



DISABILITY INSURANCE SPECIALIST I

DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION – STATEWIDE

(For EDD Employees Only)

Testing Department: Employment Development Department

Bulletin Release Date: October 9, 2020

FINAL FILING DATE: **October 23, 2020**

Salary Range: \$3,903 - \$5,875 per month

POSITION DESCRIPTION

This is the recruitment, training, and first working level in the series. Under close supervision, incumbents develop analytical skills; participate in policy and procedure formulation; gather and analyze data; consult with field and other departmental personnel in securing and disseminating necessary information; prepare reports and correspondence on technical Disability Insurance issues, problems and concerns; work on the development of guidelines, training courses, and other tools and materials to assist Disability Insurance office management in the administration of the Department's Disability Insurance program; and may serve as a specialist in analyzing performance measurements and recommending solutions to performance issues. This classification may be used in the field offices to act in a lead capacity and train, monitor, and advise staff on office operations.

Positions exist statewide.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated on this bulletin may apply for this examination.

This is a **DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION** for the **Employment Development Department (EDD)**. Competition is limited to:

1. Employees who have a permanent civil service appointment with the EDD by the final filing date; or
2. Current or former employees of the Legislature with two or more years as defined in the Government Code 18990; or
3. Current or former non-elected exempt employees of the Executive Branch with two or more consecutive years as defined by Government code 18992; or
4. Persons retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code 18991. Veterans must provide a copy of their DD214 for entrance requirements. Please attach your DD214 to your application. **Veterans' preference will not be granted in promotional examinations.**

For applicants under items 2, 3, or 4 above, if promotional examinations are given by more than one department for the same classification, the applicant must select one department in which to compete. Refer to the General Information, Promotional Examinations Only section of this bulletin for other eligibility requirements. Under certain circumstances, former EDD employees may be allowed to compete under the provision of Rule 235.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination **by the final filing date, October 23, 2020.**

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”. 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 an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirements.

EITHER I

Two years of experience in the California state service performing as a Disability Insurance Program Representative, one year of which must be at Range C. (Candidates who are within six months of completing the required experience will be admitted to the examination, but they must complete the required experience before they can be considered eligible for appointment.)

OR II

Three years performing technical work in the field of claims eligibility determinations or adjustments under public or private insurance or health and welfare benefit plans. Two years of the required experience must have been in an analytical staff capacity. (Experience in the California state service applied toward this pattern must include at least two years of experience performing the duties of a class with a level of responsibility equivalent to that of Disability Insurance Program Representative, Range C.)

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Examination Applications (STD 678) are available at the California Department of Human Resource’s website home page at <http://jobs.ca.gov/pdf/std678.pdf>.

For this administration, we will accept examination applications that are directly emailed to EDDExaminations@edd.ca.gov. Please include the examination title **Disability Insurance Specialist I** in the subject line. If you are unable to email your application, you can submit your application via one of the following methods: by U.S. mail, parcel delivery, courier service or in person, as set forth in this announcement. If you have any questions, please contact Lanea Corbin via email at Lanea.Corbin@edd.ca.gov, or call (916) 654-7068, for assistance.

All Examination Applications must be **POSTMARKED** no later than the final filing date in order to be considered for the examination. Applications not sent through the U.S. Postal Service (i.e., hand carried to the Human Resource Services Division) must be **RECEIVED BY 4:30 P.M. ON THE FINAL FILING DATE**. Use of EDD metered mail, interoffice mail (e.g., red or gold bag), and faxed applications are prohibited. Submit applications directly to:

MAILING ADDRESS:

Employment Development Department
Human Resource Services Division, MIC 54
Attention: **DIS I Exam**
P.O. Box 826880
Sacramento, CA 94280-0001

FILE IN-PERSON ADDRESS:

Employment Development Department
Human Resource Services Division, MIC 54
Attention: **DIS I Exam**
751 N Street, 6th Floor Solar Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTE: All applicants **MUST** provide a current, valid email address on their application. The Qualifications Assessment (QA) examination link will be sent to the email address provided. Failure to provide a current and valid email address may result in non-receipt of examination information, in a timely manner, which could result in disqualification from the examination. All examination notifications (except the QA link) will be sent by mail.

NOTE: Applications submitted for this examination via USPS, hand delivery or email, **MUST** have an original signature. E-signatures will be accepted.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS (CONTINUED)

Applications must also contain the following information: "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year) of employment, time base, civil service class title(s), and range, if applicable. In addition, college course information **MUST** include: title, semester or quarter credits, name of institution, completion dates, and degree (if applicable). Applications received without this information may be rejected.

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you need an accessible test location, an interpreter, or other special testing arrangements because of a disabling condition or your religious beliefs, please complete question 10 on page 1 of the Examination Application [STD 678](#) and complete the Request for Reasonable Accommodation form [STD 679](#). You will be contacted and necessary arrangements will be made.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

This examination will consist of a **Qualifications Assessment** weighted 100%. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of **70% must be attained**.

QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT – WEIGHTED 100%

It is anticipated that candidates who meet the minimum qualifications for this examination will be sent an email **the week of November 2, 2020** to the email address provided on their application. The email will contain the instructions and the link to complete the online Qualifications Assessment (QA) examination. **PLEASE NOTE:** Candidates will have 7 calendar days to complete the QA from the date emailed. The QA **will not** be accessible after 5:00pm on the 7th day.

It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Human Resource Services Division at EDDExaminations@edd.ca.gov if they have not received an email with the QA link **by November 5, 2020**. Please monitor your email account's SPAM, Junk, Bulk, etc. folder(s) as the examination email may be filtered depending on your specific account settings.

COMPETITORS WHO DO NOT COMPLETE THE QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT OR DO NOT SUBMIT IT BY THE DUE DATE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE EXAMINATION PROCESS.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

Names of successful competitors will be merged onto the existing **DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTIONAL** list in order of final scores regardless of test date. List eligibility will expire **24** months after it is established. **COMPETITORS MAY COMPETE ONLY ONCE IN ANY CONSECUTIVE 3-MONTH PERIOD.**

VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Veterans' Preference credits will **not** be granted in the examination as it does not meet the requirements to qualify for Veterans' Preference credit.

CAREER CREDITS

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

SCOPE OF THE EXAMINATION

KNOWLEDGE OF:

1. Interviewing techniques.
2. Principles of insurance payments programs.
3. Public administration.
4. Provisions of the California Unemployment Insurance Code.
5. The rules, regulations, policies, and procedures of the Employment Development Department.
6. Precedent decisions of the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board relating to the disability insurance programs.
7. Medical terminology and common medical references used in interpreting medical findings.
8. Employment practices and conditions and physical demands of occupations in industrial, domestic, professional, commercial, and agricultural employment in California.
9. Workers' compensation and employer liability laws affecting California workers and provisions of State and Federal laws affecting disability insurance programs.
10. Practices followed by insurance companies in California in underwriting disability insurance coverage and by other states in their disability insurance program.
11. Principles and practices of public administration and personnel management.
12. Office management principles and practices.

ABILITY TO:

1. Gather and analyze data.
2. Reason logically and accurately.
3. Comprehend written material, and interpret and apply rules and instructions.
4. Communicate effectively.
5. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with others.
6. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
7. Develop, instruct, and evaluate in-service training programs.
8. Evaluate suggestions.
9. Develop standards, policies, and procedures for disability insurance programs.
10. Analyze operations.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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.

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The EDD encourages all potential applicants to **read this entire bulletin**. All inquiries about this examination should be directed to EDDExaminations@edd.ca.gov. Please include the examination title, **Disability Insurance Specialist I** in the subject line. Also, you may contact the Exam Analyst, Lanea Corbin, at (916) 654-7068.

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (EDD) reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances change under which this examination was planned. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all candidates will be notified.

IT IS THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY to contact the Employment Development Department, Human Resource Services Division at (916) 654-7068, three weeks after the FINAL FILING DATE, if he/she has not received a notice via email or U.S. mail.

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

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GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, an ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class.

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 eligible list. 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. In the case of continuous testing examinations, names are merged into the appropriate eligible lists in order of final examination scores regardless of the date of the examination and the resulting eligible lists will be used only to fill vacancies in the area shown on the bulletin.

PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS ONLY: Veterans Preference are not granted in promotional examinations. Competition is limited to those applicants who meet one of the criteria listed on page 1 of this bulletin. Under certain circumstances other employees may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rules 234, 235, and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 233, 234, 235, 235.2, and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at the EDD's Human Resource Services Division, at the State Personnel Board, and on the Internet at www.jobs.ca.gov.

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From TDD Phone: (800) 735-2929
From Voice Phone: (800) 735-2922

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