Stationary Engineer
Exam Code: 0PBDA
Department: State of California
Exam Type: Servicewide, Open
Final Filing Date: Continuous

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS
Stationary Engineer – $5,911.00 - $7,609.00 per month
View the Stationary Engineer classification specification

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Final Filing Date: Continuous
Who Should Apply:
Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated on this bulletin may apply for and take this examination.

How To Apply:
The link to connect to the online multiple choice exam is located farther down on this bulletin in the “Taking the Exam” section.

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

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
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.

Stationary Engineer

Either 1

Completion of a Recognized Apprenticeship for Stationary Engineers. (Apprentices who are within six months of completing their apprenticeship program may be admitted to the examination, but must present evidence of completion prior to appointment.)

Or 2

Experience: Four years of experience performing duties which included the operation, maintenance and repair of boiler, heating, refrigeration, ventilation and power equipment of large commercial, industrial or institutional buildings including the operation and maintenance of air conditioning systems involving the use of automatic controls. and

Education: Completion of 700 hours of formalized technical instruction relating to Stationary Engineering in training offered by such established programs as: Job Corps; Skill Centers; ROP; Trades Schools; Military; and JTPA (Joint Training Partnership Act). (An Associate of Arts or Certificate in Mechanical Electrical Technology, which must have included at least 12 semester units of instruction in heating, ventilation, and refrigeration systems involving the use of automatic controls may be substituted for the 700 hours of technical instruction). Students who are within six months of completing their degree will be admitted to the examination but they must present evidence of completion prior to appointment.

Two years of additional qualifying experience may be substituted for the required education.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Stationary Engineer

Under general direction, to perform a variety of skilled work in the operation, maintenance and repair of boiler, heating, air conditioning, ventilating, lighting, power, water, water treatment, and other mechanical systems normally found in a State hospital, institution, large office building or complex of buildings; may instruct or lead other engineers; may instruct or lead resident workers; and do other related work.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

This examination consists of the following components:
Multiple Choice Written Examination – Weighted 100% of the final score

To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be attained.

The written test is designed to evaluate a candidate’s knowledge in the areas of:

1. Mathematics
2. Stationary Engineer Knowledge

This examination will also allow for the use of calculators.

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. Boilers and auxiliary boiler room equipment
2. Heating, lighting, ventilating, air conditioning, power, refrigeration, building electric and pneumatic controls, water treatment and other mechanical or electrical equipment
3. The methods, tools, materials, and equipment used in the operation, maintenance and repair of such equipment

Ability to:

1. Follow oral and written directions
2. Demonstrate mechanical ability
3. Keep accurate records
4. Install, operate and make repairs to the various types of equipment listed above in the knowledge requirements
5. Make written reports, read, interpret, and work from plans, drawings and specifications
6. Lay out work for others and direct them in this work
7. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A servicewide, open eligible list for the Stationary Engineer classification will be established for the 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 twenty-four (24) 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. form 1093)
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.

PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION

Here is a list of suggested resources to have available prior to applying for the examination.

**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 Stationary Engineer examination

Please note: If you need special testing arrangements, please select the Reasonable Accommodation box during the self-scheduling process.

TESTING DEPARTMENTS

State of California (all State of California departments)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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.

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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.