



2026 PPRA PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION EXAMINATION (PDE) REQUIREMENTS AND RULES

This communiqué serves to clarify the format, eligibility requirements, and key rules applicable to the Property Practitioners Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Professional Designation Examination (PDE).

1. PDE Exam Format

The PPRA PDE is a **take-home examination**. No venue-based or oral examinations are conducted. Examination seat numbers issued to candidates are **purely for administrative purposes** and do **not** indicate a physical examination venue. **Practitioners must not come to the PPRA offices to write the PDE.**

2. Eligibility Requirements

Only eligible candidates will be permitted to write the examination.

- **PDE 4:**
Candidates must be eligible, meaning:
 - The **Practical Training Form** has been submitted and approved; and
 - The **NQF Level 4 qualification** has been correctly updated on the PPRA portal.
- **PDE 5:**
Candidates must:
 - Have their **NQF Level 5 qualification** updated on the PPRA portal; and
 - Be in possession of a **valid Full Status Fidelity Fund Certificate (FFC)**.

Candidates who do not meet the above requirements will not be allowed to write, and their scripts will not be marked.

3. Enrolment and Payment Rules – Summary of Important Requirements

- Candidates must **enrol for the examination on the PPRA portal** before making payment.
- Payment must be made using the candidate's **correct seven-digit PPRA reference number (PIN)**.
- Examination seat numbers will only be generated once **both enrolment and payment** are successfully completed.
- **No late enrolments or payments will be accepted.**
- Examination results will be released within **6–8 weeks** after the examination date via the PPRA portal.

4. Examination Paper Rules

- For confirmation of examination seat numbers, estate agents are requested to check the MyPPRA portal as such are issued automatically via the PPRA SAP system and populated against their system profile.
- Examination results can be viewed through the MyPPRA On-Line Query Management portal.
- Examination certificates for those who have passed are issued at least 60 – 90 days after the release of examination results.
- Examination candidates who are not successful are allowed to lodge their appeal against the examination results by submitting their appeal and the required fee within 14 days of receiving their results.
- The policy of the PPRA is that appeals received after the 14 days period will not be processed.
- Examination candidates must allow sufficient time for a thorough preparation for the examination. Therefore, those wishing to undertake the examination are advised to ensure that they obtain the required study material from the PPRA prior to enrolling for the examination.
- Examination duration is 5 hours.
- The PDE is an open book examination. Tips for the examination are available on the PPRA website (under Education - Professional Designation Examination).
- Examination candidates are allowed to use calculators of any type, where required.
- The completed Exam Paper must be emailed to the PPRA's Examination Section by attaching the **PDF document** to an email and sending it to examsupport@theppra.org.za by no later than **13h00** on the exam day. **No late submissions will be accepted.**
- Exam scripts submitted to other mailboxes **will not be accepted.**
- Examination candidates may use dictionaries, if required.

The PPRA encourages all candidates to ensure compliance with the above requirements to avoid disappointment.

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