



Accounting Technician

Exam Code: 3PB04

Department: State of California

Exam Type: Servicewide, Open

Final Filing Date: Cut off dates will be scheduled periodically

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

Accounting Technician – \$3,087.00 - \$3,984.00 per month.

View the [Accounting Technician 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.

How to Apply:

Self-scheduling for this examination is offered on a first-come-first-served basis for each written examination date. Please be aware that, although seating is limited and scheduling will conclude once all seats are filled for a specific written examination date, additional self-scheduling dates and examination locations will be posted. If you schedule an examination date and do not appear, you will not be able to re-schedule for at least 6 weeks.

Once you have taken the written examination, you may not retake it for twelve (12) months.

Check this bulletin regularly for future examination dates.

On the self-scheduling date, please go to the “TAKING THE EXAMINATION” section of this bulletin to begin the scheduling process.

Special Testing Arrangements:

If you require special testing arrangements due to a verified disability or medical condition, please contact:

California Department of Human Resources
CalCareer Service Center
1810 16th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: (866) 844-8671

Email: CalCareer@CalHR.CA.GOV

California Relay Service: 7-1-1 (TTY and voice)

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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.

Accounting Technician

Experience: Two years of experience in keeping or reviewing accounting or fiscal records, or three years of general clerical experience.

And

Education: Completion of at least nine semester hours of a professional accounting curriculum.

(Additional experience in keeping or reviewing accounting or fiscal records may be substituted for the required education on the basis of one year of experience for six semester hours of accounting training.)

(Completion of a professional accounting curriculum comprising at least 16 semester hours in accounting, given by a recognized residence or correspondence school may be substituted for the required education and experience.)

POSITION DESCRIPTION**Accounting Technician**

Under close supervision, to perform semiprofessional accounting work in the maintenance of fiscal records (including payroll, petty cash, cash collection, and claims processing); may instruct, lead or supervise inmates, wards or resident workers; and to do other related work.

Tasks:

Maintains bookkeeping and accounting control records; makes journal entries; posts to general ledger and subsidiary ledgers; makes the more difficult adjusting entries required in correcting tax computation errors and other discrepancies; closes and balances accounts; compiles data for budget preparation purposes; prepares financial statements, reports, and documents; prepares correspondence; researches original input documents to trace, identify and correct errors; prepares input documents to correct errors; maintains control of account codes and expenditure authorizations; checks allotments to see how much money has been encumbered by program; receives contracts where the department is entering into agreement to pay for specific services; posts amendments to contracts; receives, reviews and processes claims for payment in accordance with contract stipulations; maintains estimate and claims filed registers; maintains revolving fund ledger cards; processes revolving fund checks for salary and travel advances.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

This examination consists of the following components:

Multiple Choice Written Test – Weighted 100% of the final score.

The examination will consist solely of a multiple choice, written test designed to evaluate knowledge in the areas of:

1. Accounting Principles
2. Quantitative Research Analysis
3. Account Accuracy

This examination will allow use of calculators issued to the candidates on the day of the examination by the California Department of Human Resources. The use of a candidate's personal calculator will not be permitted.

The examination and hiring interview may evaluate the following areas:

Knowledge of:

1. Principles and practices of financial record keeping.
2. Basic principles of accounting.
3. Governmental accounting principles and procedures.

Ability to:

1. Express ideas and give instructions effectively.
2. Operate common office appliances used in financial and record-keeping work and make arithmetical computations rapidly and accurately.
3. Apply rules and regulations to specific cases.
4. Analyze data and draw logical conclusions.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A servicewide, open eligible list for the **Accounting Technician** classification will be established for:

State of California (all State of California departments, statewide)

The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of exam date. Eligibility expires **twenty four (24) 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.

Career Credits will not be added to the final score for this exam, because it does not meet the requirements to qualify for Career Credits.

PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION

Here is a list of suggested resources to have available when applying for the examination..

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

You must schedule yourself to participate in this written examination.

Self-scheduling for this examination is offered on a first-come-first-served basis for each written examination date. Although seating is limited and scheduling will conclude once all the available seats are filled for a specific written examination date, additional self-scheduling dates and test locations will be posted in the future.

NO EXAMINATION DATES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR SCHEDULING.

Check this bulletin regularly for future examination dates.

Schedule a written examination for the Accounting Technician classification.

It is the candidate's responsibility to print their "Notice to Appear" and present the notice on the date, time, and location of the scheduled examination.

PLEASE NOTE: If you need special testing arrangements, please select the Reasonable Accommodation box during the self-scheduling process.

TESTING DEPARTMENTS

State of California (all State of California departments)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) 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.