



Senior Legal Analyst

6PB18 – Exam Code

Departments: California Department of Human Resources
California Energy Commission
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
Department of Business Oversight
Department of Consumer Affairs
Department of Justice
Department of Public Health
Department of Social Services
Department of Technology
Department of Transportation
Employment Development Department
Public Utilities Commission
State Compensation Insurance Fund
State Personnel Board
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board

Opening Date: 05/17/16

Final Filing Date: Continuous

Type of Examination: Open

Salary: \$5,022.00 - \$6,478.00

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 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.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Applicants who meet the Minimum Qualifications as stated on this bulletin may apply for and take this Training and Experience Evaluation at any time.

Once you have taken the Training and Experience Evaluation, you may not retake it for 9 months.

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you require special testing arrangements due to a verified disability, medical condition or religious accommodation, you will be able to request a reasonable accommodation during the exam filing process.

If you have any questions, please contact the:

California Department of Human Resources' Contact Center at 1-866-844-8671

OR

California Relay Service at 7-1-1

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTY) at (916) 654-6336*

(* TTY is a telecommunications device that is reachable only from telephones equipped with a TTY device.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

An open, merged eligible list will be established by the California Department of Human Resources for use by the Departments listed above. 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 retake the Training and Experience Evaluation to reestablish eligibility.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

NOTE: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this examination bulletin as of the date the test is taken.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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Experience: [Two years of experience in the California state service performing the duties of Legal Analyst.](#)

OR

Four years of [progressively responsible paralegal experience](#) performing duties in one or a combination of the following specialty areas: Litigation and trial preparation, administrative law and procedures, criminal law and procedures, corporate and business law, medical malpractice, estate and tax law, environmental and land use law, antitrust, labor and consumer law.

(Experience in California state service applied toward this requirement must include one year performing the duties of Legal Analyst.)

(Candidates who are within six months of satisfying the experience requirement for this class will be admitted to the examination, but they must fully meet the experience requirement before being eligible for appointment.)

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Under direction of an attorney who shall accept full responsibility for the tasks performed, the Senior Legal Analyst reviews and analyzes client agency requests for legal services, develops strategies and proposals to rectify problem areas; analyzes statutory and regulatory authority, prepares analyses of legislation and regulations, drafts legislation and regulation proposals for client agencies, monitors progress of legislation and regulations; designs and conducts investigations, identifies issues of concern for investigations, interviews witnesses, gathers documentation, drafts declarations, makes recommendations for search warrants; researches and analyzes statutory and case law authority relating to specific issues and makes recommendations concerning handling of the issues; drafts various pleadings on the most complex issues; summarizes and categorizes deposition transcripts, creates manual and computerized systems for managing discovery documents, analyzes and summarizes trial evidence, assists attorney in trial; identifies, contracts and screens expert witnesses, assists attorney in preparing expert witnesses for depositions and trial testimony, analyzes and summarizes expert witness statements; attends settlement negotiations and drafts settlement agreements; creates systems for gathering and tracking litigation information; develops paralegal training material and trains other paralegals; serves as consultant to attorneys and others; may serve in a lead capacity over other paralegals.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Training and Experience Evaluation-Weighted 100%

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. An applicant will receive his/her score upon completion of the Training and Experience Evaluation process.

[Click here to preview the Training and Experience Evaluation](#)

Exam Scope:

Knowledge of: Basic legal concepts, terminology, principles and procedures; use of legal reference materials; role of a paralegal staff in a legal office

Ability to: Reason logically; analyze situations accurately and recommend an effective course of action; write effectively; prepare reports and summary sheets which set forth a statement of the facts, applications of relevant law and conclusions; read and understand statutes, court decisions, legal documents and similar material; prepare drafts of pleadings; draft litigation discovery documents, such as interrogatories and motions; work cooperatively with attorneys, clerical staff, technical staff and the general public. Demonstrated ability to act independently, to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing, and to assume increased responsibility.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Veterans' Preference will be granted for this examination. Effective January 1, 2014, in accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, whenever any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent-disabled veteran achieves a passing score on an open examination, he or she shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. This section shall not apply to any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged.

VETERANS

Persons retired from the United States military or honorably discharged from active duty shall be eligible to compete in promotional examinations for which they meet the minimum qualifications as prescribed by the class specification. Persons receiving passing scores shall have their names placed on the promotional eligibility lists resulting from these examinations. In evaluating minimum qualifications, related military experience shall be considered State civil service experience in a class deemed comparable by CalHR, based on the duties and responsibilities assigned (Section 18991).

For cases in which promotional examinations are given by more than one department for the same classification, the veteran shall select one department for which to compete. Once this selection is made, it cannot be changed for the duration of the promotional list eligibility established from the examination in which the veteran participated. Employees may request a transfer of list eligibility between departments in the same manner as provided for civil service employees (Section 18991).

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions concerning this announcement, please contact:

The California Department of Human Resources Selection Division
1515 S Street, North Building, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95811-7258
1-866-844-8671

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Applications are available at www.jobs.ca.gov and at local offices of the Employment Development Department.

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 on this bulletin will be rated against a predetermined job-related rating, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The California Department of Human Resources reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, should the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules, and all competitors will be notified.

Candidates needing special testing arrangements due to a disability must mark the appropriate box on the application and contact the testing department.

Hiring Interview Scope: In a hiring interview, in addition to the scope described in this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight may be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience, and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of

his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development. For more information, you may refer to the classification specification <http://www.calhr.ca.gov/state-hr-professionals/pages/5333.aspx>.

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

Veterans' Preference: Effective January 1, 2014, in accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, Veterans' Preference will be awarded 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 Veterans' Preference. 2) An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination. And 3) Veterans' Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

Veteran status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference are on the Veterans' Preference Application (Std. Form 1093), which is available at <https://jobs.ca.gov/Public/Jobs/Veterans.aspx>, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Bulletin Revision Date: 8/18/2017

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Final Filing Date: Continuous

Filing Period: Your examination results are valid for 12 months. You may retake this examination after your 9 months of eligibility has expired to reestablish eligibility.

Where to Apply: Click the link below.

By clicking the link below, you will be directed to the Training and Experience Evaluation. Upon completion, the Evaluation will be instantly scored.

[Click here to go to the Training and Experience Evaluation](#)

SUGGESTED RESOURCES TO HAVE AVAILABLE WHEN BEGINNING THE EVALUATION

Employment History: Job Titles, organization names and addresses, names of supervisors or persons who can verify your job responsibilities, and phone numbers of persons listed above.

Education: School name and address, degree(s) earned, date(s) attended, courses taken (Verifiable on a Transcript), person or office who can verify education, and phone numbers of persons listed above.

Training: Class titles, certifications received, name of a person who can verify your training and their contact information.