



Information Technology Specialist 1 (LEAP) LEAP MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT (READINESS EVALUATION)

Exam Code: 0PBFK

Department: State of California

Exam Type: Open/Service-wide

Final Filing Date: Continuous

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

Information Technology Specialist 1 (LEAP) – \$5,118.00 - \$8,528.00 per month

[View the Information Technology Specialist 1 classification specification](#)

INTRODUCTION TO THE LEAP PROGRAM

The Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP) is an alternative examination and appointment process designed to facilitate the recruitment and hiring of persons with disabilities into the State of California civil service. The LEAP examination process is a two-part process that consists of: (1) a Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) **and** (2) a Job Examination Period that is administered and evaluated in the work setting.

To qualify to take this LEAP Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation), you **must** first have LEAP certification issued by the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). For information regarding obtaining LEAP certification from the DOR, visit the [Department of Rehabilitation website](#) and use the search term LEAP Certification. There you will find a link to Find an Office. Alternatively, to find a DOR office near your home, call (916) 558-5300, TTY (916) 558-5302.

The legal authority for the Limited Examination and Appointment Program is Government Code Sections 19240-19244.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Who Should Apply:

Persons who meet **all** of the following criteria:

1. Individuals with a disability, a record of a disability, or who are regarded as having a disability that limits one or more major life activities;

2. Individuals who have Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP) certification from the California Department of Rehabilitation
3. Individuals who satisfy the minimum qualifications as stated in the minimum qualifications section below

Once you have passed this Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation), you may not retake it for **24 months**.

How to Apply:

The link to connect to the **Information Technology Specialist 1 (LEAP)** Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) is located on this bulletin in the Taking the Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) 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 95811
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 able to pass this LEAP Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation). Part-time or full-time jobs, regardless of whether paid or volunteer or inside or outside California state service, may count toward experience.

Information Technology Specialist 1

Two years as an Information Technology Associate; or

Four years of general information technology experience performing technical and/or analytical tasks for computer systems or services in any of the [six domains](#) or emerging information technology fields; or

120 semester units (or 180 quarter units) from an accredited college or university including at least 15 semester units (or 22.5 quarter units) of IT or [closely related course work](#); or

Any equivalent combination of experience and education.

When using education to meet minimum qualifications, education must include the specified IT or [closely related course work](#).

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Information Technology Specialist 1

Under direction, incumbents may perform a wide variety of tasks requiring regular innovative problem-solving within broadly stated and non-specific guidelines. The scope typically includes multiple program areas, and involves planning, developing, and implementing technological solutions that are essential to the missions of the overall organization, or affecting large numbers of people on a long-term or continuous basis in one or more of the Business Technology Management, Client Services, Information Security Engineering, Information Technology Project Management, Software Engineering, or System Engineering domains.

Incumbents may: perform feasibility studies and research analysis related to technology projects; provide information technology consultation in support of business programs; establish inventory management guidelines; provide metrics on service level agreements; install or repair hardware or peripheral equipment; develop, implement, and maintain security and privacy training; investigate security incidents; develop and/or review data sharing agreements prior to release of confidential information; analyze business impact and exposure based on emerging security threats; monitor project milestones and deliverables; coordinate and consult with users, administrators, and engineers to identify business and technical requirements; develop and sustain cooperative working relationships with project stakeholders; perform software product deployment and release management activities; define and design software solutions; identify infrastructure system requirements and recommend technology, hardware, software, and plans installation; advise, create, or participate in the design of new system architecture, standards, and methods to support organizational needs; install, configure, administer, test, and maintain communication infrastructure systems; conduct research and perform analysis to recommend system upgrades, cost-effective solutions, and process improvements; troubleshoot, track, and conduct root cause analysis of system/database/operational issues; and act in a lead role over lower-level staff.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT (READINESS EVALUATION) SCOPE

This assessment consists of the following test component:

Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) – Pass or Fail

To obtain a position on the **Information Technology Specialist 1** referral list, a pass result must be received. Applicants will receive their result upon completion of this Minimum Qualification Assessment.

REFERRAL LIST INFORMATION

A servicewide, open referral list for the **Information Technology Specialist 1** classification will be established for the State of California (all State of California departments, statewide).

The names of persons who successfully pass this Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) will be merged onto a LEAP Referral List for the **Information Technology Specialist 1** classification. Candidates who pass the Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) will remain on the list for 24 months. All State departments may use the **Information Technology Specialist 1** Referral List to select candidates for vacant positions.

LEAP Referral List eligibility expires 24 months after it is established. Competitors must then retake the **Information Technology Specialist 1** Minimum Qualifications Assessment to reestablish list eligibility

LEAP EXAMINATION PROCESS INFORMATION

PART 1: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT (READINESS EVALUATION) – Weighted 100%

This LEAP Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) consists solely of minimum qualification questions that assess the training, experience and education that you have previously obtained. Your responses to the questions will determine if the training, experience, and education you have, meet the minimum qualifications for the Information Technology Specialist 1 classification. If your Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Assessment) result is “pass”, your name will be placed on the Information Technology Specialist 1 Referral List and you will have referral list eligibility to apply for Information Technology Specialist 1 vacancies.

Applicants who obtain Information Technology Specialist 1 LEAP Referral List eligibility must compete for state of California job vacancies in order to begin PART 2 of this process, which is called the JOB EXAMINATION PERIOD (JEP).

PART 2: JOB EXAMINATION PERIOD (JEP)

The JEP begins after you are hired and obtain an examination appointment. When you perform the duties of your state job, you will be evaluated on your job performance every four weeks or more often. Your evaluation will be based on the classification specification and the duty statement of the position.

The JEP will be the same length as the length of the probationary period for the same non-LEAP classification.

After successful completion of both the Minimum Qualifications Assessment and the JEP, the result will be a transition from an examination appointment to a standard appointment as an Information Technology Specialist 1. If appointed through the LEAP examination process, you will not be required to serve a probationary period.

TAKING THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT (Readiness Evaluation)

Take [the Minimum Qualifications Assessment \(Readiness Evaluation\) for Information Technology Specialist 1](#)

TESTING DEPARTMENTS

State of California (all State of California departments).

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions concerning this examination, please contact:

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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 minimum qualifications stated on this bulletin, you may take this assessment. The assessment described in this bulletin will be rated and all applicants who pass will be placed on the **Information Technology Specialist 1** referral list.

The California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) reserves the right to revise the examination to better meet the needs of the service, if the circumstances under which this assessment 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.