



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

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DEPARTMENT:	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	RELEASE DATE:	Friday, May 29, 2015
POSITION TITLE:	Chief, Financial Management Branch	FINAL FILING DATE:	Monday, June 29, 2015
CEA LEVEL:	CEA A	EXTENDED FINAL FILING DATE:	Thursday, August 13, 2015
SALARY RANGE:	\$ 6,296.00 - \$ 9,051.00 / Month	BULLETIN ID:	05262015_1

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Department of Public Health, Administration Division, is looking for a motivated, creative team member to assume responsibility for the Financial Management Branch at the CEA A level. Financial Management Branch consists of two sections, Accounting and Budgets, responsible for about 100 employees, a budget of over \$3 billion, 80 funding sources, 70 grants and well over 100 different programmatic activities. As the Chief, you will be working with a group of executives from a wide variety of medical, scientific and technical backgrounds who are passionate about the work they do and the contribution that we can make to California's health.

The Financial Management Branch employees work with all levels of staff located throughout the state to administer programs such as food safety, epidemiology, health education, communicable and chronic diseases and licensing of state health facilities.

Under the general direction of the Deputy Director, Administration Division, the Chief, Financial Management Branch develops and implements departmental policies in the area of financial management services. The Chief, through the Accounting and Budget Officers, directs the work of professional and technical staff performing the following: budget analysis and preparation; preparation, analysis, and control of the Department's accounting records; all cash management activities and expenditure and forecasting for the Department; and preparation of departmental responses to federal audit deferrals and exceptions. The Chief provides general direction to the Budget Section in preparing, reviewing, analyzing, and making recommendations for the Department's budget. The Chief responds to requests for fiscal and program information from the Legislature, the Legislative Analyst's Office, the California Health and Human Services Agency, the State Controller's Office, and the Department of Finance. The Chief also provides advice and expertise to the Director, the Executive Management Team, and program managers on fiscal

implications of program proposals and other issues impacting the Department.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

Either I

Must be a current State civil service employee with permanent civil service status, as defined in Government Code Section 18546.

Or II

Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature, who resigned or was released from service within the last 12 months, and with two or more consecutive years of service as defined in Government Code Section 18990.

Or III

Must be a current or former nonelected exempt employee of the Executive Branch of **government** who resigned or was released from service within the last 12 months, and with two or more consecutive years of service (excluding those positions for which the salaries are set by statute) as defined by Government Code Section 18992.

Or IV

Must be a person 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 Section 18991.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to perform high administrative and policy – influencing functions effectively. Such overall ability requires possession of most of the following more specific knowledge and abilities:

(1) Knowledge of the organization and functions of California State Government including the organization and practices of the Legislature and the Executive Branch; principles, practices, and trends of public administration, organization, and management; techniques of organizing and motivating groups; program development and evaluation; methods of administrative problem solving; principles and practices of policy formulation and development; and personnel management techniques; the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity Program objectives; and a manager's role in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

(2) Ability to plan, organize, and direct the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff; analyze administrative policies, organization, procedures and practices; integrate the activities of a diverse program to attain common goals; gain the confidence and support of top level administrators and advise them on a wide range of administrative matters; develop cooperative working relationships with representatives of all levels of government, the public, and the Legislature and Executive branches; analyze complex problems and recommend effective courses of action; and prepare and review reports; and effectively contribute to the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

These knowledge and abilities are expected to be obtained from the following kinds of experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation and/or evaluation of program policies (experience may have been paid or volunteer; in State service, other government settings, or in a private organization):

CEA Level A Responsible for broad administrative and program activities, including the execution and/or evaluation of program policies.

CEA Level B Responsible for extensive managerial and program administration or broad program manager experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation, and/or evaluation of program policies.

CEA Level C Responsible for extensive highly professional influence and contributes to program, policy, and the methods to provide professional services needed to set policies, to meet the mission of the State department and often exercising technical and or professional skills that are required at this level.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION(S)

- Extensive knowledge of the State's budget process.
- Working knowledge of the legislative processes, specifically those that pertain to fiscal matters impacting state operations.
- A good understanding of the State's accounting practices and processes, especially in a multi-fund environment.
- Demonstrated management skills necessary to lead, motivate, and develop staff.
- Demonstrated ability to advise, consult, and work cooperatively with departmental staff, as well as legislators, federal government, and other public and private agencies.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively.
- Demonstrated ability to make both planned and impromptu presentations before a group of individuals on diverse, complex, and highly sensitive issues.
- Working knowledge of human resource policies and practices.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Creativity and Innovation – Applies new ways of thinking. Has the ability to solve problems, create new ideas, and develop new approaches to achieve the Department's mission.

Vision - Understands the context and mission of the Department, both internal and external. Has an awareness of the Department's critical issues, anticipates and influences the future. Has the ability to organize for success; understands how to facilitate functional needs and structure to achieve strategic plans.

Credibility and Integrity – Understands internal and external customers and has a true desire to build credibility. Has a personal compass composed of clear principles and the flexibility to balance between literal adherence to rules and the use of policy as a guide. Has the ability to make decisions and be accountable for those decisions.

Teamwork - Cooperates to achieve the Department's mission, goals, and values and encourages diversity of opinions. Has the ability to enhance his/her own ability and the ability of others to contribute.

Communication – Has a clear expression of ideas, thoughts and expectations and is an active and empathic listener. Understands that people process information differently; takes initiative to build relationships; understands cultural differences.

Staff Development - Recognizes that people are the Department's most valuable resource. Can identify and define needs of the Department, attract appropriate candidates, evaluate, and select the most qualified. Takes the time to develop and encourage staff to achieve their true potential.

Problem Solver - Applies new ways of thinking. Has the ability to solve problems, create new ideas, and develop new approaches to achieve the Department's mission.

In addition, to best serve both our internal and external customers, it is important that our management team understands and is sensitive to the diversity of the people we serve. The composition of our management team should also reflect diversity.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

A minimum rating of 70% must be attained to obtain list eligibility. Hiring interviews may be conducted with the most qualified candidates. All candidates will receive written notification of their examination results. The result of this examination will be used only to fill the position of **Chief, Financial Management Branch**, with the **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**. Applications will be retained for twelve months.

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The examination process will consist of Supplemental Application. Applicants are required to respond to the following six supplemental items. These supplemental items are designed to identify job achievement in specific areas that demonstrate ability to successfully perform at the CEA A level. Responses to the supplemental items will be assessed based on pre-determined job-related 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 that required under the minimum qualifications.

Each applicant for this examination must complete and submit his/her responses to all six supplemental items that follow. Supplemental responses and your application must be postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail by the final filing date. Applications received without responses to the supplemental items will be rejected.

When responding to the supplemental items, applicants must follow these guidelines:

- Your responses must be typewritten or generated by word processing on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, using no smaller than a 12 point font.
- Your responses must be limited to one page per item.
- Identify each page with your full name.
- Make sure your responses are complete, specific, clear, and concise.
- Answer each numbered item separately indicating the corresponding item number for each

response.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION ITEMS:

1. Describe your ability, including demonstrating strong leadership techniques, organizing and motivating groups and/or employees, directing the work of multi-disciplinary professional and administrative staff, and dealing effectively with a variety of individuals, organizations, and state agencies.
2. Describe your ability to gain the confidence and support of top-level administrators and advise on a wide range of budgetary and fiscal matters.
3. Describe your knowledge of and experience with the CALSTARS or other complex accounting systems.
4. Describe your knowledge of and experience with the California legislative and budgetary processes, State control agencies, and other governmental entities that are necessary for effective program implementation.
5. Describe your experience that demonstrates ability to analyze complex budgetary and fiscal problems, and make recommendations for effective courses of action.
6. Please explain why you believe that you are an excellent solution-oriented candidate. If possible, identify a defining moment in your career when you overcame significant challenges to succeed.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Interested applicants must submit:

- A completed Standard State Application (Form 678).
- A Cover Letter
- A Resume
- A Supplemental Application (Responses)

Applications must be submitted by the final filing date to:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, Human Resources
1501 Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 997378 MS 1700-1702, Sacramento, CA 95899-7378
Patti Landaker | (916) 552-9369 | Patti.Landaker@cdph.ca.gov

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Application packages may also be hand-delivered to: California Department of Public Health, Human Resources Branch, 1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.1501, Sacramento, CA.

Questions regarding the examination process should be directed to Patti Landaker at Patti.Landaker@cdph.ca.gov or at (916) 552-9369.

SPECIAL TESTING

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Examination Application." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you meet the requirements stated in this 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 compared with the performance of others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The CALIFORNIA 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.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others.

Class specs: [CEA and Exempt Appointees](#)