EMPLEYMENT DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST I

DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION – STATEWIDE
(For EDD Employees Only)

Testing Department: Employment Development Department
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Salary: $3402 - $5120

POSITION DESCRIPTION

This is the recruitment, training, and first working level in the series. Under close supervision, incumbents develop analytical skills, participate in policy and procedure formulation; gather and analyze data; consult with field and other departmental personnel in disseminating and securing necessary information; and prepare reports and correspondence on technical Unemployment Insurance or Job Services issues, problems, and concerns. Work on the development of guidelines, training courses, and other tools and materials to assist Field Office Management in the administration of the Department's Unemployment Insurance and Job Services Programs. This classification may be used in the field offices to act in a lead capacity and train, monitor, and direct staff and office operations; and may serve as a technical specialist in a major program or technical area, such as, determinations, appeals, overpayments, or call processing (regional center).

Positions exist Statewide.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

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

This is a DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTIONAL examination for the Employment Development Department (EDD). Competition is limited to:

1. Employees who have a permanent civil service appointment with the EDD by the final filing date; or
2. Current or former employees of the Legislature with two or more years as defined in the Government Code 18990; or
3. Current or former non-elected exempt employees of the Executive Branch with two or more consecutive years as defined by Government code 18992; or
4. Persons retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code 18991. Veterans must provide a copy of their DD214 for entrance requirements. Please attach your DD214 to your application. Veterans’ preference will not be granted in promotional examinations.

For applicants under items 2, 3, or 4 above, if promotional examinations are given by more than one department for the same classification, the applicant must select one department in which to compete. Refer to the General Information, Promotional Examinations Only section of this bulletin for other eligibility requirements. Under certain circumstances, former EDD employees may be allowed to compete under the provision of Rule 235.
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must meet the experience and/or education requirements for this examination by the final filing date.

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as “Either I” “Or II”. For example, candidates’ possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirements.

EITHER I

Two years of experience in the California state service performing the duties of an Employment Program Representative or Employment Program Counselor.

(Candidates who are within six months of the required experience will be admitted to the examination, however, they must complete all of the required experience before being considered eligible for appointment.)

OR II

Education: Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of college course work including 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in at least three of the following subjects: English, business administration, information technology, economics, public administration, sociology, psychology, ethnic studies; and

Experience: Two years of public contact experience providing services or information.

(Experience in the California state service applied toward this pattern must include at least two years of experience performing the duties of an Employment Program Representative.)

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Examination Applications (STD. 678) are available at the California Department of Human Resources Careers page at http://jobs.ca.gov/pdf/std678.pdf.

All Examination Applications must be POSTMARKED no later than the final filing date in order to be considered for the examination. Applications not sent through the U.S. Postal Service (i.e., hand carried to the Human Resource Services Division) must be RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M. ON THE FINAL FILING DATE. Use of EDD metered mail, interoffice mail (e.g., red or gold bag), and faxed applications are prohibited. Submit applications directly to:

MAILING ADDRESS:
Employment Development Department
Human Resource Services Division, MIC 54
Attention: EDS I EXAM
P.O. Box 826880
Sacramento, CA 94280-0001

FILE IN-PERSON ADDRESS:
Employment Development Department
Human Resource Services Division, MIC 54
Attention: EDS I EXAM
751 N Street, 6th Floor Solar Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTE: All Applications MUST include a current, valid email address as examination material may be sent via e-mail, e.g., examination notices, access to examination material, etc. It is the candidate’s responsibility to ensure the email address listed on their application is current and valid. Failure to provide a current and valid email address may result in non-receipt of exam information in a timely manner which could result in disqualification from the examination.

Applications must also contain the following information: "to" and “from” dates (month/day/year) of employment, time base, civil service class title(s), and range, if applicable. In addition, college course information MUST include: title, semester or quarter credits, name of institution, completion dates, and degree (if applicable). Applications received without this information may be rejected.
SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you need an accessible test location, an interpreter, or other special testing arrangements because of a disabling condition or your religious beliefs, please complete question 2 and/or 3 on page 1 of the Examination Application (STD 678). You will be contacted and necessary arrangements will be made.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

This examination will consist of a Qualifications Assessment weighted 100%. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained.

QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT – WEIGHTED 100%

It is anticipated that candidates who meet the minimum qualifications for this exam will be sent an email the week of December 1, 2014 to the e-mail address provided on their application, which will contain a link to access the Qualifications Assessment to complete. It is the candidate’s responsibility to contact the Human Resource Services Division at EDDExaminations@edd.ca.gov if they have not received an email by Thursday, December 4, 2014. Please monitor your e-mail account’s SPAM, Junk, Bulk, etc. folder(s) as the examination e-mail may be filtered depending on their specific account settings.

COMPETITORS WHO DO NOT COMPLETE THE QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT OR DO NOT SUBMIT IT BY THE DUE DATE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE EXAMINATION PROCESS.

SCOPE OF THE EXAMINATION

A. KNOWLEDGE OF:

2. Department of Labor and State rules, regulations, policies, and procedures of the Job Services and Unemployment Insurance programs.
3. Principles and practices of program administration and support services.

B. ABILITY TO:

1. Gather and analyze data.
2. Communicate effectively.
3. Prepare and make presentations.
4. Reason logically and think creatively.
5. Develop and maintain cooperative relationships with Field Office management and staff as well as other contacts both inside and outside the Department.
6. Think analytically.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental promotional eligible list will be established for the Employment Development Department. Eligibility expires 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the services and conditions of list warrant a change in this period.
**VETERANS' PREFERENCE**

Veterans' Preference will not be granted in the examination, as it does not meet the requirements to qualify for Veterans' Preference.

**CAREER CREDITS**

Career Credits will not be added to the final score of this examination, as it does not meet the requirements to qualify for Career Credits.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

The EDD encourages all potential applicants to read this entire bulletin. All inquiries about this examination should be directed to EDDExaminations@edd.ca.gov. Please include the examination title, **EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST I**, in the subject line. Also, you may contact the Exam Analyst, Derek Pettersen, at (916) 654-9203.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

California State Government – An Equal Opportunity Employer to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, or 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

THE EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (EDD) reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances change under which this examination was planned. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all candidates will be notified.

IT IS THE CANDIDATE’S RESPONSIBILITY to contact the Employment Development Department, Human Resource Services Division at (916) 654-6869 or (916) 654-9203, three weeks after the FINAL FILING DATE if he/she has not received a notice via email or U.S. mail.

If you meet the requirements stated on this bulletin you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement(s) does not ensure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the other candidates who take this examination, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

EXAM APPLICATIONS (STD 678) are available on the Internet at http://jobs.ca.gov/pdf/std678.pdf

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, an ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class.

ELIGIBLE LISTS: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open eligible list. 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 this bulletin. In the case of continuous testing examinations, names are merged into the appropriate eligible lists in order of final examination scores regardless of the date of the examination and the resulting eligible lists will be used only to fill vacancies in the area shown on the bulletin.

PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS ONLY: Veterans’ Preference is not granted in promotional examinations. Competition is limited to those applicants who meet one of the criteria listed on page 1 of this bulletin. Under certain circumstances other employees may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rules 234, 235, and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 233, 234, 235, 235.2, and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at the EDD’s Human Resource Services Division, at the California Department of Human Resources, and on the Internet at www.jobs.ca.gov