



State Park Interpreter 2

Exam Code: 2PBAT

Department: Parks and Recreation

Exam Type: Departmental, Open

Final Filing Date: Continuous

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

State Park Interpreter 2 – \$5,028.00 - \$6,296.00 per month

[View the State Park Interpreter 2 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 **nine (9) 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.

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Either 1

Two years of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a(n) Exhibit Specialist, State Archeologist 1, State Historian 1, State Park Interpreter 1, or State Park Naturalist 1, including substantial responsibility for interpretation of State Park programs.

Or 2

Experience: Three years of experience in planning or implementing historical or natural resources interpretive programs involving extensive personal contact with groups and organizations. (Graduate work in interpretation, social sciences, natural sciences, communications, or closely related fields may be substituted for up to one year of the required experience.) and

Education: Equivalent to graduation from college with a degree in interpretation, social sciences, natural sciences, communications, or closely related fields. (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for up to two years of the required education on a year- for-year basis.)

POSITION DESCRIPTION

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Under direction, to do the more difficult or varied work in planning, developing, coordinating and implementing interpretive projects for the Department of Parks and Recreation; to have charge of specific major interpretive projects; and to other related work.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

This examination consists of the following components:

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

The examination consists 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. Interpretive theory, techniques, and media.
2. Historical and natural history features and values of the California State Park System.
3. History and natural history of California.
4. Audio- visual and photographic techniques and media.
5. Principles of supervision and training.
6. Administrative practices and procedures.
7. Methods used in preserving and interpreting historical objects and buildings.

8. Museum administration principles.
9. Private and public organizations concerned with historical and natural history interpretive programs in California.

Ability to:

1. Assume leadership and provide creativity in the planning and implementing of interpretive programs for historical and natural history features.
2. Plan and arrange exhibits.
3. Develop innovative solutions to complex interpretive problems.
4. Interpret historical and natural history concepts to the layperson.
5. Motivate, instruct and evaluate others in the techniques of interpretation of historical and natural features.
6. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
7. Keep necessary records and writes reports.
8. Communicate effectively.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental, open eligible list for the **State Park Interpreter 2** classification will be established for:

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The names of **successful** competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of exam date. Eligibility expires **twelve (12) 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.

Career Credits will **not** be added to the final score of this examination.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

[Preview of the State Park Interpreter 2 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 Interpreter 2 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)

If you have any administrative questions concerning this examination bulletin, including provision of reasonable accommodation for this testing process, please contact:

Department of Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001
Phone: (916) 653-6644

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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 Parks and Recreation 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 12th 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.