



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE



Veterinarian Specialist (General)

Exam Code: 9PB32

Department: Department of Food and Agriculture

Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exam Type: Departmental, Open

Final Filing Date: Continuous

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

Veterinarian Specialist (General) – \$8,817.00 - \$10,994.00 per month.

View [the Veterinarian Specialist \(General\) 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.

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 Information section of this bulletin.

Bulletin Date: 11/7/2022

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.

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Possession of a valid license issued by the [Board of Examiners in Veterinary Medicine for the State of California](#) to practice as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. [Applicants who do not possess a valid California license but who are eligible to take the next scheduled State Board Examination (California Practical), or the next scheduled Reciprocity Exam as determined by the Board of Examiners in Veterinary Medicine for the State of California may be appointed, but must secure the required license within 12 months of the date of appointment.] **and**

Education: Graduation with a Doctorate Degree in Veterinary Medicine from an institution of recognized standing. **and**

Either 1

Experience: One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a class equivalent in level and responsibility not less than that of a Veterinarian (General), Range D.

Or 2

Experience: Four years of experience in veterinary medicine involving animal disease and/or environmental toxicology identification, prevention control, and eradication. Three years of which shall have been in field work in livestock or poultry disease regulatory work or wildlife veterinary medicine. Experience in the California state service applied toward this requirement must include one year performing professional veterinary duties of a class with a level of responsibility not less than a Veterinarian (General), Range D. (Possession of an additional advanced degree or Board certification in a related field beyond a Doctorate degree in Veterinary Medicine may be substituted for one year of the required experience.)

NOTE: Your degree and license will be verified prior to hire. Submission of transcripts from an accredited college or university is required to verify the education requirement. Applicants with foreign degrees may be asked to provide an official foreign transcript evaluation which indicates course work is equivalent to a degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

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This is the staff specialist and expert level in the series. Under general guidance, incumbents plan, organize, and may lead a complex statewide disease veterinary program; lead field investigations; consult with and advise entry level through managing veterinarians related to area of subject-matter expertise; conduct and/or oversee research by contractors into the causes of health problems of wildlife and/or domestic livestock and poultry; study unusual or exotic diseases; develop new or improved measures to control or eradicate diseases; prepare scientific articles and other training and outreach material for publication; consult with other agencies and institutions involved in related research; write reports and technical publications; testify as experts; review legislation, regulations, and policy and make recommendations; and represent the Department in contacts with other government agencies, and/or with professional and business organizations.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

This examination consists of the following components:

Training and Experience Evaluation – Weighted 100% of the final score.

The examination consists 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.

General Competencies:

The following general competencies apply to ALL Veterinarian classifications:

The following general competencies are in the State of California Scientist Rank and File General Competency Model. This Model also provides examples of the successful behaviors associated with each defined competency. These competencies are the basis for a number of personnel management practices including, but not limited to, the development of selection methods, training, individual development plans, and performance management.

Maintaining Scientific Expertise - Applies technical expertise to tasks and professional development

Applying Science for California's Benefit and Protection - Analytical thinking, decision making, diagnostic information gathering, forward thinking, and planning and organizing

Displaying Personal and Professional Credibility - Ethics and integrity, initiative, personal credibility, stress management, and thoroughness

Conveying Scientific Information - Oral communication and written communication

Building Collaborative Working Relationships - Flexibility, interpersonal skills, and teamwork

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. Animal science
2. Bacteriology
3. Biochemistry
4. Biology including basic concepts of microbiology and virology
5. Current issues and literature of subject-matter area
6. Epidemiology
7. Laws, rules, and regulations as related to veterinary programs
8. Parasitology
9. Pathology
10. Pharmacology
11. Physiology
12. Public health
13. Toxicology
14. Veterinary emergency response
15. Veterinary medicine
16. Chemistry including basic concepts of analytical chemistry
17. Conservation biology
18. Data collection, coding, and processing
19. Ecology
20. Financial management and program budget administration
21. Hazardous substances
22. Immunology and serology
23. Project management
24. Research methodology, interpretation and reporting
25. Technical scientific documentation.

Special Personal Characteristics:

Willingness to travel and work under difficulties involved in preventing and combating epizootics of wildlife, livestock, and poultry diseases.

Additional Desirable Qualifications:

Department of Food and Agriculture: Possession of a valid driver license of the appropriate class issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles; a post D.V.M. Master's Degree in Preventative Veterinary Medicine, Public Health, Board Certification in a specialty area of veterinary medicine, or a Ph.D. in a related field.

Department of Fish and Wildlife: Possession of a valid driver license of the appropriate class issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles; a Master's Degree in Wildlife Management, a post D.V.M. Master's Degree or Board Certification in a specialty area of veterinary medicine or a Ph.D. in a related field.

Department Specific Knowledge:

Department of Fish and Wildlife: Knowledge of Wildlife Biology, Wildlife Ecology, Wildlife Interpretation, and Wildlife Management.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental, open eligible list for the **Veterinarian Specialist (General)** 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. form 1093) is available online. Additional information on veteran benefits is available at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

[Preview of the Veterinarian Specialist \(General\) 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. Both paid and volunteer experience is accepted.

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 [Veterinarian Specialist \(General\) examination](#).

TESTING DEPARTMENTS

Department of Food and Agriculture

Department of Fish and Wildlife

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

California Department of Human Resources
Attn: Examination Services
1515 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
Phone: 1-866-844-8671
California Relay Service: 1-800-735-2929 (TTY), 1-800-735-2922 (Voice)

If you have any administrative questions concerning this examination bulletin, including provision of reasonable accommodation for this testing process, please contact:

California Department of Food and Agriculture
Attention: Examination Unit
1220 N Street, Room 242
Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone: (916) 654-0790
Email: exams@cdfa.ca.gov

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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 Department of Food and Agriculture 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 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.