



MEDICAL CONSULTANT I (PSYCHIATRIST)

Exam Code: 9BP17

Department: Department of Social Services

Exam Type: Departmental Open

Final Filing Date: Continuous

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

Monthly Salary Ranges:

Range A: \$11,154.00 - \$15,299.00

Range B: \$11,692.00 - \$16,042.00

Range C: \$12,032.00 - \$16,508.00

View the [Medical Consultant I \(Psychiatrist\)](#) Classification Specification

CUT-OFF DATES

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| January 31, 2022 | February 28, 2022 | March 30, 2022 | April 29, 2022 |
| May 31, 2022 | June 30, 2022 | July 29, 2022 | August 31, 2022 |
| September 30, 2022 | October 31, 2022 | November 30, 2022 | December 30, 2022 |

Note: This examination is administered on a monthly basis. Applications must be received by the cut-off date. Applications received after the cut-off dates listed in this bulletin will be processed during the month of the next cut-off date. Results will be mailed 4 – 5 weeks following each cut-off date.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis. (See Cut-Off Dates section)

Who May Apply

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated on this bulletin may apply for and take this examination.

Once you have taken this examination, you may not retake it for twelve (12) months.

How To Apply

Applicants must submit a signed [State Examination Application \(Std. 678\)](#), and copies of unofficial transcripts, if applicable, to the mailing address below.

The Training and Experience Evaluation for Medical Consultant I (Psychiatrist) is available by clicking on the link: [Medical Consultant I \(Psychiatrist\) Training and Experience Assessment](#) or in person at the street address listed above.

Applications may be delivered in person or by mail. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applications must include: “to” and “from” dates (month/day/year), hours worked, civil service class title(s), for all work experience. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a State Application (Std. 678).

Applications may be personally delivered between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except State holidays), to the Department of Social Services, Examination Unit, Mail Station 8-15-58.

Applications postmarked or personally delivered after the cut-off date will be held and processed in the next examination administration. (Please see “Cut Off Dates Section)

Currently, we are unable to accept applications via internet, fax or email.

FILE BY MAIL

Department of Social Services
Attention: Examination Unit
P.O. Box 944243, MS 8-15-58
Sacramento, CA 94244-2430

FILE IN PERSON

Department of Social Services
Attention: Examination Unit
744 P Street (See Security Desk)
Sacramento, CA 95814
Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Note: Your application must have an original signature to be accepted.

Indicate the Examination Code and Classification(s) on your State Examination Application (Std. 678).

Special Testing: If you require assistance or alternative testing arrangements due to a disability, please contact the testing department listed in the Contact Information section of this bulletin.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

License: Possession of the legal requirements for the practice of medicine in California as determined by the California Board of Medical Quality Assurance or the California Board of Osteopathic Examiners. (Applicants who are in the process of securing approval by the Board of Medical Quality Assurance or the Board of Osteopathic Examiners will be admitted to the examination, but the Board to which application is made must determine that all legal requirements have been met before candidates will be eligible for appointment.)

Possession of a valid certificate in Psychiatry issued by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry, or eligibility for examination for such a certificate as evidenced by a written statement from the Secretary of either Board. (Applicants who are in the process of establishing specialty board eligibility will be admitted to the examination, but the required verification must be submitted before appointment.)

One year of experience in the practice of psychiatry exclusive of the internship.

Note: Applicants must submit a copy of their unofficial college transcripts along with the application package when using education to meet the entrance requirements for this examination.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Medical Consultant I (Psychiatrist), under general direction in a Disability Evaluation Division Branch Office, reviews and interprets medical evidence submitted by physicians and treating sources to determine an applicant's eligibility for disability benefits which involve mental impairments.

Positions exist statewide within the California Department of Social Services.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

This examination consists of a Training and Experience Assessment.

In addition to evaluating applicants' relative knowledge, skills, and ability, as demonstrated by quality and breadth of training and/or experience, emphasis in each examination component will be measuring competitively, relative job demands, each applicant's:

Knowledge of:

1. Principles and practices of general medicine and surgery with particular reference to the techniques and trends in the diagnosis of physical and mental handicaps and in treatment programs for such handicaps.
2. Interrelationships of Federal, State, and local professional and voluntary public health and welfare agencies and of the programs and services of such agencies.
3. Principles of community organization and skill in their application.
4. Principles of preventative medicine.

Ability to:

1. Interpret and apply the medical policies and standards of the Department's program.
2. Promote the organization to community health resources and their effective utilization.
3. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
4. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in the work.
5. Write effectively.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental open merged eligible list for the Medical Consultant I (Psychiatrist) will be established for the California Department of Social Services.

The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of examination date. Eligibility expires twelve (12) months after competitors were merged onto the eligibility list. Applicants must then retake the examination to reestablish eligibility.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Training and Experience Assessment – Weighted 100%

The examination will consist of a Training and Experience Assessment weighted 100%. Candidates must attain an overall minimum score of 70% to be placed on the eligible list. The examination is designed to elicit specific information regarding each candidate's training and experience relative to the classification. Responses to the examination will be assessed based on pre-determined rating criteria.

Applications will be reviewed by the Examination Unit to determine if the applicant meets the minimum qualifications. All applicants who meet the minimum qualifications will have their completed Training and Experience Assessment rated. After the examination is completed, a notice of results will be sent electronically or mailed within approximately three weeks.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions concerning this examination bulletin, including provision of reasonable accommodation for this testing process, please contact the Examination Unit at the email address or phone number below.

California Department of Social Services
Attention: Examination Unit
P.O. Box 944243, MS 8-15-58
Sacramento, CA 94244-2430
Email: examinations@dss.ca.gov
(916) 657-1762

California Relay Service for the Deaf or Hearing Impaired from TDD phones call 1-800-735-2929 or from voice phones call 1-800-745-2922. TTY is a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TTY Device.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right of family care and medical leave, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, military or veteran status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious creed, sex (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, and related medical conditions), and sexual orientation.

DRUG-FREE STATEMENT

It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free State work place. Any applicant for State employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective, because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

GENERAL INFORMATION

State Examination Application (Std. 678) forms are available at the California Department of Human Resources, local offices of the Employment Development Department, and through your [CalCareer Account](#).

If you meet the requirements stated on this examination bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described in this bulletin will be rated against a predetermined job-related rating, and all applicants who pass will be ranked according to their score.

The California Department of Social Services reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

General Qualifications: Applicants must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgement, the ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order:

- 1) Sub-divisional promotional
- 2) Departmental promotional
- 3) Multi-departmental promotional
- 4) Servicewide promotional
- 5) Departmental open
- 6) Open

When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

Criminal Record Clearance Information: Some positions within various divisions of the California Department of Social Services are subject to fingerprinting and criminal records check requirements. This check will be completed by the Department of Justice. Applicants will be notified during the hiring process if the position is affected by the criminal records clearance procedure. Criminal record clearance is a condition of employment in positions affected by this procedure.

Veterans' Preference will be granted for this examination. In accordance with Government Code Sections 18973.1 and 18973.5, Veterans' Preference will be awarded as follows:

- 1) Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100% disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an open examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for Veterans' Preference
- 2) Veterans' Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status

Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference are available at CalHR's website by clicking on the following link: [CalCareer Veterans](#). Additional information can also be found at the California Department of Veterans Affairs at [CalVet Veterans](#).

Career Credits will not be granted in this examination.

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