



PROPERTY PRACTITIONERS
REGULATORY AUTHORITY

13 AUGUST 2026 PDE TAKE-HOME EXAM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Property Practitioners Regulatory Authority (“the Authority” or “the PPRA”) hereby notifies all registered PDE 4 and PDE 5 examination candidates of the following arrangements and requirements governing the Take-Home Examination.

1. Format and Availability of the Examination

- The Take-Home Examination format permits a candidate to download the examination paper and to complete it at his or her own pace, within the time allocated below.
- The PDE 4 and PDE 5 Examination Papers will be made available for download from the homepage of the PPRA website (www.theppra.org.za) from **08h00** on Thursday, **13 August 2026**.
- The Examination Paper is issued in MS Word format. Candidates must answer ALL questions by typing their answers into the grey-shaded space provided on the document. Only answers completed within the grey-shaded spaces will be regarded as valid and will be marked.

2. Submission of Completed Scripts

- The completed Examination Paper must be submitted by email, as an attached Word document, to the PPRA’s Examination Section at examsupport@theppra.org.za, by no later than **13h00** on **13 August 2026**. No late submissions will be accepted.
- Scripts submitted to any mailbox other than examsupport@theppra.org.za will not be accepted.
- Candidates completing the examination on an Apple device must save their answer sheet as a PDF document prior to submission and must not submit it as a native Apple software file.
- Where a candidate’s registration fee is received by the Authority after the examination registration date, the candidate’s script will not be marked.
- Where a submitted script cannot be opened, whether due to its file format or for any other reason, the Authority will not be held liable, and the script in question will not be marked.
- Examination scripts received by the Authority after 13h00 on 13 August 2026 will not be marked.

3. Guidance for Candidates

- Candidates must ensure that their personal details are completed on the Examination Paper and must insert their seven-digit reference number in the email accompanying their submission.
- Examination results will be communicated, and made available on the MyPPRA portal, within six to eight weeks of the examination date. Candidates are required to access the portal to view their results. Any appeal against an examination result, or request for a review thereof, must be lodged in accordance with the Authority’s applicable appeal procedures.

- The Take-Home Examination is designed to enable a candidate to demonstrate not merely the recall of facts, but the ability to apply critical thinking to the material and to explain and apply relevant concepts. Candidates should not underestimate the standard required by this format.
- Although not a formal requirement, candidates may have regard to online resources, the PDE Study Guide, and their own notes while completing the examination.
- One mark will be awarded for each correct fact or answer provided. The mark allocation indicated for each question should be used as a guide to the expected length and depth of the required answer.

4. Academic Integrity

- The Authority intends to make use of an originality/similarity checking service in order to prevent plagiarism and to uphold academic integrity.
- Any candidate found to have colluded with another candidate will fail the examination and will, in addition, be subject to disciplinary action by the Authority.
- **The use of artificial intelligence tools, including but not limited to ChatGPT, is strictly prohibited in the completion of this examination.**

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