

Notes on the Easy Pass System

Everyone needs goals, so set one RIGHT NOW: Register for the exam at Prometric.com/see. You can do this, and you need not take months and months to complete the exam. Take the exam while topics are fresh on your mind. No one is ever *completely* prepared for the exam, but remember, everything is relative and the exam is graded on a flexible curve. As is often said, you do not need to outrun the bear; just outrun anyone with you! When you register, you will need specific dates and parts in mind, so read on as you make your decision.

With this in mind, we have put together a 45-day study plan to get you through the exam by October 15th (no extensions beyond this point!). (For those eager beavers who want to begin the final review right away, just move up the start date; we are allowing three weeks after the live course to decompress, clear your calendar, and go into attack mode!) Some of you may need a lot less time than this (as discussed below), but if you feel that you require a more long-term organized plan of study, maybe this will help you. A calendar for the **EAsypass™** study plan is shown below (pretty cool name, huh?). In fact, here are three options:

1. **Fast Track** - Just review the slides alone, reworking the questions, over and over. And if a topic is particularly worrisome, go to that topic in the comprehensive NSA course (topic numbers are the same), review the extended coverage, and work all problems related to that topic. Several candidates from last year's class mentioned that this was sufficient to get through the exam. In fact, several students took *all three parts* of the exam within two weeks of the class.
2. **Three-Week Plan** – Follow the Easy Pass Calendar for August 31st – September 22nd, taking each part of the exam on the day after completing the review for that part.
3. **Six-Week Plan** - This plan envisions taking the Part 3 exam first by 9/22, then Part 2 by 9/30, and finally Part 3 by 10/14. Obviously, these are just guides and are not written in stone.

Some Observations on EasyPass:

- The plan provides for a comprehensive review of each part of the exam for one week; the first five days (Monday - Friday) are to review 10 topics each on that part, the take the practice exam on Saturday, and review the practice exam on Sunday. Each day should average about 1 hour, except for the 3½ -hour practice exam (time yourself).

- Take Part 3 *immediately* after completing your review in Week 3: much of this part is memory anyway, so take it while it is fresh on your mind (no need to spend a second week reviewing for this part of the exam).
- Three additional weeks are added for those who need more review for Parts 1 and 2; one week for Part 1, and two weeks for Part 2.

Note - For those who believe that one week per part is sufficient time to study, just choose exam dates one week apart and focus on the three-week plan. This will probably be enough to get most candidates through, but if you feel you need more time, do the additional three weeks. Even if you need the additional three weeks, having the EA designation by 10/15 is still a very good thing!

A few explanations:

- The "Study Guides" are in the full course (six for each of the three parts of the course, five devoted to 10 topics each, and a last one as overview). The "Final Review Cards" are in the full course as well.
- The full course has many problems on each topic, and the calendar lists 4 of each 10 (that's the "T" in the calendar) that have high exam potential to review (wouldn't it be nice to see some old repeat friends on the exam?).
- A full practice exam will be posted for each part of the exam; it will cover the most commonly tested topics on each part, and is a great final review (answers are provided, and an "analyzer" by topic domain is also provided).

OK, you have your marching orders. Too many candidates put off taking the exam because they do not feel "completely prepared." Perfection is the enemy of success, so resolve to get this done right now. There will be days that you do not have the one-hour to study, so just double up on a future day. The key is to KEEP MOVING, never lose sight of your objective, and you will have a valuable professional designation by October 15th! That is worth a little inconvenience.

Best of luck on the exam, and again, feel free to post any comments or questions.

September, 2015 – EAsy Pass System

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
REGISTER for the Exam For Dates Below	(Aug. 31) Part 1 Topics 1-10 Study Guide 1-1 Work T. 2,3,8,9 Read Two Weakest	1 Part 1 Topics 11-20 Study Guide 1-2 Work T. 12,17,19,20 Read Two Weakest	2 Part 1 Topics 21-30 Study Guide 1-3 Work T. 21,23,27,29 Read Two Weakest	3 Part 1 Topics 31-40 Study Guide 1-4 Work T. 33,36,39,40 Read Two Weakest	4 Part 1 Topics 41-50 Study Guide 1-5 Work T. 41,42,43,44 Read Two Weakest	5 Take Practice Exam – Part 1
6 Review Part 1 Practice Exam Study Guides 1-6	7 Part 2 Topics 1-10 Study Guide 2-1 Work T. 2,3,6,8 Read Two Weakest	8 Part 2 Topics 11-20 Study Guide 2-2 Work T. 12, 16,18,20 Read Two Weakest	9 Part 2 Topics 21-30 Study Guide 2-3 Work T. 21,23,26,27 Read Two Weakest	10 Part 2 Topics 31-40 Study Guide 2-4 Work T. 31,33,38,40 Read Two Weakest	11 Part 2 Topics 41-50 Study Guide 2-5 Work T. 41,42,44,45 Read Two Weakest	12 Take Practice Exam – Part 2
13 Review Part 2 Practice Exam Study Guides 2-6	14 Part 3 Topics 1-10 Study Guide 3-1 Work T. 1,3,4,7 Read Two Weakest	15 Part 3 Topics 11-20 Study Guide 3-2 Work T. 11,12,13,14 Read Two Weakest	16 Part 3 Topics 21-30 Study Guide 3-3 Work T. 21,22,23,24 Read Two Weakest	17 Part 3 Topics 31-40 Study Guide 3-4 Work T. 31,32,35,38 Read Two Weakest	18 Part 3 Topics 41-50 Study Guide 3-5 Work T. 41,42,47,50 Read Two Weakest	19 Take Practice Exam – Part 3
20 Review Part 3 Practice Exam Study Guides 2-6	21 Study/Highlight Final Rev. Card Rev. Exam Mist.	22 Take Part 3 at Prometric Center	23 Skim Part 1, T. 1-10 Rev. Study Guide 1-1 Focus on weaknesses	24 Skim Part 2, T. 11-20 Rev. Study Guide 1-2 Focus on weaknesses	25 Skim Part 2, T. 21-30 Rev. Study Guide 1-3 Focus on weaknesses	26 Skim Part 2, T. 31-40 Rev. Study Guide 1-4 Focus on weaknesses
27 Skim Part 1, T. 41-50 Study Guide 1-5 Focus on weaknesses	28 Study/Highlight Final Rev. Card Rev. Exam Mist.	29 Open – Final Brushup for Part 1	30 Take Part 1 at Prometric Center			

October, 2015 – EAsy Pass System

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4 Skim Part 2, T. 16-20 Study Guide 2-2 Focus on weaknesses	5 Skim Part 2, T. 21-25 Study Guide 2-3 Focus on weaknesses	6 Skim Part 2, T. 26-30 Study Guide 2-3 Focus on weaknesses	7 Skim Part 2, T. 30-35 Study Guide 2-4 Focus on weaknesses	8 Skim Part 2, T. 35-40 Study Guide 2-4 Focus on weaknesses	9 Skim Part 2, T. 40-45 Study Guide 2-5 Focus on weaknesses	10 Skim Part 2, T. 46-50 Study Guide 2-5 Focus on weaknesses
11 Review Part 2 Practice Exam Study Guide 2-6	12 Study/Highlight Final Rev. Card Rev. Exam Mist.	13 Open – Final Brushup for Part 1	14 Take Part 2 at Prometric Center	15 Have a Drink!	16	17
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