



# COOK SPECIALIST I

**Exam Code: 3FSAA**

**Department:** State of California

**Exam Type:** Servicewide, Open

**Final Filing Date:** Continuous – See cut-off dates below

## CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

**Cook Specialist I – A \$3,343.00 - \$4,096.00 per month**

**F \$2,785.83 - \$3,413.33 per month**

Click here to view the [Cook Specialist I](#) Classification Specification.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Final Filing Date: Continuous

The examination will be administered every **three (3)** months. The cut-off dates are as follows:

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**

If your application is received after the cut-off dates above, it will be retained and scored in the next examination administration.

### Who Should Apply:

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

Final Filing Date: Continuous

Once you have taken this examination, you may not retake it for **six (6)** months.

**How To Apply:**

The link to connect to the Training and Experience Evaluation is located farther down on this bulletin in the “**Taking the Examination**” section.

**SUBMIT BY MAIL OR IN PERSON:**

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Examination Unit – (Attn: Carol Anderson)  
710 Riverpoint Court  
West Sacramento, CA 95605

**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 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: (866) 844-8671  
Email: [CalCareer@CalHR.ca.gov](mailto: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.

**Cook Specialist I:**

**Either I**

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a Food Service Technician I,

**Or II**

One year of experience in assisting a cook in the preparation and cooking of a varied menu. (Full-time training in a recognized trade school or training program for cooks may

be substituted for the required experience on the basis of one month of school attendance being equal to two months of experience.)

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

### **Cook Specialist I**

Under supervision, to assist in preparing, cooking, and dispensing food for the residents and employees of a State institution; to care for culinary equipment, supplies, and work areas; to work with employees and helpers from the resident population; may instruct, lead, or supervise inmates, wards, or resident workers; and do other related work.

## EXAMINATION INFORMATION

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. Kitchen sanitation and safety measures.
2. Food handling sanitation.
3. Principles, procedures, and equipment used in the storage, care, preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food in large quantity.
4. Methods and procedures used in the operation, cleaning, and care of utensils, equipment, and work areas.

### **Ability to:**

1. Complete satisfactorily a training program in the preparation and cooking of all food groups.
2. Follow directions.
3. Keep records.
4. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
5. Communicate at a level appropriate to the classification.

## ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A servicewide, open eligible list for the **Cook Specialist I** classification will be established for the State of California (all State of California departments, statewide).

Final Filing Date: Continuous

The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of exam date. Eligibility expires **12 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) is available online. Additional information on veteran benefits is available at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## EXAMINATION INFORMATION

### [Preview of the Cook Specialist I 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

Click on the link to take [Cook Specialist I Training and Experience Evaluation](#)

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 from 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.