



LEAD GROUNDSKEEPER 1, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (CF) Qualifications Assessment

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Departmental Open Examination
Final Filing Date: Continuous

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

This examination will provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate significant aspects of your qualifications for the **Lead Groundskeeper 1, CF** 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 cut-off date 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 for Questions 1 - 16 (page 5)
- Knowledge & Experience Assessment for Questions 1 - 16 (pages 6 - 9)
- Additional Rating Instructions for Questions 17 - 27 (page 10)
- Additional Knowledge & Experience Assessment for Questions 17 - 27 (pages 11 - 14)
- Recruitment Questionnaire (pages 15 - 16)

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

0200 – Alpine County

0300 – Amador County

- Mule Creek State Prison

0400 – Butte County

0500 – Calaveras County

0600 – Colusa County

0700 – Contra Costa County

0800 – Del Norte County

- Pelican Bay State Prison

0900 – El Dorado County

1100 – Glenn County

1200 – Humboldt County

1700 – Lake County

1800 – Lassen County

- High Desert State Prison

2100 – Marin County

- CSP, San Quentin

2300 – Mendocino County

2500 – Modoc County

2800 – Napa County

2900 – Nevada County

3100 – Placer County

3200 – Plumas County

3400 – Sacramento County

- CSP, Sacramento
- Folsom State Prison
- Richard A. McGee Correctional Training Center

3800 – San Francisco County

3900 – San Joaquin County

- California Health Care Facility

4100 – San Mateo County

4500 – Shasta County

4600 – Sierra County

4700 – Siskiyou County

4800 – Solano County

- California Medical Facility
- CSP, Solano

4900 – Sonoma County

5100 – Sutter County

5200 – Tehama County

5300 – Trinity County

5500 – Tuolumne County

- Sierra Conservation Center

5700 – Yolo County

5800 – Yuba County

CENTRAL REGION

- 1000 – **Fresno County**
 - Pleasant Valley State Prison
- 1400 – **Inyo County**
- 1500 – **Kern County**
 - California City Correctional Facility
 - California Correctional Institution
 - Kern Valley State Prison
 - North Kern State Prison
 - Wasco State Prison
- 1600 – **Kings County**
 - Avenal State Prison
 - CSP, Corcoran
 - CA Substance Abuse Treatment Facility
- 2000 – **Madera County**
 - Central California Women's Facility
 - Valley State Prison
- 2200 – **Mariposa County**
- 2400 – **Merced County**
- 2600 – **Mono County**
- 2700 – **Monterey County**
 - Correctional Training Facility
 - Salinas Valley State Prison
- 3500 – **San Benito County**
- 4000 – **San Luis Obispo County**
 - California Men's Colony
- 4300 – **Santa Clara County**
- 4400 – **Santa Cruz County**
- 5000 – **Stanislaus County**
- 5400 – **Tulare County**

SOUTHERN REGION

- 1300 – **Imperial County**
 - Calipatria State Prison
 - CSP, Centinela
- 1900 – **Los Angeles County**
 - CSP, Los Angeles County
- 3000 – **Orange County**
- 3300 – **Riverside County**
 - California Rehabilitation Center
 - Chuckawalla Valley State Prison
 - Ironwood State Prison
- 3600 – **San Bernardino County**
 - California Institution for Men
- California Institution for Women
- 3700 – **San Diego County**
 - RJ Donovan Correctional Facility
- 4200 – **Santa Barbara County**
- 5600 – **Ventura 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 FOR QUESTIONS 1 - 16

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

NOTE: The number of years required for the Experience Rating Scale (Scale #2) for questions 1 – 16 is different than the number of years required for the Experience Rating Scale (Scale #2) for questions 17 – 27.

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 the Office of Workforce Planning. 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 5 years of experience in regularly performing this action **and** I have instructed others on this specific action.

Moderate Experience

I have more than 4 years, but less than 5 years of experience performing this action **and** I can perform it independently.

Basic Experience

I have more than 3 years, but less than 4 years of experience performing this action **and** I have performed it regularly with minimal or no assistance.

Limited Experience

I have less than 3 years of experience in performing this action **and** I may require assistance for successful performance.

No Experience

I have never performed this action.

1. Plant and care for trees, hedges, shrubs, flowers, and ornamental plants.

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. Propagate flowers, ornamental plants, and/or shrubs in a greenhouse/nursery.

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. Keep greenhouses and/or nurseries used for propagation in good repair and free from disease and pests.

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. Prepare and treat soil for planting, including spading and fertilizing.

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. Recognize common species of trees, flowers, plants, shrubs, and hedges in order to promote proper care and health.

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. Maintain plants, brush, weeds, and debris along highways/roads.

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. Keep grounds clean and orderly preventing potential safety hazards and maintain aesthetically pleasing work environment.

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. Trim trees, hedges, and shrubs to promote healthy growth.

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. Plan, organize, and/or direct unskilled workers in landscaping/groundskeeping 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

10. Use proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) used in landscaping/groundskeeping 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

11. Use tools and power equipment used in landscaping/groundskeeping 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

12. Maintain hoses, tools, supplies, equipment, lawnmowers, etc. in proper condition and repair.

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. Spray ornamental plants, shrubs, hedges, trees, and flowers to control weeds, insects, and plant disease.

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. Maintain accountability of hazardous materials such as fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides.

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. Maintain safety and security of work materials and work areas.

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. Analyze situations accurately in landscaping/groundskeeping and take effective action.

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

CONTINUE TO THE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

ADDITIONAL RATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUESTIONS 17 - 27

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

Moderate Experience

I have more than 2 years, but less than 3 years of experience performing this action **and** I can perform it independently.

Basic Experience

I have more than 1 year, but less than 2 years of experience performing this action **and** I have performed it regularly with minimal or no assistance.

Limited Experience

I have less than 1 year of experience in performing this action **and** I may require assistance for successful performance.

No Experience

I have never performed this action.

17. Design and install irrigation system(s).

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, adjust, and repair irrigation system(s).

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. Use modern irrigation timers and programs.

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. Maintain accurate daily, weekly, and/or monthly records of groundskeeping efforts.

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. Prune trees, plants, shrubs, hedges, and rose bushes in order to promote and maintain plant health and appearance.

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. Install and maintain drainage systems to prevent erosion, flooding, saturation, etc.

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. Read and interpret landscaping plans and specifications.

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. Prepare cost estimates and reports for landscaping/groundskeeping projects.

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. Plan minor landscape beautification projects.

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. Use modern methods of water conservation.

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. Identify species of trees, flowers, plants, shrubs, and hedges commonly grown in the California climate.

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

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