# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
# PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICAL OFFICER III (Epidemiology)
# OPEN EXAMINATION
# CONTINUOUS TESTING

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**WHO SHOULD APPLY:** Persons who meet the minimum qualifications (entrance requirements) as stated on this announcement should apply. This is an open examination. Applications will not be processed on a promotional basis and career credits do not apply.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applications and a copy of official transcripts must be submitted via the U.S. Postal Service or hand delivered to the Department of Public Health Human Resources Office (hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM). Standard State Applications (STD. 678) can be found at: **http://jobs.ca.gov/pdf/std678.pdf.** Submit Standard State Application to:

**Mailing Address:**
**California Department of Public Health**
**Examination Services Unit**
**MS 1700-1702**
**P.O. Box 997378**
**Sacramento, CA 95899-7378**

**File in Person Address:**
**California Department of Public Health**
**Examination Services Unit**
**1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.1501**
**Sacramento, CA 95814**
**Telephone: (916) 552-9369**

**DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD OR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. ALSO, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS SENT ONLINE, VIA INTER-AGENCY MAIL OR FAX.**

**CROSS-FILING INFORMATION:** If you meet the entrance requirements for this class and/or for Public Health Officer II and/or Public Health Medical Officer III, you may file for all examinations on a single application. You must indicate the class titles (s) for which you are applying on the application.

**FINAL FILING DATE**: The testing office has established the following application cut-off date: February 15, April 15, June 15, August 15, October 15 and December 15. Submission of applications after the cut-off date will not be accepted for the current examination, but will be held for the next scheduled examination.

**TESTING PERIOD:** A candidate may be tested only once during any testing period. The testing periods for this classification are January 1 through June 30 and July 1 through December 31.

**SALARY RANGES:** **Range B:** $9874 - $13547 per month.
**Range C:** $10106 - $13867 per month.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:**

In addition to the salary above the California Department of Public Health offers benefits in the following areas:

- Health, Dental, and Vision
- Cash Benefit Programs
- Disability Insurance
- Work, Home, and Family
- Beneficiary and Survivor Benefits
- Awards
- Retirement and Separation Benefits
- Flexible Schedules
- Public Transit Reimbursement (limits apply)

A complete description of all benefits may be viewed at http://www.calhr.ca.gov/Pages/home.aspx

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** A Public Health Medical Officer III (Epidemiology) typically serves either as the administrator of a major public health technical program area or as a technical consultant to the administrator of a major public health program area assisting in its design, implementation, and analysis; and performs other work as required. In either capacity, the Public Health Medical Officer III (Epidemiology) initiates, organizes, and directs original epidemiologic

findings to health polices; may supervise professional, technical and clerical personnel engaged in epidemiologic studies and investigations; provides expert consultation on epidemiology to other state programs; acts as liaison between the Department and other medical institutions or agencies cooperating in studies of mutual interest; coordinates activities of advisory committees; advises on and participates in training of students and residents in programs of epidemiology, biometry, demography, or other related fields; prepares research grant applications, articles for publication, and reports; reviews and evaluates research studies and methods in specialized areas of epidemiology; addresses professional and lay groups.

Positions exist with the Department of Public Health in Contra Costa, Los Angeles and Sacramento Counties.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION:** It is your responsibility to make sure you meet the education and/or experience requirements stated on this announcement on the date you submit your application. Your signature on your application indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the basic qualifications required.

> NOTE: Applications **must** include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year), time base, job titles and/or civil service class title(s), and range (if applicable) for all work experience. College course Information **must** include title, number of semester or quarter units, name of institution, completion dates, and degree. **Applications received without this information will be rejected. Applicants must submit a copy of official transcripts along with the application when using education to meet the entrance requirements for this examination.**

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Possession of the legal requirements for the practice of medicine in California as determined by the Medical Board of California (originally known as California Board of Medical Quality Assurance) or the California Board of Osteopathic Examiners. (Applicants who are in the process of securing approval of their qualifications by the Medical Board of California or the Board of Osteopathic Examiners will be admitted to the examination, but the Board to which application is made must determine that all legal requirements have been met before candidates will be eligible for appointment.)

**AND**

Possession of a valid license issued either by the American Medical Specialty Board or an American Osteopathic Specialty Board as a specialist in one of the fields of medicine, or eligibility for examination for one of these certificates as evidenced by written statement from the Secretary of the Board. (Applicants who can establish specialty board eligibility within six months of the final filing date announced for the civil service examination for this class will be admitted to competition but their names will not be certified from the employee list unless the required verification is submitted within this time limit).

**AND**

Experience: One year of experience in medical epidemiology. (Qualifying experience for medical epidemiology is considered one year of work experience in medical epidemiology after completing a residency or fellowship program.)

**DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS:** Administrative ability, tact, and willingness to travel.

**GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, 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.

**EXAMINATION INFORMATION:** The entire examination consists of an evaluation of training and experience weighted 100%. The Training and Experience Questionnaire has been designed to elicit specific information regarding each candidate's education and experience relative to the testing classification. Responses to the questionnaire will be assessed based on pre-determined rating criteria. In appraising the relative qualifications of candidates, consideration will be given to the extent and type of pertinent experience and education over and above what is minimally required.

To obtain a questionnaire click on the following link: PHMOSeriesExaminationApplicationPackage.pdf

The Department of Public Health 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 law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION:** Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained. All successful candidates will be ranked according to their final scores. Names of successful competitors are merged into the open list established for use by the Department of Public Health in order of final scores regardless of testing date. Eligibility expires **18** months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period

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.

**VETERANS' PREFERENCE:** 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 veterans' 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.

**HOW TO APPLY FOR VETERANS' PREFERENCE:** The California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) has information on how to apply for Veterans' Preference on their website at www.jobs.ca.gov and on the Application for Veterans' Preference form (CalHR 1093). Additional information is also available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website at www.cdva.ca.gov.

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The California Relay (Telephone) Service for the deaf or hearing impaired:
MCI from TDD: 1-800-735-2929 MCI from voice telephone: 1-800-735-2922
Sprint from TDD: 1-888-877-5378 Sprint from voice telephone: 1-888-877-5379