State *of* California Department *of* Justice

**Examination Bulletin** 



Office *of the* Attorney General

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# **DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL SUPERVISOR**

EXAM CODE: DEPARTMENT(S): EXAM TYPE: LOCATION(S): SALARY INFORMATION: 1JUAA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OPEN – CONTINUOUS STATEWIDE \$12,445.00 - \$15,990.00\* \*The salaries used in this bulletin are the latest available from the state controller's office, but may not reflect the most recent salary adjustment. 5703 / OC45

CLASS & SCHEM CODE:

<u>PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING TO ENSURE YOUR EXAM RESULTS ARE PROCESSED TIMELY</u>: In order to successfully complete the exam and be added to the eligibility list, candidates must submit an Examination Application [Standard State Employment Application (STD 678)] according the Filing Instructions listed on this bulletin AND take the online examination. Both of these items must be completed by the associated cut-off period to be considered as filed timely for that cut-off period. Examination results will only be released or merged onto the eligibility list when both of these steps are completed by the candidate. The Examination Team is not responsible for contacting candidates who fail to submit either the online examination or application materials by the cut-off date.

# **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT & DRUG FREE STATEMENTS**

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 the 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.

# **CONTINUOUS TESTING**

This examination will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through an online testing platform, Assess.ai. Applications will be reviewed to ensure the minimum requirements for participation in this examination are met. Successful applicants will be merged onto the existing eligibility list on a weekly basis with Friday being the cut-off date, although this is subject to change based on testing needs. Results notices will be released to candidates within 1 - 2 weeks after the cut-off date. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Once you have taken the examination, you may not retest for **TWELVE (12) MONTHS** from the established list date.

Weekly cut-off dates are scheduled based on the table below.

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Anticipated Cut-off Date*						
Friday, June 16, 2023	Friday, August 11, 2023	Friday, October 6, 2023	Friday, December 1, 2023			
Friday, June 23, 2023	Friday, August 18, 2023	Friday, October 13, 2023	Friday, December 8, 2023			
Friday, June 30, 2023	Friday, August 25, 2023	Friday, October 20, 2023	Friday, December 15, 2023			
Friday, July 7, 2023	Friday, September 1, 2023	Friday, October 27, 2023	Friday, December 22, 2023			
Friday, July 14, 2023	Friday, September 8, 2023	Friday, November 3, 2023	Friday, December 29, 2023			
Friday, July 21, 2023	Friday, September 15, 2023	Friday, November 10, 2023	Friday, January 5, 2024			
Friday, July 28, 2023	Friday, September 22, 2023	Friday, November 17, 2023	Friday, January 12, 2024			
Friday, August 4, 2023	Friday, September 29, 2023	Friday, November 24, 2023	Friday, January 19, 2024			

\*Note: Cut-off dates are subject to change based on the needs of the Department of Justice. Examination results are anticipated to be released to candidates within two weeks of the cut-off date to which they applied, though this is subject to change based on departmental needs. In order to be considered as filing timely for a specific cut-off date, the Examination Team must receive a an Examination Application [Standard State Employment Application (STD 678)] according the Filing Instructions listed on this bulletin AND take the online examination. Cut-off dates with large candidate pools will be processed as quickly as possible but may take longer than two weeks to process.

# WHO CAN APPLY

Persons who meet the minimum qualifications of the classification, as stated on this examination bulletin. All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements by the date they take the online examination through Assess.ai. All applications/resumes must include "to" and "from" employment dates (month/day/year), time-base, and applicable classification titles.

# SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you are an individual with a disability and need reasonable accommodation to participate in this examination, please mark the box in question #10 on the "examination application." You will be notified in writing to determine what assistance can be provided.

# **ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION**

A departmental open eligible list will be established for the Department of Justice. The names of successful competitors will be merged on the list in order of final scores, regardless of test date. Competitors' eligibility will expire **TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS** after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

## ALL LEVELS MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

All classes require active membership in The California State Bar. (Applicants who are not members of The California State Bar but who are eligible to take The California State Bar examination or are in their final year of law school will be admitted to the examination but will not be considered eligible for appointment until they are admitted to The State Bar.)

Applicants who are six months from meeting the required legal experience will be admitted to the examination, but must meet the total required years of experience prior to appointment.



# **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Eight years of legal experience in the practice of law\*, two years of which must have been at a level of responsibility equivalent to a Deputy Attorney General III.

# **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

\*"Legal experience in the practice of law" is defined as: (1) only that legal experience acquired after admission to any State Bar, or (2) experience as a judicial clerk for a federal court, California's state courts, or any other state's courts, or (3) legal experience acquired while practicing under a provisional license to practice law issued by the State Bar of California's Provisional Licensure Program, to constitute experience in the practice of law. For an individual's judicial clerkship to qualify as "legal experience in the practice of law," the experience must have been gained after receipt of a Juris Doctor or equivalent degree.

"...**level of responsibility equivalent to** ..." – means the applicant must have experience of appropriate type and length in a position at the same (or a higher) level of responsibility as the class specified.

# **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

This is the working supervisor level. Individuals in this class plan, organize, and direct the work of subordinate attorneys and may supervise both paralegal and/or support staff; evaluate the performance of subordinate staff and take or effectively recommend appropriate action; provide training to subordinate attorneys; interview and select or actively participate in the interview and selection process for subordinate staff; develop strategy and tactics in the most complex disputes or litigation; and may personally perform the most difficult and complex litigation, negotiation, legislative liaison, hearings, legal research, and opinion drafting.

Positions exist in Alameda, Fresno, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco counties.

#### **EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, applicants must receive a minimum rating of 70% on the examination. This exam will consist of the following:

#### **TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE - 100%**

The Training and Experience (T&E) Questionnaire consists of job-related questions designed to assess an applicant's education, training, and experience with performing relevant job duties, as well as the possession of job-related knowledge, skills, and abilities. The exam will be scored using objective, point-based scoring criteria. The T&E will be conducted online through a third-party testing platform utilized by the Department of Justice.



# **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, & ABILITIES**

The Training & Experience Questionnaire will measure the following:

## **KNOWLEDGE OF:**

- 1. The requirements for legal service of process.
- 2. The principles and practices for properly conducting legal research.
- 3. The general principles of jurisprudence.
- 4. The English language.
- 5. The appellate process.
- 6. Techniques and strategies for conducting trials, including determining what evidence needs to be collected and presented, whether experts are needed, and which particular individuals should be called as witnesses.
- 7. State and federal constitutional law and principles (e.g., equal protection, due process, search and seizure, right to privacy, sovereign immunity).
- 8. State and federal civil law and principles (e.g., torts, contracts, property, and agency) found in constitutions, case law, and statutes.
- 9. Rules regarding the preparation of legal documents.
- 10. Rules and techniques that apply to the various means of formal examination (e.g., direct and cross-examination, voir dire, depositions).
- 11. Risk management issues.
- 12. Legal and equitable remedies found in case law and statutes.
- 13. Interview techniques.
- 14. How to prepare written documents in a clear, concise manner and in a logical format.
- 15. How to prepare the most common types of legal documents in an effective, clear, and persuasive manner (e.g., briefs, motions, pleadings).
- 16. How to examine and cross-examine witnesses in adversary proceedings (e.g., trials, evidentiary hearings).
- 17. How to conduct legal analysis (e.g., issue-spotting, rule analysis, applying law to facts).
- 18. How to conduct a deposition or other adversary fact-finding process.
- 19. How to communicate orally using appropriate tone, pace, volume, clarity, etc.
- 20. Criminal law elements and principles (e.g., mens rea, general defenses, theories of culpability, self-incrimination) found in constitutions, case law, and statutes.
- 21. Available research sources, both printed and electronic, to complete legal research.
- 22. Appropriate methods of factual investigation (e.g., interviewing witnesses, investigative subpoenas) and their relative advantages and disadvantages.
- 23. Supervisory principles, practices, and techniques.

#### **ABILITY TO:**

1. Apply knowledge and judgment.

#### **SKILL IN:**

- 1. Weighing the relative advantages and disadvantages of a potential action.
- 2. Summarize facts relevant to a case/project.
- 3. Orally communicate complex principles, facts, laws, and positions in a logical, persuasive, respectful, and articulate manner in a trial courtroom setting.
- 4. Listen carefully and objectively to information and ideas presented orally.
- 5. Identify issues relevant to a case given the available information and applicable law.
- 6. Identify and evaluate the full range of strategies that can be used to research/investigate.
- 7. Efficiently locate relevant or useful information from a large volume of documents.
- 8. Edit written documents written by oneself, as well as those produced by others, for accuracy and effectiveness.
- 9. Develop the "settling point" (or "bottom line") that is appropriate in negotiating on behalf of the client and a list of outcomes in order of preference.
- 10. Develop case/project plans and strategies based on a review of pleadings, evidence, and the law, and conferring with clients and/or colleagues.
- 11. Determine whether an ongoing research/investigation strategy is effective or whether it should be modified.
- 12. Analyze opposing parties' arguments.
- 13. Prioritize work assignments and demands.
- 14. Plan, organize, supervise, direct, and oversee the work activities of subordinate employees.
- 15. Monitor the work of subordinate employees.



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- Include subordinate employees in the planning of work unit operations and activities, determining project deadlines, identifying
  project resources, and establishing timelines.
- 17. Establish project schedules and milestones.
- 18. Determine and establish priorities and service levels in the work unit or section.
- 19. Follow up on the results of staff work assignments and projects.
- 20. Work productively with colleagues and staff with different backgrounds and capabilities.
- 21. Provide on-the-job training to subordinate staff.
- 22. Identify training needs of the subordinate employees.
- 23. Communicate effectively with individuals who are reluctant, afraid, and/or anxious and whose input and/or participation may be needed to complete a work assignment (e.g., eyewitnesses).
- 24. Coach and mentor subordinate employees.
- 25. Clearly communicate information and ideas orally on a one-on-one basis, using tone, volume, vocabulary, grammar, and non-verbal cues appropriate to the circumstances.
- 26. Document employee performance and complete employee performance evaluations and probationary reports.

# **ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS**

Under Section 432.7(e) of the Labor Code, persons seeking employment with the Department of Justice may be asked to disclose arrest or detention information regardless of whether or not the arrest or detention resulted in conviction, referral, or participation in diversion programs prior to appointment. Department of Justice regulations may require, as a minimum, pre-employment investigations consisting of fingerprinting; inquiry to local, State, and national files to disclose criminal records; verification of minimum qualifications (i.e., college transcripts); financial status; previous employment background; and personal interviews to determine applicant's suitability for employment.

# SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### **PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Honesty, integrity, reliability, fair, and conscientious.

#### **ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

All employees shall have general qualifications as described by California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 172.

#### **VETERANS' PREFERENCE**

Veterans' preference credits 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.

#### **CAREER CREDITS**

Career credits do not apply for this examination.

#### **APPEAL INFORMATION**

Candidates may file an appeal with the State Personnel Board (SPB) within 30 days of the postmarked date of any decision notice (e.g., Minimum Qualifications denial, exam results). Examination appeals are required to meet one of the following grounds to be accepted by the State Personnel Board; (1) fraud; (2) discrimination; (3) erroneous interpretation or application of minimum qualifications (MQs); or (4) a significant irregularity in the examination process. Appeals can be filed online at the website above or mailed to Appeals Division, State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814-4806. Please refer to SPB's website for more information this process at <a href="https://www.spb.ca.gov/appeals/appeals.aspx">https://www.spb.ca.gov/appeals/appeals.aspx</a>



# **ONLINE TESTING EXAM LINK**

Please be advised that the online testing platform, Assess.ai, works best when using the Google Chrome web browser. Other browsers, including Safari and Firefox, may be used as well, but we recommend Google Chrome. Internet Explorer should NOT be used when taking this examination. Please ensure you have downloaded the most recent version of your browser prior to accessing the examination.

The examination is not timed and is accessible at any time of day, all days of the year. For technical assistance, please contact the Testing & Selection Unit (TSU) during normal business hours at the phone number or email address located in the Contact Information section below.

Click on the following link to access the examination:

#### **DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL SUPERVISOR EXAM**

**Note:** In order to be added to the eligibility list, candidates must submit an Examination Application [Standard State Employment Application (STD 678)] AND take the examination. Both of these items must be submitted by the associated cut-off date to be considered as filed timely for that cut-off period. Examination results cannot be released or merged onto the eligibility list until the STD 678 is received by TSU and the corresponding examination can be identified. In addition, candidates must meet the Minimum Qualifications to receive examination results and be merged on to the eligibility list.

Please ensure the name used to take the examination matches the name on the STD 678. Incomplete examination responses, application packages, or otherwise missing information may lead to an inability to process a candidate's examination. TSU is not responsible for contacting candidates who fail to submit either the online examination or application materials by the cut-off date.

Examination results are anticipated to be released to candidates within two weeks of the cut-off date to which they applied. If you do not receive examination results within three weeks of the cut-off date to which you applied, please contact TSU using the information below. Lastly, TSU handles hundreds of applications per month so we are not able to confirm receipt for each one.

# FILING INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for this examination, please complete and return the following:

- Standard State Employment Application (Form STD 678)
- Conditions of Employment (Form 631)

# **MAILING ADDRESS:**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TESTING & SELECTION UNIT ATTN: DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL SUPERVISOR EXAMINATION P.O. BOX 944255 SACRAMENTO, CA 94244-2550

## **FILE-IN-PERSON:**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TESTING & SELECTION UNIT ATTN: DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL SUPERVISOR EXAMINATION 1300 "I" STREET, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR LOBBY SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

# **EMAIL SUBMISSION:**

SUBJECT LINE: DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL SUPERVISOR EXAMINATION EMAIL ADDRESS: <u>DAG@DOJ.CA.GOV</u>

#### **DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS**

- TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (CalHR)
- THROUGH FAX
- THROUGH INTER-AGENCY MAIL



# CONTACT INFORMATION

Any questions regarding the minimum qualifications, applying for the examination, being scheduled for the examination, reasonable accommodations, the examination components, scoring, etc., may be directed to the contact information below:

PHONE NUMBER:	916-210-6021
FAX NUMBER:	916-445-1218
EMAIL ADDRESS:	TSU@DOJ.CA.GOV



# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Department of Justice 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 candidates will be notified.

It is the Candidate's Responsibility to contact the Department of Justice, seven days prior to the test date if they have not received their notice. For an examination without a written feature it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Department of Justice, 916-210-6021, TDD (916) 952-8396.

If a candidate's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach them prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, they will be rescheduled upon written request.

Applications are available at California Department of Human Resources Offices (<u>https://calcareers.ca.gov</u>), and local Offices of the Employment Development Department (<u>www.edd.ca.gov</u>).

If you meet the requirements stated in this bulletin, 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.

Examination Locations: Tests will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant or via remote conference or online systems. Tests are not always given where positions currently exist.

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 list must be used first. Eligible lists will expire between 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 the ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the performance of 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.

Interview Scope: If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described in this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits and fitness as demonstrated in the candidate's response. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of their experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of their recognition of their own training needs; their plans for self-development; and the progress they have made in their efforts toward self-development.

Veterans Preference: 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.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) Californian High School Proficiency Examination 3) admission to and completion of work in a recognized college (12 semester units of college-level courses); 4) 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 5) business college work: This may be substituted for the required high school education on a year-for-year basis for clerical and accounting classes.

Career Credits: In open, non-promotional examinations, career credits are granted to: 1) State employees with permanent civil service status, 2) full-time employees of the State who are exempt from State civil service pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution, and who meet all qualification requirements specified by the Board and have 12 consecutive months of service in an exempt position, and 3) individuals who have served one full year in, or are graduates of, the California Conservation Corps (eligibility shall expire 24 months after graduation from the California Conservation Corps). Three points are added to the final test score of those candidates who meet the above criteria, and who are successful in the examination. Such examinations cannot be for managerial positions described in Government Code Section 3513. Competitors not currently employed in State civil service who have mandatory reinstatement rights may also be eligible for career credits, but they must explain their civil service status in the appropriate section of the application, Page 1 – General Information (STD. 678), to ensure that Three Career Credit Points are added to their final passing test score. (Section 4 of article VII of the California Constitution, Page 1 – Constitution is posted at the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento)

Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General Office of Human Resources, Testing & Selection Unit 1300 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 916-210-6021 If hearing impaired, call the California Relay Service. 1-800-735-2929 (From TDD Phone) 1-800-735-2922 (From Voice Phone) TDD is Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and is reachable only from telephones equipped with a TDD device.



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NAME				(PLEASE PRINT)
_	Last	First	M.I.	

If you are successful in the above examination, your name will be placed on the active list and certified to fill vacancies according to the conditions you have specified on this form.

Note: The location of offices may vary depending on the hiring Department.

PLEASE SELECT YOUR CHOICE(S) INDICATING LOCATION(S) YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK:

- Alameda (0100)

   Fresno (1000)

   Los Angeles (1900)

   Sacramento (3400)

   San Diego (3700)
- San Francisco (3800)

PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE OF APPOINTMENT(S) YOU WILL ACCEPT

Please Check Your Choice(s):

- \_\_\_\_(D) Permanent full time <u>only</u>.
- (R) Permanent part time or intermittent.

Temporary - full time, part time, or intermittent.

(A) All of the above

NOTE: PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/TESTING AND SELECTION UNIT, IN WRITING, OF ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ADDRESS OR AVAILABILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TESTING & SELECTION OFFICE 1300 I STREET SACRAMENTO, CA 95814