



## State Park Peace Officer (Lifeguard)

**Exam Code: 0PBHN**

**Department:** Department of Parks and Recreation

**Exam Type:** Departmental, Open

**Final Filing Date:** Continuous

### CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

**State Park Peace Officer (Lifeguard)** – \$5,003.00 - \$7,330.00 per month

View [the State Park Peace Officer \(Lifeguard\) classification specification](#)

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Final Filing Date: Continuous **Who**

#### **Should Apply:**

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated on this bulletin may apply for and take this examination.

Once you have taken this examination, you may not retake it for **“twelve (12)”** months.

#### **How To Apply:**

The link to connect to the Training and Experience Evaluation is located farther down on this bulletin in the “Taking the Exam” section.

#### **Special Testing Arrangements:**

If you require assistance or alternative testing arrangements due to a disability, please contact the testing department listed in the Contact Information section of this bulletin.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this exam bulletin to be accepted into the examination. Part-time or full-time jobs,

regardless of whether paid or volunteer positions, and inside or outside California state service will count toward experience.

### **State Park Peace Officer (Lifeguard)**

#### **All Levels**

Applicants may be admitted into the examination without meeting the requirements within the "All Levels" section, but the applicant must meet those requirements prior to appointment. For the education requirement, students who have completed 30 semester units of the required education may apply, but they must satisfactorily complete the required education before they can be appointed.

Six months of experience performing the duties of a lifeguard in locations other than swimming pools; **and**

Possession of a valid Class C California driver's license issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles; **and**

Must meet the peace officer selection standards developed by the [Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training](#) per Penal Code section 13510(a).; **and**

Applicants for positions in this class are required to pass a drug screening test. Testing of current employees who are applicants in an examination or who are transferring is permitted only if the person does not have a current appointment to a class for which drug testing is a requirement; and

Must pass a swimming/running performance test as conducted by the Department prior to appointment; and

**Education:** Completion of 60 semester units at an accredited college or university including a minimum of 21 semester units satisfying the General Education Curriculum standards as identified for colleges and universities accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

#### **In addition to what is required for all levels:**

Possession of (1) a valid Red Cross Advanced First-Aid Certificate or a valid First Responder Certificate, and (2) either a valid Red Cross or American Heart Association Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certificate. (A valid California Emergency Medical Services Authority issued Emergency Medical Technician Certificate may be substituted for both of the required certificates.) (Applicants who do not possess the

required certificates will be admitted into the examination, but must provide evidence of completion prior to appointment.); **and**

Completion of any California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) accredited Basic Training Law Enforcement Academy. Out-of-state candidates who possess a POST Basic Course Waiver may use it to substitute for the required completion of any California POST accredited Law Enforcement Academy. Candidate must obtain a POST Basic Certificate and a Parks Lifeguard Training Certificate within 12 months of appointment. (Candidates without a Parks Lifeguard Training Certificate may be admitted to the examination and may be appointed, but must obtain a Parks Lifeguard Training Certificate within 12 months of appointment). (Applicants who do not possess the required POST Basic Course Waiver will be admitted into the examination, but must provide evidence of completion prior to appointment.)

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

### **State Park Peace Officer (Lifeguard)**

This is the journey level in the series. Under supervision, incumbents perform visitor services duties within a park district which include: law enforcement, aquatic/public safety, administration, interpretation, and resource protection/management; and may serve as lead persons.

## **EXAMINATION SCOPE**

This examination consists of the following components:

**Training and Experience Evaluation** – Weighted 100% of the final score.

The examination will consist solely of a **Training and Experience Evaluation**. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be received. Applicants will receive their score upon completion of the Training and Experience Evaluation process.

In addition to evaluating applicants' relative knowledge, skills, and ability, as demonstrated by quality and breadth of education and/or experience, emphasis in each exam component will be measuring competitively, relative job demands, each applicant's:

### **Knowledge of:**

1. Basic principles of dealing with the public
2. Basic mathematics as required in accounting for funds
3. Basic grammar and spelling as required in preparing reports and records
4. General resource management and protection

5. Principle recreational areas of the State of California; and surf, ocean, lake, and river swimming, bathing, and boating hazards
6. Principles and practices involved in operating, interpreting, and protecting State park districts
7. Purposes, organization, policies, procedures, and rules of the Department of Parks and Recreation
8. Methods and materials used in preparing and interpreting natural science displays and exhibits
9. Techniques and procedures used in law enforcement
10. Methods of conducting search and rescue
11. Advanced emergency first aid procedures
12. First aid and rescue equipment use and maintenance.

**Ability to:**

1. Swim at a level sufficient to perform lifesaving activities
2. Follow written and oral instructions
3. Learn the principles and practices used in the conservation and interpretation of natural resources
4. Learn to use tools and equipment used on the job
5. Work safely
6. Learn to deal tactfully with individuals and groups
7. Apply theory to practical situations
8. Interpret and apply rules and instructions
9. Communicate effectively
10. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action
11. Perform duties which require physical strength and agility
12. Learn law enforcement rules, regulations, and procedures as a State Park Peace Officer, including arrests and the use of firearms
13. Plan, organize, and direct the work of others
14. Carry out programs in accordance with plans and specifications
15. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with public groups and organizations
16. Lead and train seasonal staff.

## **ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION**

A departmental, open eligible list for the **State Park Peace Officer (Lifeguard)** classification will be established for: **Department of Parks and Recreation**

The names of **successful** competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of exam date. Eligibility expires **eighteen (18) months** after it is established. Applicants must then retake the examination to reestablish eligibility.

Veterans' Preference will be granted for this examination. In accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, whenever any veteran, or widow or widower of a veteran achieves a passing score on an open examination, he or she shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligible list.

Veterans status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Information on this program and [the Veterans' Preference Application](#) (Std. form 1093) is available online. Additional information on veteran benefits is available at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## EXAMINATION INFORMATION

[Preview of the State Park Peace Officer \(Lifeguard\) Training and Experience Evaluation](#)

## PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION

Here is a list of suggested resources to have available prior to taking the exam.

**Employment History:** Employment dates, job titles, organization names and addresses, names of supervisors or persons who can verify your job responsibilities, and phone numbers of persons listed above.

**Education:** School names and addresses, degrees earned, dates attended, courses taken (verifiable on a transcript), persons or office who can verify education, and phone numbers of persons or offices listed above.

**Training:** Class titles, certifications received, names of persons who can verify your training, and phone numbers of persons listed above.

## TAKING THE EXAMINATION

Take [the State Park Peace Officer \(Lifeguard\) examination](#).

## TESTING DEPARTMENTS

Department of Parks and Recreation

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any **technical** questions concerning this examination bulletin, please contact:

California Department of Human Resources  
Attn: Examination Services  
1515 S Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
Phone: 1-866-844-8671

California Relay Service: 1-800-735-2929 (TTY), 1-800-735-2922 (Voice)

## **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.

## **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**

Examination and/or Employment Application (STD 678) forms are available at the California Department of Human Resources, local offices of the Employment Development Department, and through your [CalCareer Account](#).

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.

The Department of General Services 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.

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 may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

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.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the competitor is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.