PERSONNEL SUPERVISOR 1  
Exam Code: 0PBAE  
Department: State of California  
Exam Type: Servicewide, Open  
Final Filing Date: Continuous

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS
Personnel Supervisor 1 – $4,842.00 - $6,061.00 per month
View the classification specification for the Personnel Supervisor 1 classification.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
If you have tested for the Personnel Supervisor 1 classification as part of the Personnel Supervisor 1 & 2 exam in the previous 12 months, it may be too early for you to take this exam. Please check your CalCareer account for the retake date on your exam results notification for this classification BEFORE continuing this exam process. Retaking this exam under another or a new User I.D. and password, Social Security Number (voluntary, not required, information), or name is not allowed.
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Who Should 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:

Bulletin Date: 1/21/2022
The link to connect to the Training and Experience Evaluation is located farther down on this bulletin in the “Taking the Exam” section.

**Special Testing Arrangements:**

If you require special testing arrangements due to a verified disability or medical condition, please contact:

California Department of Human Resources  
CalCareer Service Center  
1810 16th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: (866) 844-8671  
Email: CalCareer@CalHR.CA.GOV

California Relay Service: 7-1-1 (TTY and voice)

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**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this exam bulletin to be accepted into the examination. Part-time or full-time jobs, regardless of whether paid or volunteer positions, and inside or outside California state service will count toward experience.

**Personnel Supervisor 1**

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a Personnel Specialist, Range D, Senior Personnel Specialist, or Personnel Services Supervisor I.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**Personnel Supervisor 1**

This is the first supervisory level in the series and incumbents are responsible for one or more personnel transactions programs. Under general supervision, incumbents supervise a staff of Personnel Specialists performing personnel/payroll transactions functions. There may be functional supervision of lower-level Personnel Specialists in geographically separated locations. Incumbents develop and provide training and technical assistance to internal and departmental staff.
EXAMINATION SCOPE

This examination consists of the following components:

Training and Experience Evaluation – Weighted 100% of the final score.

The examination will consist solely of a Training and Experience Evaluation. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be received. Applicants will receive their score upon completion of the Training and Experience Evaluation process.

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

Knowledge of:

1. Current office methods, procedures, equipment, and basic math principles.
2. Laws, rules, regulations, and bargaining contract provisions affecting personnel record keeping, personnel transactions, payroll, and certification processes used in State departments
3. A supervisor’s responsibility for promoting equal opportunity in hiring and employee development and promotion, and for maintaining a work environment that is free of discrimination and harassment

Ability to:

1. Think logically, multitask, and apply laws, rules, regulations, and bargaining contract provisions concerning personnel transactions
2. Independently interpret and use reference material
3. Give and follow directions
4. Gather data
5. Design and prepare tables, spreadsheets, and charts
6. Advise employees of their rights
7. Consult with supervisors on alternative actions which they may take on various transaction situations
8. Communicate effectively
9. Operate a computer keyboard/terminal
10. Establish and maintain cooperative working relations with those contacted during the course of the work
11. Organize and prioritize work
12. Create/draft correspondence
14. Represent the department on intra/interdepartmental teams
15. Coordinate a variety of personnel/payroll transactions
16. Research critical transactions and recommend alternative solutions
17. Plan, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinate staff
18. Analyze work processes, evaluate suggestions, and develop and implement effective courses of action
19. Effectively present ideas and recommendations
20. Develop subordinate staff and assess training and developmental needs
21. Effectively promote equal opportunity in employment and maintain a work environment that is free of discrimination and harassment

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A servicewide, open eligible list for the Personnel Supervisor 1 classification will be established for:

State of California (all State of California departments, statewide)

The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of exam date. Eligibility expires **eighteen (18) months** after it is established. Applicants must then retake the examination to reestablish eligibility. Veterans’ Preference will be granted for this examination. In accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, whenever any veteran, or widow or widower of a veteran achieves a passing score on an open examination, he or she shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligible list.

Veterans status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Information on this program and the Veterans’ Preference Application (Std. 1093) is available online. Additional information on veteran benefits is available at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Career Credits **will not** be added to the final score for this exam, because it does not meet the requirements to qualify for Career Credits.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

**Preview Training and Experience Evaluation**

**PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION**

Here is a list of suggested resources to have available prior to taking the exam.

**Employment History:** Employment dates, job titles, organization names and addresses, names of supervisors or persons who can verify your job responsibilities, and phone numbers of persons listed above.
**Education:** School names and addresses, degrees earned, dates attended, courses taken (verifiable on a transcript), persons or office who can verify education, and phone numbers of persons or offices listed above.

**Training:** Class titles, certifications received, names of persons who can verify your training, and phone numbers of persons listed above.

**TAKING THE EXAMINATION**

Take the examination for the [PERSONNEL SUPERVISOR 1](#) classification.

**TESTING DEPARTMENTS**

State of California (all State of California departments)

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**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

Examination and/or Employment 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 Human Resources (CalHR) 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 applicants 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.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification form the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the competitor is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.