



## **Business Service Assistant (Specialist)**

**Exam Code: 3PB07**

**Department:** State of California

**Exam Type:** Servicewide, Open

**Final Filing Date:** Cut off dates will be scheduled periodically

### **CLASSIFICATION DETAILS**

**Business Service Assistant (Specialist)** – \$2,921.00 – \$4,603.00 per month

View the [Business Service Assistant \(Specialist\) 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 this 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 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: (866) 844-8671

Email: [CalCareer@CalHR.CA.GOV](mailto:CalCareer@CalHR.CA.GOV)

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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.

### **Business Service Assistant (Specialist)**

#### **Either 1**

One year of experience in the California state service performing duties comparable to those of an Office Assistant (General), Range B, or Management Services Assistant.

#### **Or 2**

One year of experience in a technical capacity with responsibility for one or a combination of business service activities such as accountability and maintenance of office and industrial equipment, major building maintenance, managing of major commercial properties, or fiscal management and accountability of office and industrial property. [Experience in California state service applied toward this requirement must include one year performing the duties of a class comparable to Office Assistant (General), Range B.]

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

### **Business Service Assistant (Specialist)**

This is the entry, developmental and first (Specialist) working level in the series. While in a trainee capacity, incumbents work under close supervision and learn to perform a

variety of technical and analytical business service activities. As their skills and abilities develop, incumbents are expected to perform with increasing independence. Fully trained incumbents may, under supervision, independently perform technical business service work of a routine nature in a variety of functions; assist in the performance of more difficult and complex technical and analytical business service work; or be assigned responsibility for one or more of the least complex business service functions which are Equipment and Supplies Management, Support Services and Building Maintenance. (Analytical business service work performed at this level is described as that which would otherwise be appropriate for a Management Services Technician.)

Positions at this level are nonsupervisory but may serve as lead over lower level clerical and other staff. Positions are permanently allocated to this class when the major portion of the duties do not include independent responsibility for the more difficult and complex assignments found at the Business Service Officer 1 (Specialist) level.

## **EXAMINATION SCOPE**

This examination consists of the following components:

### **Multiple Choice Written Examination – Weighted 100% of the final score.**

The written examination is designed to evaluate a candidate's knowledge in the areas of:

1. Arithmetic
2. Data Accuracy
3. Written Communication

This examination will also allow for the use of calculators, and these will be issued to the candidate on the written examination date by the California Department of Human Resources. The use of a candidate's personal calculator will not be permitted.

A final score of 70% must be attained to be placed on the eligibility list.

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. English grammar and punctuation
2. Principles and practices of public administration
3. Financial record keeping
4. Office and automotive equipment and supplies.

### **Ability to:**

1. Communicate effectively
2. Learn rapidly
3. Follow Directions
4. Analyze data accurately
5. Reason logically
6. Maintain the confidence and cooperation of those contacted during the course of work
7. Utilize good work habits

## ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A servicewide, open eligible list for the Business Service Assistant (Specialist) classification will be established for the 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. form 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 prior to 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 Business Service Assistant (Specialist) classification.

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.