CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
RESEARCH SCIENTIST III (VETERINARY SCIENCES)
OPEN EXAMINATION
CONTINUOUS TESTING

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California State Government supports equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, or sexual orientation. It is the objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free 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: Persons who meet the minimum qualifications (entrance requirements) as stated on this announcement may take this examination, which is competitive.

HOW TO APPLY: Applications 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
Selection & Certification Unit
MS 1700-1702
P.O. Box 997378
Sacramento, CA 95899-7378

File in Person Address:
California Department of Public Health
Selection & Certification Unit
1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.1501
Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone: (916) 319-9759

FINAL FILING DATE: There is no final filing date. Testing is considered continuous as dates can be set at any time. The testing office will accept applications continuously and will notify and test applicants of testing as needs warrant.

TESTING PERIOD: A candidate may be tested only once during any testing period. The testing period for this classification is January 1 through December 31.

SALARY RANGES: $5796 - $7255 per month.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Under general direction, incumbents plan, organize, and direct scientific research studies of a highly developed scientific scope and complexity; make independent, complex decisions in their specific scientific field; may serve as scientific advisors or consultants to other lower-level scientists conducting studies in their specific scientific field of expertise; and adapt methods, techniques, and procedures to carry out assignments. Work and conclusions are accepted as technically authoritative and are reviewed only for meeting the assignment's objectives. Incumbents conduct highly specialized phases of a major scientific project or investigation of sufficient scope to require coordination with professional staff from other State, local, or Federal agencies; present scientific research or investigations conducted to public health experts and the community, and publish research in scientific journals; and perform other related work.

VETERINARY SCIENCES: Incumbents in this parenthetical are distinguished from other Research Scientists by being required to design, conduct, analyze, and draw conclusions from research studies and scientific investigations in veterinary public health and food safety and security. Scientific research and investigations will use epidemiologic techniques requiring an understanding of the clinical and laboratory aspects of zoonotic disease (transmission of disease from animals to human). Work in a subspecialty requires advanced knowledge in veterinary preventive medicine, food safety and security, toxicology, pathology, and lab animal medicine. Incumbents have responsibility for the design, conduct, and analysis of complex scientific research or investigational activities involving the ecology of disease transmission through humans, animals (domestic, wildlife, and laboratory), the environment, and/or food sources. In food borne illness outbreaks, investigations are conducted and, using scientific risk assessment procedures, the potential sources of contamination are identified and controlled though scientific research on the source of contamination and the implementation of new food production and biosecurity procedures. Incumbents are required to analyze and draw conclusions from scientific investigations that apply statistical and surveillance techniques for the purpose of understanding the distribution, determinants, and control of infectious zoonotic agents and food borne illnesses.

Positions may exist statewide with the Department of Public Health.

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/resumes **must** include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year), time base, civil service class title(s), and range (if applicable) for all work experience. College course information **must** include title, semester or quarter units, name of institution, completion dates, and degree (if applicable). **Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected. A copy of your unofficial transcripts is required.**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: One year of experience in the California state service performing scientific research duties comparable to a Research Scientist II in the stated specialty or a closely related field.

AND

Possession of a master's degree in the stated specialty or a closely related field.

Or III

One year of progressively responsible scientific research experience in the stated specialty or a closely related field. This experience must have included either: (1) experience with major responsibility for the design and execution of a complex, highly specialized research project; or (2) experience in the coordination and direction of a complex and difficult scientific research effort. This experience must be at a level of responsibility equivalent to that of a Research Scientist II.

AND

Possession of a doctoral degree in the stated specialty or a closely related field.

The required education degree for all patterns must have been obtained from a recognized U.S. university or from a foreign university approved by the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education under the provision of California Education Code Chapter 3, Part 59, Division 10.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS: In addition to the scope defined on this announcement, 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 will consist of an evaluation of training and experience weighted 100%. The training and experience questionnaire is 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 that required under "Minimum Qualifications."

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. 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 24 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: Effective January 1, 2014, Veterans' Preference will be awarded to qualifying Veterans who are successful in the examination in the form of Rank placement rather than points. All individuals awarded Veterans' Preference will be certified in Rank 1 of the eligibility list, regardless of score. All Open Exams/Eligible lists will award Veterans' Preference, regardless of the classification.

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