



ASSISTANT CHIEF COUNSEL

DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION – SPOT SACRAMENTO (For EDD Employees)

Testing Department: Employment Development Department
Bulletin Release Date: February 2, 2015
FINAL FILING DATE: **February 17, 2015**
Salary: \$9109 - \$10,551

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Assistant Chief Counsel works under the general direction of a Chief Counsel II, CEA, in planning, organizing, directing, coordinating and reviewing the work of a major legal section of a large legal office.

Positions exist in Sacramento.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

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

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

1. Employees who have a permanent civil service appointment with the EDD by 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, 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 education and/or experience requirements for this examination **by the final filing date.**

Membership in the State Bar of California. (Applicants must have active membership in The State Bar before they will be eligible for appointment.) **and**

Either I

Two years of experience in the California state service performing legal duties* at a level of responsibility equivalent to Staff Counsel, Range D. (Applicants who have completed 18 months of the required experience will be admitted to the examination, but must complete two years of such experience before they will be eligible for appointment.)

Or II

Broad and extensive experience (more than five years) in the practice of law*. (Experience in California state service applied toward this requirement must include the same number of years of qualifying experience as required in Pattern I above performing the duties of a class at a level of responsibility equivalent to that described in Pattern I.)

***Experience in the "practice of law" or "performing legal duties" is defined as only that legal experience acquired after admission to The Bar.**

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: **ACC EXAM**
P.O. Box 826880
Sacramento, CA 94280-0001

FILE IN-PERSON ADDRESS:

Employment Development Department
Human Resource Services Division, MIC 54
Attention: **ACC 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 **March 9, 2015** 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, March 12, 2015**. Candidates should monitor their 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

KNOWLEDGE OF:

1. Legal principles and their applications
2. Legal research methods, court procedures, rules of evidence and procedure
3. Administrative law and the conduct of proceedings before administrative bodies
4. Provisions of laws and Government Code sections administered or enforced
5. Principles of public administration, personnel management and supervision
6. Current leadership principles, practices and trends.
7. The Department's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program objectives, a leader's role in the EEO program, and the processes available to meet the EEO objectives.
8. The Government, principles and practices of personnel management, employer/employee relations under the provisions of the Ralph C. Dills Act, and negotiated collective bargaining unit agreements.

ABILITY TO:

1. Analyze legal principles and precedents and apply them to complex legal and administrative problems
2. Present statements of fact, law and argument clearly and logically in written and oral form
3. Draft opinions, pleadings, ruling, regulations and legislation
4. Hold hearings and independently present difficult and complex cases in court
5. Plan, organize and direct the work of a staff of attorneys
6. Effectively contribute to the Department's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.
7. Understand and fulfill management responsibilities under the Ralph C. Dills Act (State Employer/Employee Relations) and negotiate collective bargaining unit agreements.

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.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right to 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.

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, **Assistant Chief Counsel**, in the subject line. Also, you may contact, Venus King, Exam Analyst, at (916) 654-8983.

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) 654-7979, two 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.

EXAMINATION 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 Points are 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.

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Telephone/Exam Hotline: (916) 654-6869
Website: www.edd.ca.gov

California Relay Service for Hearing Impaired:
From TDD Phone: (800) 735-2929
From Voice Phone: (800) 735-2922

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