

\*\*\*This is only a **preview** of the exam task statements for the Training & Experience Examination. You will be asked to respond to each task statement indicating how your training and experience relate to each. To take the actual exam, please refer back to the bulletin and click the “Click here to go to the Internet exam” link at the bottom of the bulletin.

## **Training and Experience Evaluation Preview**

### **Tree Maintenance Worker**

The California civil service selection system is merit-based and eligibility for appointment is established through a formal examination process. This examination consists of a Training and Experience evaluation used to evaluate your training and experience relevant to the position.

This Training and Experience evaluation is a scored component accounting for 100% of your rating in the hiring process. It is important to complete the questionnaire carefully and accurately. Your responses are subject to verification before appointment to a position.

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Number of Questions: 1 – 8 Tree Maintenance Worker

To answer all the test items (task statements) in this exam, you will be required to either choose from among the provided answers, or to enter (type in) specific information about your experience, your education, and your formal training. Educational and work references will also be requested.

Be prepared to give specific information about the length and breadth of your work experience. Also, be prepared to provide specific information about where you received your education and training. Providing the type of education and/or formal training courses will also be necessary to complete this online examination.

#### **Verification of References**

Before a hiring decision will be made, your responses will be verified. A hiring manager or personnel staff member will contact the references you have provided to confirm job dates, experiences, duties, achievements, and/or possession of knowledge, skills, and abilities. Failure to provide adequate references AND contact information may significantly limit our ability to make a job offer.

## **Instructions**

Rate your experience performing specific job-related tasks.

Respond to each of the following task statements by indicating how the statement applies to you. You are required to respond to every question and provide relevant examples. Also, indicate the references who can verify the information provided.

In responding to each task statement, you may refer to your WORK EXPERIENCE, whether paid or volunteer, your EDUCATION, and/or FORMAL TRAINING COURSES you have completed.

PLEASE NOTE: This examination is designed to gain an overall assessment of your education, training, and experience as it directly relates to the duties and the knowledge, skills and abilities required for this position. Possession of specific education is **not** required to be successful in this examination; however, such achievements may substitute for desirable levels of experience. All components of this examination have been carefully validated by tying them directly to job requirements and documenting their relevance to the position.

## **Tasks for Tree Maintenance Worker**

1. Climbing trees using climbing harnesses, properly rigged ropes or spurs in accordance with California Occupational Safety Health Administration (CAL OSHA) regulations.
2. Pruning and removing tree limbs and branches to maintain safety, visibility and/or aesthetics.
3. Operating aerial equipment (e.g., personnel hoists) to perform tree maintenance or inspections.
4. Operating power and hand saws to prune trees and clear roadside vegetation.
5. Rigging and lowering tree limbs safely to the ground.
6. Falling and removing trees using proper felling techniques.
7. Maintaining tree climbing and trimming equipment to ensure personal safety and equipment readiness.
8. Operating brush chippers in an effective and safe manner.