



California Department of
Parks and Recreation

**STATE PARK PEACE OFFICER SUPERVISOR
(RANGER)**

Exam Code: 9PR03

Department: Parks and Recreation

Exam Type: Open

Final Filing Date: Continuous

Cut-Off Date: September 30, March 31

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

State Park Peace Officer Supervisor (Ranger) – \$6,487 - \$8,815 per month.

View the [SPPO Supervisor \(Ranger\) classification specification](#)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Cut-Off Date: September 30, March 31

Applications received or postmarked after the cut-off date will be held on file and processed on the next established cut-off date. For exam purposes, the postmarked date will be considered the received date.

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.

If you have taken the Training and Experience (T&E) Examination in the last 9 months, you should not apply as your application will not be accepted.

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 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 Park Peace Officer Supervisor (Ranger)**
- Exam Code: **9PR03**

Only applications for the *State Park Peace Officer Supervisor (Ranger)* 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.

Via email

Exams@parks.ca.gov

By mail:

Department of Parks and Recreation
Attention: Selections Unit/Justin Lue
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

In person:

Department of Parks and Recreation
Attention: Selections Unit/Justin Lue
715 P Street, 1st Floor Security Desk
Sacramento, CA 95814

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) 902-8594.

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.

All Levels Including State Park Peace Officer Supervisor (Ranger)

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.

Applicants may be admitted into the examination without meeting the requirements within the "All Levels" section, but the applicant must meet those requirements prior to appointment. For the education requirement, students who have completed 30 semester units of the required education may apply, but they must satisfactorily complete the required education before they can be appointed.

Possession of a valid Class C California driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles; **and**

Must meet the peace officer selection standards developed by the [Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training](#) per Penal Code section 13510(a).; **and**

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; **and**

Education: Completion of 60 semester units at an accredited college or university including a minimum of 21 semester units satisfying the General Education Curriculum standards as identified for colleges and universities accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges; **and**

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Possession of (1) a valid Red Cross Advanced First-Aid Certificate or a valid First Responder Certificate, and (2) either a valid Red Cross or American Heart Association Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certificate. (A valid California Emergency Medical Services Authority issued Emergency Medical Technician Certificate may be substituted for both of the required certificates.) (Applicants who do not possess the required certificates will be admitted into the examination, but must provide evidence of completion prior to appointment.); **and**

Completion of any California POST accredited Basic Training Law Enforcement Academy, and possession of a valid POST Basic Certificate (Applicants who do not possess the required POST Basic Certificate will be admitted into the examination, but must provide evidence of completion prior to appointment.); **and**

Either I

Two years of experience in the California state civil service performing duties of a class with a level of responsibility equivalent to that of a State Park Peace Officer (Ranger), Range B;

Or II

Three years of experience as a peace officer in the State of California.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

“in a class equivalent in level of responsibility...” the applicant must have State service experience of appropriate type and length in a class at the same (or higher) level of responsibility as the class specified.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

State Park Peace Officer Supervisor (Ranger)

This is the first supervisory level in the series. Under general supervision, incumbents in this class serve as chief rangers within a level 1 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Unit or as supervising rangers in a district geographical sector in charge of a small-to-medium-size staff. Primary responsibilities include supervision of staff, safety and enforcement, patrol, interpretation, resource protection/management, and visitor facility operation.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

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. Basic principles of dealing with the public.
2. Basic mathematics as required in accounting for funds.
3. Basic grammar and spelling as required in preparing reports and records.
4. General resource management and protection.
5. Principal recreational areas of the State of California.
6. Principles and practices involved in operating, interpreting, and protecting State park districts.
7. Purposes, organization, policies, procedures, and rules of the Department of Parks and Recreation.
8. Methods and materials used in preparing and interpreting historical and natural science displays and exhibits.
9. Techniques and procedures used in law enforcement.
10. Methods of conducting search and rescue.
11. Advanced emergency first aid procedures.

12. First aid and rescue equipment use and maintenance.
13. Principles of forest fire, disease, and insect damage control.
14. Basic principles of supervision, personnel management, and business and public administration.
15. State administrative procedures.
16. The Department's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.
17. A manager's/supervisor's responsibility for promoting equal opportunity in hiring and employee development and promotion, and for maintaining a work environment which is free of discrimination and harassment.

Ability to:

1. Follow written and oral instructions.
2. Learn the principles and practices used in the conservation and interpretation of natural resources and historic areas.
3. Learn to use tools and equipment used on the job.
4. Work safely.
5. Learn to deal tactfully with individuals and groups.
6. Apply theory to practical situations.
7. Interpret and apply rules and instructions.
8. Communicate effectively.
9. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
10. Perform duties which require physical strength and agility.
11. Learn law enforcement rules, regulations, and procedures as a State park peace officer, including arrests and the use of firearms.
12. Demonstrate sufficient swimming ability for self-preservation and to direct aquatic and lifesaving operations.
13. Plan, organize, and direct the work of others.
14. Carry out programs in accordance with plans and specifications.
15. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with public groups and organizations.
16. Lead and train seasonal staff.
17. Supervise or assist with the visitor services operation of State park districts.
18. Organize, coordinate, and plan programs for operations, interpretations, safety and enforcement, and resource management and protection in park districts.
19. Analyze situations and take effective action.
20. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with the public and with representatives in other jurisdictions.
21. Coordinate mutual aid operations with other agencies.
22. Plan and implement in-service training and employee development programs and evaluate the performance of personnel.
23. Communicate effectively.
24. Work with community organizations and public officials.
25. Assist with the development of effective operating programs to protect visitors and the resources of the State park system.
26. Effectively promote equal opportunity in employment and maintain a work environment that is free of discrimination and harassment.

Preferred or Desirable Qualifications:

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Aptitude and demonstrated interest in park and recreation work, philosophy, and principles; willingness to wear the prescribed uniform and conform to departmental personal appearance standards; willingness to work at various locations throughout the State; willingness to work on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays and at odd or irregular hours; willingness to perform law enforcement duties; satisfactory record as a law-abiding citizen; aptitude for interpretive and public relations work; emotional maturity; dependability; punctuality; tact and diplomacy; poise and self-confidence; sensitivity to needs and attitudes of others; neatness; and courtesy.

Bachelor of Arts/Science degree with specialization in Park Administration, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Law Enforcement, Business, or closely related subjects.

Possession of a valid instructor certificate for: Advanced First Aid, First Responder (EMSA), Basic First Aid, and/or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) from the American Red Cross or American Heart Association.

Completion and certification as an Emergency Medical Technician Level I or II.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental, open, merged eligible list for the State Park Peace Officer Supervisor (Ranger) 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 **twenty-four (24) 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.

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.

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% must be received.

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. 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Department of Parks and Recreation
Attn: Selections Unit / Justin Lue
715 P Street, 1st Floor Security Desk
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 902-8594
Justin.Lue@parks.ca.gov

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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

For an examination without a written feature, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Selections Unit of the Department of Parks and Recreation, (916) 902-8672 three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

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 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.