



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPECIALIST

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Servicewide Open Examination
Examination Code: 8CEAD
Final Filing Date: Continuous

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TESTING DEPARTMENTS

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)

Including:

All Departments Statewide

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

Salary Range:

\$3,851.00 – \$6,403.00 per month

View the [classification specification](#) for the Hazardous Materials Specialist classification.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated below.

Once you have taken the Qualifications Assessment Examination, you may not retake it for twelve (12) months.

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must complete and submit an [Examination Application \(STD. 678\)](#) and [Qualifications Assessment](#).

By mail to:

**Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Office of Workforce Planning
P.O. Box 942883
Sacramento, CA 94283-0001**

Or in person at:

**Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
1515 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95811-7243
Attn: Office of Workforce Planning, 211S**

If you are personally delivering your application and Qualifications Assessment, you must do so between the hours of **8:00 a.m.** and **5:00 p.m.**, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, on or before the cut-off date to the same street address as listed above.

Qualifications Assessments for Hazardous Materials Specialist are available from the CDCR website at: [Hazardous Materials Specialist](#) or in person at the street address listed above.

Completed applications and all required documents must be received or postmarked by the cut-off date in order to be considered. If an application is received after the cut-off date with a late or missing postmark, the application is considered late and will be included in the next cut-off date for processing. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit their application on time and to ensure the envelope is postmarked if applying by way of U.S. mail or contains proof of timely deposit with a parcel delivery or courier service. Dates printed on Mobile Bar Codes, such as the Quick Response (QR) Codes available at the United States Postal Service (USPS), are not considered postmark dates for the purpose of determining timely filing of an application.

NOTE: Only applications with an original signature will be accepted.

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SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you require special testing arrangements due to a verified disability or medical condition, mark the appropriate box on your Examination Application (STD. 678) and you will be contacted to make specific arrangements. You may also contact the Office of Workforce Planning at (916) 322-2545.

APPLICATION DEADLINES/REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must complete and return the Hazardous Materials Specialist Qualifications Assessment along with his/her Examination Application (STD. 678). Candidates who meet the minimum qualifications will have their Qualifications Assessment rated.

All applicants must meet the minimum qualifications for this examination at the time he/she files his/her application.

TEST DATE

Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis.

Cut off dates for processing will be:

July 2, 2021	January 3, 2022	July 1, 2022
October 1, 2021	April 1, 2022	

Note: Check back periodically as cut-off dates may be added in the future. Additionally, cut-off dates are subject to change or be cancelled at any time. Such changes or cancellations will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules.

Results notices will be mailed 6 - 7 weeks following each cut-off date. Please contact the Office of Workforce Planning at (916) 322-2545 if you have not received your notice after 7 weeks.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education: Equivalent to graduation from an accredited college or university or equivalent degree approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education under the provisions of California Education Code Chapter 3, Part 59, Division 10, with major work in biological, chemical, physical, environmental, or soil science; environmental health; environmental or sanitary engineering; toxicology; industrial hygiene or a related field. (Registration as a senior in a recognized institution will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of graduation or its equivalent before they can be considered eligible for appointment. Additional qualifying experience in hazardous materials management, regulation, analysis, or research; environmental research, monitoring, surveillance, or enforcement; or resource recovery may be substituted for the required education on the basis of one year of qualifying experience for each year of college work for up to a maximum of two years. When substituting experience for education, qualifying education must include a minimum of 30 semester units in natural science from an accredited college or equivalent units from an institution approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and 3, Part 59, Division 10.)

NOTE: Equivalent to graduation from college refers to a Bachelor's degree. Applicants must have the number of semester or quarter credits, as well as the required coursework necessary to be awarded a four year Bachelor's degree. **Applicants must include a copy of their unofficial college transcripts or degree with their Examination Application (STD. 678) for verification.**

POSITION DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION(S)

The Hazardous Materials Specialist is the entry, training, and first working level of the series. Under close supervision, as a trainee, incumbents learn the less responsible, professional work associated with the identification and handling of hazardous materials, and management of hazardous waste. Work products are closely reviewed by supervisors. As the first working level, under general supervision, incumbents assist in work of average difficulty that is characterized by reliance on proven techniques and methodologies. Examples include development of less complex procedures and guidelines for hazardous materials handling, identification and preliminary assessment of hazardous material releases, preparation of permit applications and response to regulatory inspections related to hazardous materials and waste.

Position(s) exist statewide with CDCR.

EXAMINATION PLAN

EXAMINATION INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE HELD. This examination will consist of a Qualifications Assessment weighted 100%. To obtain a position on the eligible list, applicants must achieve a minimum rating of 70.00% on the Qualifications Assessment.

The Qualifications Assessment is designed to elicit a range of specific information regarding each candidate's knowledge, skill, abilities, and potential to effectively perform the duties relative to the classification. Candidates who meet the minimum qualifications will have their Qualifications Assessment rated and successful candidates will be placed on an eligible list. **SUBMISSION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT IS MANDATORY.** Candidates who do not submit a completed Qualifications Assessment will be eliminated from this examination.

Qualifications Assessment -- Weighted 100.00%

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Scope: Emphasis in the examination will be on measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each candidate's:

Knowledge of:

1. Basic principles of scientific research.
2. Chemical, biological, physical, and environmental science.
3. Chemical and physical characteristics of hazardous materials and their general effect on human health and the environment.
4. Chemical reactions.
5. Effect of hazardous materials and their interactions on the environment and statistical methods of analysis.

Ability to:

1. Collect environmental data.
2. Analyze and evaluate data and reach sound conclusions.
3. Apply scientific methods and principles.
4. Analyze situations and take appropriate actions.
5. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with local governments and all persons contacted in the work.
6. Prepare clear, complete, and technically accurate reports.
7. Communicate effectively.

The Job Analysis identifies job duties and job requirements for the classification and may be referenced in preparing for the examination. The Job Analysis for the Hazardous Materials Specialist is available on the CDCR website at: [CDCR Job Analysis](#).

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

The resulting eligible list will be established to fill vacancies for CDCR, including all departments statewide.

Names of successful candidates are merged onto the list(s) in order of final scores, regardless of date. Eligibility expires 12 months after establishment unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list(s) warrant a change in this period.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE/CAREER CREDITS

Veterans' Preference will be granted in this examination. Veterans who have achieved permanent civil service status are not eligible to receive Veterans' Preference. Career credits will not be granted in this examination.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the California Correctional Health Care Services are committed to building an inclusive and culturally diverse workplace. We are determined to attract and hire more candidates from diverse communities and empower all employees from a variety of cultural backgrounds, perspectives, and personal experiences. We are proud to foster inclusion and drive collaborative efforts to increase representation at all levels of the Department.

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applications are available at CDCR, California Department of Human Resources (CalHR), local offices of the Employment Development Department, and through your [CalCareer Account](#).

Veterans' Preference: California law allows the granting of Veterans' Preference in any **Open** examination. In accordance with Government Code Sections 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% disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an open 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) Veterans' Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference are available at the CalHR's website by clicking on the following link: [CalCareer Veterans](#). Additional information can also be found at the California Department of Veterans Affairs at [CalVet Veterans](#).

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation 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 applicants will be notified.

Examination Locations: If this examination requires a written test and/or oral interview, they will be scheduled throughout the State at the correctional institutions, youth facilities, and/or parole regions. However, locations of the written test and/or oral interview may be limited or extended as conditions change.

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

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performance in the examination described in this bulletin will be rated against a predetermined job-related rating, and all applicants who pass will be ranked according to their score.

General Qualifications: Applicants must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgement, 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 and fingerprinting may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history.

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) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 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.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
OFFICE OF WORKFORCE PLANNING
EXAMINATION SERVICES UNIT

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