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GROUNDSKEEPER, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (CF)

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Departmental Open Examination
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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.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) are committed to building and fostering a diverse workplace. We believe cultural diversity, backgrounds, experiences, perspectives, and unique identities should be honored, valued, and supported. We believe all staff should be empowered. CDCR/CCHCS are proud to foster inclusion and representation at all levels of both Departments.

TESTING DEPARTMENTS

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

Salary Range:

$3,867.00 - $4,628.00 per month

View the classification specification for the Groundskeeper, CF classification.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated below.

Once you have taken the Qualifications Assessment Examination, you may not retake it for twelve (12) months.

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must complete and submit an Examination Application (STD. 678) **and** Qualifications Assessment

By mail to:

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Talent Acquisition and Career Services
P.O. Box 942883
Sacramento, CA 94283-0001

Or in person at:

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
1515 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95811-7243
Attn: Talent Acquisition and Career Services, 101N

If you are personally delivering your application and Qualifications Assessment, you must do so between the hours of **8:00 a.m**. and **5:00 p.m.**, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, on or before the cut-off date to the same street address as listed above.

Qualifications Assessments for Groundskeeper, CF are available from the CDCR website at Groundskeeper, CF or in person at the street address listed above.

Completed applications and all required documents must be received or postmarked by the cut-off date in order to be considered. If an application is received after the cut-off date with a late or missing postmark, the application is considered late and will be included in the next cut-off date for processing. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit their application on time and to ensure the envelope is postmarked if applying by way of U.S. mail or contains proof of timely deposit with a parcel delivery or courier service. Dates printed on Mobile Bar Codes, such

as the Quick Response (QR) Codes available at the United States Postal Service (USPS), are not considered Postmark dates for the purpose of determining timely filing of an application.

NOTE: Only applications with an original signature will be accepted.

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you require special testing arrangements due to a verified disability or medical condition, mark the appropriate box on your Examination Application (STD. 678) and you will be contacted to make specific arrangements. You may also contact Talent Acquisition and Career Services at (916) 322-2545.

APPLICATION DEADLINES/REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must complete and return the Groundskeeper, CF Qualifications Assessment along with his/her Examination Application (STD. 678). Candidates who meet the minimum qualifications will have their Qualifications Assessment rated.

All applicants must meet the minimum qualifications for this examination by the cut-off date.

TEST DATE

Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis.

Cut-off dates for processing will be:

July 3, 2023 October 3, 2023 January 2, 2024 April 3, 2024
July 1, 2024

Note: *Check back periodically as cut-off dates may be added in the future. Additionally, cut-off dates are subject to change or be cancelled at any time. Such changes or cancellations will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules.*

Results notices will be mailed in 6 – 7 weeks following each cut-off date. Please contact Talent Acquisition and Career Services at (916) 322-2545 if you have not received your notice after 7 weeks.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Either 1

Six months of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a Service Assistant (Grounds and Maintenance).

Or 2

One year of experience in flower gardening and general grounds maintenance work.

Or 3

Successful completion of a formal vocational training program in flower gardening and general grounds maintenance work such as those operated under the Manpower Development Training Act, the Work Incentive Program, or similar programs operated by State, Federal, or local agencies through school districts.

Or 4

Education: Completion of a two-year curriculum in ornamental horticulture or landscape work at the junior college or college level. (Persons registered in the last year of the required curriculum will be admitted to the examination, but must produce evidence of completion of the required education before eligible for appointment.)

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated above include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" 1, "or" 2, "or" 3, etc. For example, candidates who possess qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern 1, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern 2, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

OUT-OF-CLASS EXPERIENCE: A “completion of an out-of-class assignment” memorandum, dated within one year of assignment completion, is required to use as out-of-class experience to meet the minimum qualifications for examination purposes. Employees may obtain this documentation from his/her Institutional Personnel Officer/Personnel Liaison. Out-of-class experience without required documentation will not be considered for examination purposes.

SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Willingness and ability to do general manual labor.

SPECIAL PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Persons appointed to positions in this class must be reasonably expected to have and maintain sufficient strength, agility, and endurance to perform during stressful (physical, mental, and emotional) situations encountered on the job without compromising their health and well-being or that of their fellow employees or that of inmates.

Assignments during tour of duty may include sole responsibility for the supervision of inmates and/or the protection of personal and real property.

POSITION DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION(S)

A Groundskeeper CF, under supervision in a State correctional facility in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, does gardening and general grounds maintenance work; maintains order and supervises the conduct of inmates; protects and maintains the safety of persons and properties; may instruct, lead, or supervise inmates; and does other related work.

Positions exist statewide with CDCR.

EXAMINATION PLAN

EXAMINATION INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE HELD. This examination will consist of a Qualifications Assessment weighted 100%. To obtain a position on the eligible list, applicants must achieve a minimum rating of 70.00% on the Qualifications Assessment.

The Qualifications Assessment is designed to elicit a range of specific information regarding each candidate's knowledge, skill, abilities, and potential to effectively perform the duties relative to the classification. Candidates who meet the minimum qualifications will have their Qualifications Assessment rated and successful candidates will be placed on an eligible list. **SUBMISSION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT IS MANDATORY.** Candidates who do not submit a completed Qualifications Assessment will be eliminated from this examination.

Qualifications Assessment -- Weighted 100.00%

Scope: Emphasis in the examination will be on measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each candidate's:

Knowledge of:
1. Proper methods of planting, cultivating, and caring for hedges, ornamental trees, shrubs, lawns and flowers.
2. Gardening materials, tools, and equipment, and their use and care.
3. Approved methods and materials used in controlling and eradicating common plant diseases and insect pests.

Skill in:
1. Performing miscellaneous gardening and grounds maintenance work.

Ability to:
1. Communicate effectively.
2. Recognize the more common plant diseases and insect pests and approved methods and materials used in controlling and eradicating them.
3. Recognize the more common species of ornamental shrubs, trees, and flowers grown in California.
4. Follow oral and written directions.
5. Direct the work of inmates helpers.

The Job Analysis identifies job duties and job requirements for the classification and may be referenced in preparing for the examination. The Job Analysis for the Groundskeeper, CF is available on the CDCR website at: CDCR Job Analysis.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

The resulting eligible list will be established to fill vacancies for CDCR.

Names of successful candidates are merged onto the list(s) in order of final scores, regardless of date. Eligibility expires 12 months after establishment unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list(s) warrant a change in this period.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE/CAREER CREDITS

Veterans' Preference will be granted in this examination. Veterans who have achieved permanent civil service status are not eligible to receive Veterans' Preference. Career credits will not be granted in this examination.

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

Applications are available at CDCR, California Department of Human Resources (CalHR), local offices of the Employment Development Department, and through your CalCareer Account.

Veterans' Preference: California law allows the granting of Veterans' Preference in any **Open** 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 the 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.

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation 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.

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Examination Locations: If this examination requires a written test and/or oral interview, they will be scheduled throughout the State at the correctional institutions and/or parole regions. However, locations of the written test and/or oral interview may be limited or extended as conditions change.

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.

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 and fingerprinting may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history.

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.

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