



California Department of
Parks and Recreation

STATE HISTORIAN II

Exam Code: 2PR32

Department: Parks and Recreation

Exam Type: Open

Final Filing Date: January 9, 2023 Extended

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

State Historian II (2800) \$5,805 - \$7,268

View the [Classification Title and Classification Specification](#)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Who Should Apply:

Applicants who meet the requirements as stated in the minimum qualifications section of this announcement. Anyone on the existing eligibility list for this classification, must take and pass this examination to be placed on the newly established eligibility list. Applications will not be accepted on a promotional basis.

How To Apply:

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 emailed, postmarked or personally hand delivered after the final filing date **will not** be accepted for any reason. 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: **State Historian II**
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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS continued

Only applications for the *State Historian II* 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.

Due to COVID, we have limited staff working in the office. Therefore, the preferred method of application submittal is by mail or email.

However, do not send your application via office or interoffice mail. Applications received by this manner after the final filing date **will not** be accepted and cannot be returned pursuant to California Code of Regulations §174. Also, 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.

Via email (include exam code in subject)

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By mail:

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In person:

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POSITION DESCRIPTION

State Historian II

This is the full journey level class. Under direction, incumbents perform the more difficult or varied work in performing basic historical research and cultural resource management activities; may act in a lead capacity; may train and direct subordinates staff; may train other personnel (including personnel in the State, Federal, and local agencies) in historical research methods and cultural resource management techniques; may select and evaluate the performance of grant projects; may budget, administer, and expend Federal and State funds; and do other related work.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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.

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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Education Requirements: Equivalent to graduation from college with major course work in history, historic sites research, cultural resources management, architectural history, or a closely related field in which historical methods and techniques are employed. (Additional qualifying experience maybe substituted for the required education on a year-for year basis for up to two years.) **AND**

Either I

Two years of experience performing the duties of a State Historian I in the California state service.

Or II

Three years of experience in research, cultural resources management, or museum work in connection with historical reports, projects, buildings, or museums.

(Experience in the California state service applied toward this requirement must be performing duties at a level of responsibility equivalent to that obtained in the class of a State Historian I.) or

Three years of experience in the teaching of California history at the high school or college level.

(Graduate work in history, historical sites research, cultural resources management, architectural history, or a closely related field, in which historical methods and techniques are employed, may be substituted for not more than one year of the required experience on a year for year basis.)

SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTIC

Willingness to travel throughout the State and work irregular hours.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

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% will be required.

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 sent an email with the link to access and take the T&E examination. Candidates must include a current/valid email address on their application. Failure to provide your current/valid email address will prevent you from taking the examination.**

Reschedules will only be considered based on the California Government Code and the California Department of Human Resources policy.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

In addition to evaluating applicants' relative knowledge, skills, and abilities, 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. California history
2. Historical research methods
3. Methods and techniques used in identifying and preserving historical objects, sites, and buildings
4. Literature and publications dealing with California history, historical research, curatorship, and museum administration
5. Private and public organization concerned with historical research and resource management activities pertaining to California history
6. Museum administration principles

EXAMINATION SCOPE continued

Ability to:

1. Conduct basic historical research
2. Evaluate environmental impacts on resources of historical interest and develop and recommend mitigation procedures
3. Make cultural and aesthetic decisions regarding cultural resources
4. Speak and write effectively
5. Keep necessary records and prepare reports
6. Analyze facts and situation accurately and take effective action
7. Direct and train other personnel

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental, open eligible list for the *State Historian II* classification will be established for the **Department of Parks and Recreation**.

Eligibility expires **twelve (12) months** after it is established. Applicants must 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.

Veteran's 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.

Career credits are not granted in open examinations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Email:

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Phone:

(916) 902-8698

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REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

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 been contacted prior to receiving a notice to appear for the examination, please contact the Exam Analyst at (916) 902-8698.

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 workplace. 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

For an examination without a written feature, it is your responsibility as the candidate to contact the Selection Unit of the Department of Parks and Recreation if you have not received a progress notice within two weeks of the final filing date.

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.

The Department of Parks and Recreation 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 has change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all applicants will be notified.

GENERAL INFORMATION continued

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) 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.

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.