the assignment of tax sale rights as long as installments are paid promptly. This reflects a mechanism where the city grants temporary relief to allow the taxpayer to catch up by following a scheduled payment plan. The stay is conditional on timely installments, so the obligation isn't wiped out until the plan is honored, and if payments falter, the suspension can be lifted and foreclosure or assignment can proceed. This setup is not about reducing the tax liability itself, nor about prohibiting future installments; it's about providing temporary relief tied to timely payments, rather than requiring full payment before any relief or preventing further installments.

2. Which entity escheats unclaimed redemption funds after 5 years?

A. The state government

B. The county

C. The municipality

D. The federal government

Escheatment of unclaimed funds happens when no claimant can be found after a specified period, so the funds are transferred to a government entity. For redemption funds in this context, the law assigns that responsibility to the municipality after five years of inactivity. The locality where the funds are tied to is in the best position to manage and ultimately dispose of them if no one steps forward, which is why the municipality is the correct answer. The state generally handles unclaimed property in many cases, but this particular type—redemption funds tied to a locality—escheats to the local government after five years.

3. Which statement about the Tax Sale List is accurate?

A. Standard Tax Sale list is prepared 50 days before the tax sale.

B. Accelerated Tax Sale list is prepared 11/11.

C. If there are taxes owed from years prior, a resolution may allow older liabilities to be included in tax sale.

D. There is no standard timeline for tax sale lists.

The key idea is the timing of when the Tax Sale List is prepared. For a standard tax sale, the municipality must prepare the standard Tax Sale List 50 days before the sale date. That 50-day lead time is set so there's enough opportunity for notice, publication, and review by owners and bidders. The accelerated sale concept exists in some contexts, but its timing isn't fixed to a universal date like 11/11 across all towns, so that statement isn't reliably accurate. There is a standard timeline in place, making the 50-day rule the best, most accurate description.

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4. Under Chapter 11 rules, what may the municipality request if monthly plan payments or subsequent taxes are not paid?

A. Tax lien removal

B. Order of Relief to enforce debt

C. Dismissal of case

D. Reassessment of property values

In Chapter 11, when a debtor fails to make plan payments or pay post-petition taxes, the court can provide a way for creditors to move forward with enforcement of the debt. The municipality may request an Order of Relief to enforce the debt, which grants the creditor the authority to proceed with collection actions that may have been stayed during the bankruptcy. This is the mechanism that directly enables the municipality to recover what is owed, even while a Chapter 11 case is ongoing. The other options don't address enforcement in this context: removing a tax lien would undermine the municipality's remedy, dismissal ends the case rather than enabling enforcement, and reassessment of property values is unrelated to the debt collection process in Chapter 11.

5. If the tax sale exceeds 15% of the tax levy, who must purchase the property or certificate?

A. The Tax Collector

B. The Municipality

C. The buyer

D. The State

In New Jersey, there's a protective rule in the tax sale process: if the amount bid at a tax sale would be more than 15% of the annual tax levy, the purchasing responsibility shifts to the State. This safeguard prevents private bidders from taking control of a property or lien in a way that could unduly burden the municipality or the property owner, and it keeps the sale process within a public interest framework. So, when that 15% threshold is exceeded, the State must purchase the property or the certificate rather than a private bidder. Normally the buyer would be a private party, but this specific scenario calls for state involvement.

6. What is the escheat period for unclaimed redemption money?

A. 3 years

B. 5 years

C. 7 years

D. 10 years

Escheat period is the time a payer or holder must wait while funds are unclaimed before they belong to the state. For unclaimed redemption money in New Jersey, that dormancy period is five years. If the money remains unclaimed for five years after it became due and payable, the funds escheat to the state. The clock starts when the right to payment arises and, through due diligence, the owner hasn't claimed it. Once escheated, the money is held by the state's unclaimed property program, but the owner can still claim it later with proper proof of ownership. Shorter or longer timeframes don't apply to this situation under the current rules.

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7. Processing an audit adjustment that increases a taxpayer's liability requires which action?

A. Notify the taxpayer first and then adjust records.

B. Update the ledgers without journal entries.

C. Issue the adjustment through official journal entries and update ledgers, and notify the taxpayer.

D. Delay the adjustment until the next audit.

Processing an audit adjustment that raises a taxpayer's liability requires recording the change in the official books, updating all relevant ledgers, and informing the taxpayer. The formal journal entries are the proper mechanism to reflect the liability increase in the general ledger and any subsidiary records, creating a clear, auditable trail. After posting, the taxpayer must be notified so they understand the proposed adjustment and have the opportunity to respond or appeal if needed. Skipping journal entries breaks the accounting record integrity, updating ledgers alone lacks a proper audit trail, and delaying notice to the next audit undermines due process and timely resolution.

8. Who is responsible for notifying the State in In Rem foreclosure?

A. Attorney-General of NJ

B. Clerk

C. County Clerk

D. State Bar Association

In Rem foreclosure is a proceeding where the property itself is the subject of the action, often tied to state or public interests such as tax liens. In New Jersey, when the state has an interest or needs to supervise compliance with state laws in these actions, the proper official to notify is the Attorney General. The Attorney General represents the state in court and coordinates with state agencies, ensuring the foreclosure follows statutory requirements and protects public interests. While the clerk or county clerk handle filing, service, and case administration, the formal notice to the state goes to the Attorney General's Office. The State Bar Association is not involved in these notifications.

9. Chapter 12 rules are?

A. Must be paid 5 years.

B. 3 years to pay all, unless there is 'for cause.'

C. Municipality has 60 days to file its proof of claim.

D. There is no limit on the payment period.

Chapter 12 rules set the repayment period as a three-year baseline for paying debts, with the possibility of extending that period if there are legitimate reasons—"for cause." The idea is to provide a feasible, court-approved plan that resolves debts within a reasonable time while still allowing flexibility when hardships or special circumstances (like cyclic income, weather, or other farming-specific factors) make the shorter term impractical. That's why paying all obligations within three years, unless there is for cause to extend, best captures how Chapter 12 handles the repayment timetable. The other options don't fit because they propose a fixed five-year term or refer to deadlines for filing claims, which relate to procedures rather than the duration of repayment under Chapter 12.

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10. What is Proof of Claim?

A. An official affidavit from the creditor that supports their financial claim and is submitted to the Bankruptcy Court in a timely fashion.

B. A certificate stating the municipality owes money.

C. A court order halting all tax collection actions.

D. A notice mailed to taxpayers about debt.

Proof of Claim is the formal document a creditor files in a bankruptcy case to establish that they are owed a specific amount by the debtor. It is typically a sworn statement or affidavit that sets out the basis for the claim, the amount owed, and attaches supporting documents. It must be filed with the bankruptcy court by the deadline set in the case; failing to file on time can lead to the claim being treated as late or disallowed, affecting the creditor's ability to receive any distribution from the debtor's estate. The other options don't fit because they describe different concepts: a certificate that the municipality owes money isn't the bankruptcy filing used to participate in the case; a court order halting all tax collection actions resembles an injunction or automatic stay but isn't the creditor's claim itself; a notice mailed to taxpayers about debt is a collection notice, not a formal filing in bankruptcy.

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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.

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

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