



Administrative Assistant 2

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Department(s): Air Resources Board
California Energy Commission
California Environmental Protection Agency
California Public Employees Retirement System
California State Teachers Retirement System
California Technology Agency
Delta Stewardship Council
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
Department of Business Oversight
Department of Conservation
Department of Consumer Affairs
Department of Finance
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Department of Human Resources
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Social Services
Department of Transportation
Employment Development Department
Fairview Developmental Center
First 5 California
Franchise Tax Board
Government Operations Agency
Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
State Personnel Board
State Water Resources Control Board

Final Filing Date: Cut-off dates will be scheduled periodically
Type of Examination: Multi-Departmental Open
Monthly Salary: \$4,784.00 to \$5,988.00

INTRODUCTION

The California Department of Human Resources is pleased to announce the posting of the Administrative Assistant 2 examination. Please refer to the Filing Instructions section below for examination scheduling information.

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 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.

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 the examination, you may not retake it for (12) months.

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a disability and/or need special testing arrangements you will be able to request a reasonable accommodation during the filing and self-scheduling process.

If you have questions, please contact:

California Department of Human Resources Selection Division

1-866-844-8671

California Relay Service (7-1-1)

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTY) (916) 654-6336

TTY is a telecommunications device that is reachable only from phones equipped with a TTY device.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

An eligible list will be established by the California Department of Human Resources for use by the state departments listed on this bulletin. The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of test date. Eligibility expires 12 months after it is established. Competitors must then retake the examination to reestablish eligibility. A candidate may test only once during a twelve (12) month period.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

NOTE: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this examination bulletin as of the date the test is taken.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Either I:

One year of experience in the California state service performing [staff work](#) in a class equivalent in level to [Administrative Assistant I](#).

Or II:

Eighteen months of experience in the California state service performing the duties of an Executive Secretary II.

Or III:

Three years of progressively responsible experience in one or a combination of the following:

1. Relieving an administrator of assigned [administrative detail](#) and preparing reports and/or recommendations for administrative action. (Experience in California state service must be at a level of responsibility equivalent to that of [Office Services Supervisor I.](#)); or
2. Professional or technical experience in a field usually requiring an education of collegiate grade and involving duties and responsibilities which develop a wide knowledge of the [field of management](#), at least two years of which shall have involved the [independent development](#) of administrative recommendations.

(Possession of a Master's Degree in Public, Personnel, or Business Administration or related field may be substituted for one year of the required experience.) and

Education: [Equivalent to graduation from college](#). (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for four years of the required education on a year-for-year basis. Any work experience gained in State service may be used to meet this education requirement on a year-for-year basis.)

(In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth of experience and the evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibility than to the length of his/her experience.)

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Assists and advises a chief administrator and relieves him/her of administrative detail; consults with and interprets matters of policy to the operating divisions; studies and reviews the activities of the departmental programs to determine conformance with administrative policy and develops criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of departmental programs; assists department and division heads on administrative problems and procedure; makes special studies and investigations and prepares administrative reports; assists in the installation of new programs and procedures; cooperates with other agencies, groups, and individuals in connection with the coordination of departmental activities; studies proposed legislation and advises the administrator regarding its possible effect on departmental programs; confers with other staff members in regard to the need for legislation and reports such need to the administrator; represents the department at conferences, meetings, and legislative hearings; may supervise and review the work of the staff of the administrator's immediate office; prepares articles for publication; addresses interested groups; dictates correspondence and prepares reports.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

WRITTEN TEST – WEIGHTED 100%

The examination will consist solely of a written test, multiple choice, and weighted 100%. To obtain a

position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% is required. The written test is designed to evaluate a candidate's knowledge in the areas of Situational Judgment, Written Communication, and Reading Comprehension. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be attained.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

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A. Knowledge of:

- Principles, problems, and methods of public and business administration, including organization and personnel and fiscal management.
- Office management principles, methods, and procedures, administrative survey techniques and skill in their application.
- Statistical and research methods

B. Ability to:

- Think clearly and quickly and analyze and solve problems of organization and management.
- Work independently in identifying the need for and developing proposed changes to operating practices, programs, and policies.
- Supervise the staff of an administrative office.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships.
- Speak and write effectively.

C. Personal Characteristics

Demonstrated capacity for assuming increasing responsibility, originality, open-mindedness and tact.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Veterans' Preference will be granted for this examination. Effective January 1, 2014, in accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, whenever any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent-disabled veteran achieves a passing score on an open examination, he or she shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. This section shall not apply to any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released.

CAREER CREDITS

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions concerning this announcement, please contact:

The California Department of Human Resources Selection Division

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Sacramento, CA 95811-7258

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GENERAL INFORMATION

For an examination with a written feature, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the testing department three weeks after the Final Filing Date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

If a candidate's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her 3 days prior to their scheduled appointment due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

Examination Locations: When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. However, locations of interviews or performance evaluations may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

Applications are available at www.jobs.ca.gov and local offices of the Employment Development Department.

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 on this bulletin will be rated against a predetermined job-related rating, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The California Department of Human Resources reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, should the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules, and all competitors will be notified.

Candidates needing special testing arrangements due to a disability must mark the appropriate box on the application and contact the testing department.

Hiring Interview Scope: In a hiring interview, in addition to the scope described in this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight may be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience, and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development. For more information, you may refer to the classification specification.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, 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) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, and 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.

Veterans' Preference: Effective January 1, 2014, in accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, Veterans' Preference will be awarded as follows: 1) Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an entrance examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for Veterans' Preference. 2) An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination. And 3) Veterans' Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

Veteran status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference are on the Veterans' Preference Application (Std. Form 1093), which is available at <https://jobs.ca.gov/Public/Jobs/Veterans.aspx>, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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TAKING THE EXAM

Self-scheduling for this examination is offered on a first-come first-served basis for each written exam date. Please be aware that seating is limited and scheduling for a specific exam date will conclude once all seats are filled.

Self-Scheduling Opens

Written Exam Date(s)

Location

Test dates are posted here as needs warrant. Please check this area periodically for open testing.

PLEASE NOTE: If you fail to appear for the examination as scheduled, you will not be able to reapply/reschedule for 6 weeks.

[Click here to self-schedule the Administrative Assistant 2 exam.](#)