



SEISMOLOGICAL INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN 2

Exam Code: 8PB25

Department: State of California

Exam Type: Departmental, Open

Final Filing Date: Continuous

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

Seismological Instrument Technician 2 – \$4,487.00 - \$5,613.00 per month.

View the [classification specification](#) for the Seismological Instrument Technician classification.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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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 **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 Exam" section.

Special Testing Arrangements:

If you require assistance or alternative testing arrangements due to a disability, please contact the testing department listed in the Contact section of this bulletin.

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. **Seismological Instrument Technician 2**

Either I

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a Seismological Instrument Technician I.

Or II

Three years of experience in the installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of industrial instrumentation, control mechanisms, or similar devices involving the [application of electronics and mechanical principles](#). One year of this experience must have involved the adjustment, maintenance, and repair of analog or digital measuring and recording instruments.

Training in engineering, physical science, electronics, or a closely related field in a recognized college, university, or trade school may be substituted for two years of general experience on a year-for-year basis.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Seismological Instrument Technician 2

This is the full journey level. Incumbents exercise independent judgment in resolving installation, maintenance, and operational problems in the field and perform corrective measures without technical directions.

Typical tasks include serving as a team member in the installing of highly complex, widely distributed seismographic or accelerographic systems; interconnecting system components in accordance with wiring designs; adjusting and calibrating equipment after installation and checking for proper operation; collecting photographic analog records from equipment; maintaining records of work performed and supplies used; ordering supplies and tools; and preparing required reports. The nature of the work requires the incumbents to use precision, complex electronic test and measurement instruments in servicing, adjusting, and troubleshooting which may include developing and constructing specialized test equipment.

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. Arithmetic, elementary principles of physical science, spelling, grammar, and punctuation
2. Basic electronic theory, mechanical and optical principles, and electrical practices
3. Repairing and maintaining electronic, mechanical, and optical measuring devices
4. Use of precise electronic test equipment used in servicing, adjusting, and repairing electronic and mechanical equipment
5. Elementary safety precautions used in working with electrical equipment.
6. Principles underlying the construction and operation of electronic, optical, and mechanical measurement and recording instruments
7. The principles of electronics, mechanics, and physics

Ability to:

1. Apply mechanical principles
2. Learn rapidly
3. Follow directions
4. Communicate effectively with others
5. Use good work habits, be punctual and dependable
6. Interpret written material
7. Analyze written and numerical data accurately
8. Make satisfactory progress in a prescribed training program
9. Read and write at a level required for successful job performance
10. Read and interpret electronic, schematic and mechanical diagrams
11. Estimate the cost of repairs; maintain simple records and make reports
12. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action

13. Interpret recording charts and instruments allowing for calibration deviations and other variables
14. Operate test and measurement devices and recognize, trace, and correct malfunctions and sources of error
15. Work with hand tools and soldering equipment.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental, open eligible list for the **Seismological Instrument Technician 2** classification will be established for:

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The names of **successful** competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of exam date. Eligibility expires **twelve (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. 1093) is available [online](#). Additional information on veteran benefits is available at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

We recommend using Chrome, Firefox, or Edge for optimal performance when accessing the examination.

Take the online examination for the [Seismological Instrument Technician 2](#) classification.

TESTING DEPARTMENTS

State of California (all State of California departments)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding this examination should be directed to:

Department of Conservation

916-322-7685

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
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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 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.