

**FORENSIC SCIENTIST IV - (LATENT PRINTS)**  
**Selection Process I.D.#**  
**6418/LP/0826**

**EXAMINATION PLAN**

**I. WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Multiple choice – 40 items  
Pass = 70% or better  
Weight = 40%  
Time Limit = 1 Hour

| <u>CONTENT AREA</u>                | <u># OF ITEMS</u> | <u>PERCENTAGE</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Principles of Latent Prints (1-40) | <u>40</u>         | <u>100.0%</u>     |

**Reference Sources:**

The Fingerprint Sourcebook (U.S. Dept of Justice, National Institute of Justice) by Eric H. Holder, Laurie O. Robinson, John H. Laub, et al, 2011 (Chapters 1-9, 12 and 14).

Quantitative-Qualitative Friction Ridge Analysis: An Introduction to Basic and Advanced Ridgeology by David R. Ashbaugh, 1999

Searching Smart Clues for Latent Print Examiners Playing Cards by Ron Smith & Associates, Inc., 2016

Palm Prints Searching Smart by Ron Smith & Associates, Inc., 2021

Fingerprints and Other Ridge Skin Impressions, Second Edition (CRC Press) by Christophe Champod, Chris J. Lennard, Pierre Margot, Milutin Stoilovic, 2016 (Chapters 1-5).

Advances in Fingerprint Technology by Henry C. Lee and R. E. Gaensslen, Elsevier Publishers, 1991

**This examination consists of 40 multiple choice questions, all are equally weighted.**

**II. QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL BOARD (QAB)**

Weight = 60%  
Pass = 70% or better

The QAB is an oral board exam. Unlike a job interview, the QAB is very structured with a select number of board members taking turns asking a set of structured questions. The same questions are asked of each candidate participating in the QAB for the open position. Clarifying questions are not permitted by the candidate or the panel members.