



## LEAD GROUNDSKEEPER 1, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (CF)

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Departmental Open Examination  
Examination Code: 0CEPF  
Final Filing Date: Continuous

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right of 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.

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) are committed to building and fostering a diverse workplace. We believe cultural diversity, backgrounds, experiences, perspectives, and unique identities should be honored, valued, and supported. We believe all staff should be empowered. CDCR/CCHCS are proud to foster inclusion and representation at all levels of both Departments.

### TESTING DEPARTMENTS

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)

### CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

#### Salary Range:

\$4,133.00 - \$5,213.00 per month

View the [classification specification](#) for the Lead Groundskeeper 1, CF 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  
Talent Acquisition and Career Services  
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: Talent Acquisition and Career Services, 101N**

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.

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

**LEAD GROUNDSKEEPER 1, CF**  
**BULLETIN RELEASE DATE: 9/4/2020**

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.

Qualifications Assessments for Lead Groundskeeper 1, CF are available from the CDCR website at: [Lead Groundskeeper 1, CF](#) or in person at the street address listed above.

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

**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 Talent Acquisition and Career Services at (916) 322-2545.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES/REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates must complete and return the Lead Groundskeeper 1, CF 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 by the cut-off date.

**TEST DATE**

Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis.

**Cut-off dates for processing will be:**

August 2, 2021	November 1, 2021	February 1, 2022	May 2, 2022
September 1, 2021	December 1, 2021	March 1, 2022	June 1, 2022
October 1, 2021	January 3, 2022	April 1, 2022	July 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 in 6 – 7 weeks following each cut-off date. Please contact Talent Acquisition and Career Services at (916) 322-2545 if you have not received your notice after 7 weeks.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

**Either 1**

One year of performing the duties of a Lead Groundskeeper (Correctional Facility) or Lead Groundskeeper or three years performing the duties of a Groundskeeper (Correctional Facility) or Groundskeeper in the California state service.

**Or 2**

Four years of experience in planting and cultivating flowers, trees, lawns, and shrubs, and in general ground maintenance work, at least one year of which must have been in the care and maintenance of public parks, large private estates, institutions, in commercial nurseries landscape work or in highway landscaping work. (Completion of a two-year nondegree course in landscape design or landscape gardening may be substituted for two years of the required experience.)

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated above include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" 1, "or" 2, "or" 3, etc. For example, candidates who possess qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern 1, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern 2, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

**OUT-OF-CLASS EXPERIENCE:** A "completion of an out-of-class assignment" memorandum, dated within one year of assignment completion, is required to use as out-of-class experience to meet the minimum qualifications for examination purposes. Employees may obtain this documentation from his/her Institutional Personnel Officer/Personnel Liaison. Out-of-class experience without required documentation will not be considered for examination purposes.

**SPECIAL PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Persons appointed to positions in this class must be reasonably expected to have maintained sufficient strength, agility, and endurance to perform during stressful (physical, mental, and emotional) situations encountered on the job without compromising their health and well-being or that of their fellow employees or that of inmates.

Assignments during tour of duty may include sole responsibility for the supervision of inmates and/or the protection of personal and real property.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION(S)**

A Lead Groundskeeper 1, CF, under direction, to supervise and be responsible for the landscaping and grounds maintenance work in a State correctional facility other than one of the largest in the CDCR or the Division of Juvenile Justice; to lead assistants in this work; to maintain order and supervise the conduct of inmates, youthful

**LEAD GROUNDSKEEPER 1, CF**  
**BULLETIN RELEASE DATE: 9/4/2020**

offenders, residents, or patients; to protect and maintain the safety of persons and property; may instruct, lead, or supervise inmates, youthful offenders, or resident workers; and do other related work.

Positions 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%**

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

**Knowledge of:**

1. Use of modern methods of propagating, planting, cultivating, and caring for trees, shrubs, flowers, and lawns.
2. Plant pests and diseases and the methods for their control and eradication.
3. Methods, materials, equipment, and tools used in gardening work.

**Skill to:**

1. Use of modern methods of propagating, planting, cultivating, and caring for trees, shrubs, flowers, and lawns.

**Ability to:**

1. Communicate effectively.
2. Plan, organize, and direct the work of others.
3. Identify flowers, trees, and shrub commonly grown in California; plan minor ground beautification projects.
4. Direct the layout and repair of roads and walks.
5. Maintain sprinkling and drainage systems.
6. Read and interpret landscaping plans and specifications.
7. Prepare budget estimates and reports.
8. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.

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 Lead Groundskeeper 1, CF 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.

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.

## **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](#).

**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.

**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

**LEAD GROUNDSKEEPER 1, CF**  
**BULLETIN RELEASE DATE: 9/4/2020**

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](#).

**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 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**  
**TALENT ACQUISITION AND CAREER SERVICES**  
**EXAMINATION SERVICES UNIT**

**1515 S STREET, ROOM 101N, SACRAMENTO, CA 95811**

**EMAIL: [ExamHelpDesk@cdcr.ca.gov](mailto:ExamHelpDesk@cdcr.ca.gov)**

**PHONE: (916) 322-2545**

Telecommunications Relay Service: 711

**REVISION DATE: 12/15/2021 - CM**