



Chemist Qualifications Assessment

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

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EXAMINATION INFORMATION

This examination will provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate significant aspects of your qualifications for the **Chemist** classification with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). The information you provide will be rated based on objective criteria created by Subject Matter Experts. The rating will be used to determine your final score in this examination. If successful, your name will be placed on an eligible list for the classification listed above. The list will be used to fill positions statewide with CDCR. A "Conditions of Employment" section is included in this examination which will allow you to select the time bases and location(s) you are interested in working. Please print out, **personally complete**, and sign this examination form.

Read the instructions below carefully before completing the assessment. Failure to do so may result in an inability to process your assessment and disqualification from this examination.

AFFIRMATION STATEMENT

I hereby certify that the information provided on this Qualifications Assessment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and contains no willful misrepresentations or falsifications. I also understand that if it is later discovered that I have made any false representations, I may be removed from the examination and/or the eligible list resulting from this examination, have adverse action taken against me which could result in loss of state employment, and/or suffer loss of right to compete in any future state examinations.

Name (Printed): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Work Telephone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

All applicants must complete and submit the following examination materials:

- [Examination Application \(STD. 678\)](#)
- 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 April 7, 2023 to the street address listed above.

NOTE:

- All examination materials must have original signatures.
- Be sure your envelope has adequate postage if submitting via mail.
- Faxed or emailed copies will **NOT** be accepted under any circumstances.
- Make and keep a photocopy of the completed Qualifications Assessment for your records.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This Qualifications Assessment is the sole component of the examination. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be achieved. Therefore, please be sure to review and follow all instructions carefully as missing or incomplete information may result in disqualification or a lower score.

This examination is comprised of the following areas:

- Affirmation Statement (page 1)
- Filing Instructions / General Instructions (page 2)
- Prior State Employment / Conditions of Employment (pages 3 - 4)
- Rating Instructions (page 5)
- Knowledge & Experience Assessment (pages 6 - 11)
- Recruitment Questionnaire (pages 12 - 13)

YOUR RESPONSES ARE SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION

Please keep in mind that all information provided on this Qualifications Assessment will be subject to verification at any time during the examination process, hiring process, and even after gaining employment. Anyone who misrepresents his/her experience will be subject to adverse consequences, which could include the following action(s):

- Removal from the examination process
- Removal from the eligible list / certification list
- Loss of State employment
- Loss of rights to compete in any future state examinations

PRIOR STATE EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Complete this next section ONLY if you have been previously dismissed from California State Civil Service employment by punitive action or as a result of disciplinary proceedings. IF THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU, please skip this question.

Do you have written permission from the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) to take this examination?

YES

NO

State Personnel Board, Rule 211 provides that a dismissed state employee may only participate in State Civil Service examinations if he/she has obtained prior consent from the State Personnel Board.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

PLEASE MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) OF YOUR CHOICE.

If you are successful in this examination, your name will be placed on an active employment list and referred to fill vacancies Statewide according to the conditions you specify on this form.

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT YOU WILL ACCEPT

Please mark the appropriate box(es) - you may check "(A) Any" if you are willing to accept any type of employment.

(D) Permanent Full-Time (R) Permanent Part-Time (K) Limited-Term Full-Time (A) Any

If all are marked and you receive an appointment other than permanent full-time, your name will continue to be considered for permanent full-time positions.

LOCATION(S) YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK

5 ANYWHERE IN THE STATE – If this box is marked, no further selection is necessary

NORTHERN REGION

0100 – Alameda County

1800 – Lassen County

4500 – Shasta County

0200 – Alpine County

2100 – Marin County

4600 – Sierra County

0300 – Amador County

2300 – Mendocino County

4700 – Siskiyou County

0400 – Butte County

2500 – Modoc County

4800 – Solano County

0500 – Calaveras County

2800 – Napa County

4900 – Sonoma County

0600 – Colusa County

2900 – Nevada County

5100 – Sutter County

0700 – Contra Costa County

3100 – Placer County

5200 – Tehama County

0800 – Del Norte County

3200 – Plumas County

5300 – Trinity County

0900 – El Dorado County

3400 – Sacramento County

5500 – Tuolumne County

1100 – Glenn County

3800 – San Francisco County

5700 – Yolo County

1200 – Humboldt County

3900 – San Joaquin County

5800 – Yuba County

1700 – Lake County

4100 – San Mateo County

CENTRAL REGION

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1000 – Fresno County | <input type="checkbox"/> 2200 – Mariposa County | <input type="checkbox"/> 4000 – San Luis Obispo County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400 – Inyo County | <input type="checkbox"/> 2400 – Merced County | <input type="checkbox"/> 4300 – Santa Clara County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500 – Kern County | <input type="checkbox"/> 2600 – Mono County | <input type="checkbox"/> 4400 – Santa Cruz County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600 – Kings County | <input type="checkbox"/> 2700 – Monterey County | <input type="checkbox"/> 5000 – Stanislaus County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000 – Madera County | <input type="checkbox"/> 3500 – San Benito County | <input type="checkbox"/> 5400 – Tulare County |

SOUTHERN REGION

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1300 – Imperial County | <input type="checkbox"/> 3300 – Riverside County | <input type="checkbox"/> 4200 – Santa Barbara County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900 – Los Angeles County | <input type="checkbox"/> 3600 – San Bernardino County | <input type="checkbox"/> 5600 – Ventura County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3000 – Orange County | <input type="checkbox"/> 3700 – San Diego County | |

ADDRESS OR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

After list release, successful candidates may update any address and/or availability for employment preference information by accessing their [CalCareer Account](http://www.calcareers.ca.gov) (www.calcareers.ca.gov) on the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) website.

Once logged into your CalCareer Account, from the **My Account** page:

- Update your personal information (name, address, phone number) by selecting “Contact Information” under **Account Management**.
- Update your employment preference information (tenure, time base, location preferences) by selecting “Exam / Assessment Records” under **Exams / Assessments**, then selecting the list you have eligibility on, then selecting “Change Conditions of Employment” under **Eligibility Record Actions**.

RATING INSTRUCTIONS

Rate your knowledge and experience performing specific job-related actions, using the rating scale(s) below.

Respond to each statement, beginning on the following page, by indicating how the statement applies to you. You are required to respond to every statement by marking one option for each of the two scales provided. Responses may not be changed or added once submitted to Talent Acquisition and Career Services. Missing responses will result in a lower score.

In responding to each statement, you may refer to your FORMAL EDUCATION, FORMAL TRAINING COURSES, and/or WORK EXPERIENCE whether paid or not paid.

SCALE #1 - KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO PERFORMING THIS ACTION

Extensive Knowledge

I possess an expert knowledge level to the extent that I have effectively performed tasks related to this knowledge in the most difficult and complex situations **and** I have instructed others on specific aspects of this knowledge.

Moderate Knowledge

I possess an advanced knowledge level to the extent that I could effectively perform this task under the majority of circumstances or situations encountered.

Basic Knowledge

I possess a sufficient knowledge level that would allow me to perform this task successfully in routine situations.

Limited Knowledge

I have some knowledge of how to perform this task, but I may require additional instruction to apply my knowledge effectively.

No Knowledge

I have no knowledge of how to perform this task or what it may entail.

SCALE #2 - EXPERIENCE RELATED TO PERFORMING THIS ACTION

Extensive Experience

I have more than 4 years of experience in regularly performing this action **and** I have instructed others on this specific action.

Moderate Experience

I have more than 3 years, but less than 4 years of experience performing this action **and** I can perform it independently.

Basic Experience

I have more than 2 years, but less than 3 years of experience performing this action **and** I have performed it regularly with minimal or no assistance.

Limited Experience

I have less than 2 years of experience in performing this action **and** I may require assistance for successful performance.

No Experience

I have never performed this action.

1. Follow detailed instructions and specific procedures while performing laboratory/chemistry work.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

2. Prepare standard and reagent solutions and samples for analysis.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

3. Perform maintenance of laboratory instrumentation and equipment.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

4. Ensure safe handling and disposal of hazardous chemical and biological materials.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

5. Perform quality control and quality assurance checks to validate the accuracy and precision of measurements.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

6. Calibrate equipment used by field staff to help gather accurate and precise data.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

7. Prepare data for court cases and serve as a technical witness.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

8. Prioritize workload to establish and meet deadlines.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

9. Interact effectively with peers, supervisors, and management.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

10. Complete monthly paperwork (i.e. timecards, travel claims) for monthly processing.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

11. Perform interpretation of the results of laboratory analyses to reflect the regulatory requirements.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

12. Document observations and report analytical results.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

13. Maintain laboratory work area to minimize fire and safety hazards.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

14. Assist in the collection of time sensitive field samples, such as identification, preservation, transportation and documentation.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

15. Assist in the proper handling and storage of samples by regulatory agencies.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

16. Maintain detailed notes documenting laboratory observations and activities.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

17. Maintain laboratory chains of custody to document sample integrity.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

18. Maintain inventory of volatile chemicals and laboratory supplies.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

19. Maintain a level of proficiency in performing assigned laboratory procedures.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

20. Collect samples for in house and contracted testing.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

21. Perform routine chemical and biochemical analysis of water and wastewater per regulatory agencies.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

22. Review contract laboratory results for errors which could trigger resampling or retesting.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

23. Effectively communicate with contract laboratory(s) regarding anomalous results.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

24. Maintain all procedures according to regulatory agencies.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

25. Prepare contract paperwork for laboratory testing.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

26. Provide ongoing training for documentation of Individual Demonstration of Capability.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

27. Maintain Safety Data Sheet (SDS) binder.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

28. Provide validated data for all reports.

Knowledge related to performing this action

- Extensive Knowledge
- Moderate Knowledge
- Basic Knowledge
- Limited Knowledge
- No Knowledge

Experience related to performing this action

- Extensive Experience
- Moderate Experience
- Basic Experience
- Limited Experience
- No Experience

THIS CONCLUDES THE EXAMINATION

REVISION DATE: 02/28/2023 – EM

RECRUITMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Applicants are asked to voluntarily provide the information below. The following data will be used for statistical data gathering and reporting purposes. This questionnaire will be separated from the examination and this information will not be used in any employment decisions.

GENDER

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary

RACE AND ETHNICITY

Check one box that best describes your race or ethnicity.

- | | ASIAN | PACIFIC ISLANDER |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Asian** | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Pacific Islander*** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino (alone or in combination with any other race) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian | <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Races* | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Laotian | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian | |

*If you identify with more than one race that is Non-Hispanic or Latino, select Multiple Races.

**If you identify with more than one Asian ethnicity, select Multiple Asian.

***If you identify with more than one Pacific Islander ethnicity, select Multiple Pacific Islander.

AUTHORITIES

Government Code sections 8310.5, 19705, 19790, 19792(h) and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, sections 599.980, 11013(b) authorize the State of California to collect demographic information on job applicants and exam participants for analysis and statistical purposes.

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RECRUITMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

On behalf of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, we thank you for participating in this examination. To assist us in our recruitment efforts, please tell us how you heard about this examination.

Please check the appropriate box and, where relevant, specify your answer:

- Internet (www.cdcr.ca.gov, www.jobs.ca.gov)
- Job Fair
- Friend/Family Member
- Staffing Agency (Spearhead, Manpower)
- Career Assistance Centers (e.g., Employment Development Department Career Network, Workforce Center)
- State Agency (please specify): _____
- Military Base (please specify): _____
- Local Union (please specify): _____
- Other (please specify): _____

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- Flyer
- Banner
- Employee
- Exam Bulletin E-Blast
- Institution Bulletin Board

Social Media

- Facebook
- Indeed
- Monster

Educational Facility

- College
- Trade School
- School Association
- Specialized Training/Certification Program (e.g., Job Corps, Skill Centers, Regional Occupational Programs)
- Local Apprenticeship Program

Public Advertisements

- Bus
- Truck
- Billboard
- Mobile Ad

Out of State Resource

- Arizona
- Oregon
- Nevada