DRAWBRIDGE OPERATOR
Departmental Open
Exam Code: 6TR12

Department: Caltrans
Bulletin Release Date: February 12, 2016
Cut-off Date: Continuous-Last Friday of each month
Salary: $3143.00 to $3610.00

INTRODUCTION

Caltrans is pleased to announce the posting of the DRAWBRIDGE OPERATOR examination. Employment from this examination will be offered in Districts 3, 4, 7, 10 and Sacramento County.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Caltrans 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 work place. All applicants will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective, as 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?

Candidates who meet the minimum qualifications as stated below may apply for this examination. Once you have list eligibility, you may not reapply for twelve (12) months from your eligibility date. All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this examination announcement. Candidates that are
unsuccessful in the exam must wait six (6) months from the testing date before reapplying to take the exam.

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Candidates are required to submit: 1) Standard State Application (STD.678) and 2) Training and Experience Questionnaire.

Applications (STD 678) must be received or postmarked no later than the final filing date. FAXED OR E-MAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Applications postmarked after the cut-off date, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after 5:00 p.m. on the cut-off date will be held for the next administration of the examination. **THE EXAMINATION TITLE MUST BE INDICATED ON THE APPLICATION.**

*FILE BY MAIL:*

Caltrans
Exam Services (MS 86)
P.O. Box 168036
Sacramento, CA 95816-8036

*FILE IN PERSON:*

Caltrans
Exam Services (MS 86)
1727 30th Street, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95816

*Candidates are responsible for obtaining proof of mailing or submission of their application to Exam Services.

**SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS**

If you have a disability and wish to participate in one of our testing services, programs, or activities and require a specific accommodation, please mark the appropriate box for Question #2 on the Examination Application form STD678. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929, Voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

**POSITION STATEMENT**

Under direction, to operate the machinery and equipment of a movable span bridge; and to do other related work.

**ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION**

A Departmental Open statewide eligible list will be established for Caltrans in Districts 3, 4, 7, 10 and Sacramento County. The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the list in order of final scores, regardless of date. Competitor’s eligibility will expire 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.
REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by the cut-off date. Your signature on the application indicates that you read, understand, and possess the minimum qualifications required, and that the information provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge.

All applications must include: “to” and “from” dates (month/day/year), time base, civil service or private sector titles, the duties performed, and an original signature. Applications received without this information will be rejected.

NOTE: Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as “Either I,” “or II,” “or III,” etc. For example, candidates who possess qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirements.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Experience: One year of experience in the operation and maintenance of electrically or mechanically operated heavy equipment.

Click on the link below to review the California State Personnel Board class specification which contain the requirements for admittance to the exam:

http://calhr.ca.gov/state-hr-professionals/pages/6358.aspx

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

This examination will consist of a Training & Experience Evaluation weighted 100%. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be attained.

NOTE: If conditions warrant, this examination may utilize an evaluation of each candidate’s experience and education compared to a standard developed from the class specification. For this reason, it is especially important that each candidate take special care in accurately and completely filling out his or her application. List all experience relevant to the “Minimum Qualifications” shown on this announcement. Supplementary information will be accepted, but read the “Minimum Qualifications” carefully to see what kind of information will be useful to the staff doing the evaluation.

Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis. Testing is considered continuous, as new test dates can be set at any time as departmental needs warrant. Each new
cut-off (final filing) date will be publicized to ensure that applicants have adequate time
to complete and submit an application.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of:

1. The rules and safety practices of the United States Department of
   Transportation (Coast Guard) governing the operation of movable bridges
   over navigable waters in the State of California
2. Operating mechanism of movable span bridges, including the control devices
   of variable speed electric motors
3. The operation of generators or compressors to carry out drawbridge
   operation duties and general maintenance
4. Marine radios and other forms of communications in order to collaborate with
   incoming vessels and other drawbridge personnel

Ability to:

1. Learn the operation of electrically or mechanically operated equipment
2. Learn the operation of marine band radio and mobile radio
3. Follow directions
4. Read, write, and communicate at a level required for successful job performance
5. Prepare clear and concise reports concerning the operation of the bridge,
   including the describing of accidents and unusual incidents
6. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action
7. Perform required physical tasks at heights up to 140 feet or greater
8. Adopt code of safe operation practices and procedures to ensure compliance with
   safety standards
9. Perform a pre-operational and post operational check while operating a drawbridge
10. Effectively read and interpret complex operational manuals
11. Work independently for extended periods of time without close supervision

SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Dependability; safety-mindedness; ability to work extended periods of time without
close supervision; willingness to work overtime, and irregular hours and days; a best
corrected visual acuity of 20/20 or better in at least one eye; hearing sufficient to
perform the essential functions of the job.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for positions in this class are required to pass a drug screening test. Testing
of current employees who are applicants in an examination or who are transferring is
permitted only if the person does not have a current appointment to a class for which
drug testing is a requirement.
VETERANS’ PREFERENCE

Veterans’ Preference will be applied to those competitors who are successful in this examination and who qualify for, and have requested, Veterans’ Preference through the California Department of Human Resources. Veterans who have achieved permanent civil service status are not eligible to receive Veterans’ Preference.

CAREER CREDITS

Career Credits will not be added to the final score of this examination.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information regarding this exam, please contact the exam analyst at (916) 227-6854.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For an examination without 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.

Applications are available at https://jobs.ca.gov/Public/StateForms.aspx, California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department, and the testing department on this job bulletin.

If you meet the requirements stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The testing department 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 competitors will be notified.

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

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and 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-divisio nal promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service-wide 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.

**Veterans’ Preference:** Pursuant to Assembly Bill 372, Veterans’ Preference will be awarded as follows, starting January 1, 2014:

1. Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an open examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list.

2. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for Veterans’ Preference.

3. Veterans’ Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status (Permanent State civil service status means the status of an employee who is lawfully retained in his/her position after completion of the applicable probationary period. This includes permanent intermittent, part-time, and full-time appointments. In addition, individuals who at any time achieved permanent State civil service status and subsequently resigned or were dismissed from State civil service are not eligible to receive Veterans’ Preference).

Veteran status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Directions to apply for Veterans’ Preference are on the Veterans’ Preference Application (CalHR Form 1093) which is available at [https://jobs.ca.gov/Public/Jobs/Veterans.aspx](https://jobs.ca.gov/Public/Jobs/Veterans.aspx) or from the CalHR, 1515 “S” Street, North Building, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95811 and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**TTY** is Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TTY Device.

*For individuals with disabilities, this document may be available upon request in alternate formats. To obtain an alternate format, please call or write to Caltrans, Office of Examinations and Recruitment Services, P.O. Box 168036, MS 86, Sacramento, CA 95816. Voice (916) 227-7858 California Relay Service: Voice 1-800-735-2922 or TTY 1-800-734-2929.*