STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Parks and Recreation
EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT
GUIDE I, HISTORICAL MONUMENT
OPEN - SPOT
FINAL FILING DATE: CONTINUOUS
CUT-OFF DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 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.

IT IS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE 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.

POSITIONS EXIST

This is a SPOT examination for San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Diego and Sacramento Counties. Candidates may only establish eligibility for these counties. Positions exist at Hearst Castle in San Luis Obispo County and at various locations in Monterey, San Diego and Sacramento Counties.

SALARY RANGE

$3,599 - $4,503

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Applicants who meet the requirements as stated in the minimum qualifications section of this announcement. Applications will not be accepted on a promotional basis.

Once you have taken the Training and Experience (T&E) Examination, you may not retake it for 9 months.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

The following pre-established cut-off/final file date for 2020 is September 28. Applications will be processed after the cut-off date. Applications received or postmarked after a cut-off date will be held and processed on the next cut-off date.

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 at www.calcareers.ca.gov. Applications must be received with a signature and date.

Applications must include the following information in the section titled: “Examination(s) or Job Title(s) for which you are applying”

- Exam Title: Guide I, Historical Monument
- Exam Code: 6PR15

Only applications for the Guide I, Historical Monument will be accepted. If you are applying for multiple examinations, you must file a separate application for each one. Failure to do so will result in the rejection of your application from this examination.

Do not send your application via office or interoffice mail. Applications received by this manner will not be accepted and cannot be returned pursuant to California Code of Regulations §174. Mobile Bar Codes, such as the Quick Response (QR) Codes available at the USPS, are not considered Postmark dates for the purpose of determining timely filing of an application.

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EXAMINATION INFORMATION

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE (T&E) EXAMINATION – Weighted 100%

The examination is based solely on your Training and Experience. The Training and Experience (T&E) Examination will consist of statements designed to measure how your training and work history have provided you the essential knowledge, skills, and abilities, and potential to effectively perform the duties relative to the classification.

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications will be emailed the link to the T&E examination. Be sure to include your current/valid email address on your application. Failure to provide your current/valid email address will prevent you from taking the examination.

To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be attained.

WHERE TO APPLY

Applications may be delivered in person or by mail. Please submit to:

By mail:  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Attention: Selections Unit/ Gladys Acosta  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA  94296-0001

In person:  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Attention: Selections Unit/ Gladys Acosta  
1416 9th Street, Room 1018 (10th floor)  
Sacramento, CA  95814

FINAL FILING DATE

Testing is considered continuous as exam dates can be set at any time. The testing office will accept applications continuously and will notify and test applicants as needs warrant.

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark “yes” on Question #10 on the Examination and/or Employment application and complete the Accommodation form. The Selections Unit will contact you to make special testing arrangements. If you have not been contacted prior to receiving a notice to appear for the examination, please contact the Exam Analyst at (916) 651-3390.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

An open, MERGED eligible list will be established by the Department of Parks and Recreation. 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 reapply to retake the Training and Experience (T&E) Examination after 9 months to reestablish list eligibility.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination as stated on this examination bulletin by the established cut-off date for each administration of the examination.

All applications/resumes must include “from” and “to” employment dates (month/day/year), time base, and applicable civil service class titles. Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.

If education is required to meet the minimum qualifications, include on the application the name and location of the institution, course of study, units completed (semester/quarter), diploma, degree, or certificate obtained, and date completed. Note: Applicants who are hired from the employment list must provide their official transcripts from the applicable institution(s) if education is used to meet the minimum qualifications.

Acceptable course work and degrees must be completed at a regionally accredited institution. Course work completed in other states is acceptable as long as the institution holds regional accreditation through an accrediting body. Course work and degrees completed outside of the United States must be evaluated by an approving foreign transcript evaluation agency before they may be used for credentialing purposes.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" I, "Or" II, "Or" III, etc. For example, candidates possessing 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 the examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

Either I

Six months of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a Guide Trainee, Historical Monument. (Education of college level may be substituted for up to three months of the required experience on the basis of two years of college being equivalent to three months of experience.)

Or II

Experience: One year of experience involving major emphasis on oral presentations before groups. (Education of college level may be substituted for up to six months of the required experience on the basis of two years of college being equivalent to six months of experience.)

And

Education: Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade. (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.)

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Guide I, Historical Monument, conducts the public on tours through historical monuments; explains the historical significance of the unit and exhibits to individuals and groups; assists in preparation of tour talks by study of reference and other material; protects buildings and exhibits against theft, damage, and vandalism; maintains order and enforces the rules and regulations of the State Park System; prepares exhibits under guidance; maintains exhibits; assists in the cleanup and maintenance of the monument or may supervise others in this work; keeps records and performs other associated clerical tasks.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

Knowledge of:
1. Effective practices in guiding exhibit tours.
2. Clerical work and record keeping.
3. Inventory methods.

Ability to:
1. Deal tactfully with individuals and groups.
2. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
3. Arrange exhibits and execute instructions involving exhibits.

SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Neat personal appearance; tact; poise; willingness to work on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays on an assigned shift; ability to stand and walk for long periods of time.

VETERANS’ PREFERENCE

Will be awarded in this examination, pursuant to Government Code Section 18973.1, effective January 1, 2014, 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 veteran’s preference.

2. An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination.

3. Veterans’ Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

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CAREER CREDITS

Career credits are not granted in open examinations.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 19680(c) and 19681(b) it is unlawful to copy and/or furnish confidential examination material for the purpose of either improving or injuring the chances of any person or to obtain examination questions or other examination material before, during, or after an examination. Every person violating these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor, and adverse action will be pursued. This may result in the person being barred from competition in future examinations, withheld from certification lists, or cancellation of eligibility for employment in state civil service.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For an examination without a written feature, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Selection Unit of the Department of Parks and Recreation, (916) 651-3390, three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

Applications are available at Department of Parks and Recreation, California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department, and online at www.jobs.ca.gov.

If you meet the requirements, 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 described on this bulletin 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 Department of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned changes. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

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, 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 this bulletin.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and 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.

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 1093), which is available at www.jobs.ca.gov, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 candidate 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.