



Environmental Planner (Natural Sciences)

Exam Code: 5PB24

Department: Transportation (Caltrans)

Exam Type: Departmental, Open

Final Filing Date: Continuous

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

Environmental Planner (Natural Sciences) - \$4,295.00 - \$6,652.00 per month.

View [the Environmental Planner \(Natural Sciences\) class specification.](#)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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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 this examination, you may not retake it **twelve (12) months**.

The link to connect to the Training and Experience Evaluation is located farther down on this bulletin in the “Taking the Exam” section.

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Special Testing Arrangements:

If you require assistance or alternative testing arrangements due to a disability, please contact the testing department listed in the Contact Information section of this bulletin.

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.

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Either 1

Education: A Bachelor's Degree in the Biological Sciences with concentration in either animal biology, plant biology, ecology, fisheries management, or wildlife management. (Registration as a Senior in a recognized institution with admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of having fulfilled the requirements for graduation before they will be considered eligible for appointment.)

Or 2

Experience: One year of experience in environmental planning, research, analysis, or evaluation of natural science elements. **and**

Education: Equivalent to graduation from college. (Registration as a senior in a recognized institution will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of having fulfilled the requirements for graduation before they will be considered eligible for appointment.) (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.)

POSITION DESCRIPTION

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This is the recruiting, developmental, and first working level. Initially, under supervision, in a learner capacity, incumbent does the less responsible and complex environmental work in connection with environmental planning and research and analysis. As knowledge and skills are developed, the incumbent performs environmental planning, analysis and evaluation work of average difficulty; assists in conducting and preparing environmental studies; prepares reports and documents including environmental impact statements and assessments.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

This examination consists of the following components:

Training and Experience Evaluation – Weighted 100% of the final score.

The examination will consist solely of a **Training and Experience Evaluation**. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be received. Applicants will receive their score upon completion of the Training and Experience Evaluation process.

A final score of 70% must be attained to be placed on the eligible 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. Environmental inventory and an assessment of existing social and natural environmental systems, to be used as a data base upon which to plan and develop transportation systems in conjunction with local, regional, and State plans

Ability to:

1. Prepare, review and process environmental documents mandated by Federal and State laws and regulations and, as a team member, assess the consequences to the environmental mitigation measures of these alternatives
2. Participate in the continuing development of multimodal transportation plans and projects based on statewide, regional, and local needs
3. Identify research needs in the natural and social sciences as well as the environmental design arts
4. Perform research within area of expertise as part of a research team
5. Monitor and evaluate environmental research findings accomplished by outservice personnel and contract consultants
6. Assist in the development of and participate in training programs in the environmental area
7. Participate as a departmental representative on environmental issues at inter or intradepartmental meetings, public or private meetings and hearings, and legislative hearings

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental, open eligible list for the **Environmental Planner (Natural Sciences)** classification will be established for:

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The names of **successful** competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of exam date. Eligibility expires **twelve (12) 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.

PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION

Here is a list of suggested resources to have available prior to taking the exam.

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

We recommend using Chrome, Firefox, or Edge for optimal performance when accessing the examination.

Take [the Environmental Planner \(Natural Resources examination\).](#)

TESTING DEPARTMENTS

State of California (all State of California departments)

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any ***technical*** questions concerning this examination bulletin, please contact:

California Department of Human Resources
Attn: Examination Services
1515 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
Phone: 1-866-844-8671
California Relay Service: 1-800-735-2929 (TTY), 1-800-735-2922 (Voice)

If you have any administrative questions concerning this examination bulletin, including provision of reasonable accommodation for this testing process, please contact:

California Department of Transportation
Office of Examination & Executive Selection Services
(916) 227-7858

Bulletin Date: 12/1/2023

California Relay Service: Voice (800) 735-2922

TTY: (800) 734-2929 TTY is a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf, and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TTY Device.

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.

Caltrans 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.