



# Driver Safety Hearing Officer (LEAP) LEAP MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT (READINESS EVALUATION)

**Exam Code: 2PBCE**

**Department:** Department of Motor Vehicles

**Exam Type:** Open/Departmental

**Final Filing Date:** Continuous

## CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

**Driver Safety Hearing Officer (LEAP) – \$3,968.00 - \$4,968.00 per month**

[View the Driver Safety Hearing Officer \(LEAP\) classification specification](#)

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LEAP PROGRAM

The Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP) is an alternative examination and appointment process designed to facilitate the recruitment and hiring of persons with disabilities into the State of California civil service. The LEAP examination process is a two-part process that consists of: (1) a Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) **and** (2) a Job Examination Period that is administered and evaluated in the work setting.

To qualify to take this LEAP Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation), you **must** first have LEAP certification issued by the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). For information regarding obtaining LEAP certification from the DOR, visit the [Department of Rehabilitation website](#) and use the search term LEAP Certification. There you will find a link to Find an Office. Alternatively, to find a DOR office near your home, call (916) 5585300, TTY (916) 558-5302.

The legal authority for the Limited Examination and Appointment Program is Government Code Sections 19240-19244.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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### **Should Apply:**

Persons who meet **all** of the following criteria:

1. Individuals with a disability, a record of a disability, or who are regarded as having a disability that limits one or more major life activities;
2. Individuals who have Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP) certification from the California Department of Rehabilitation
3. Individuals who satisfy the minimum qualifications as stated in the minimum qualifications section below

Once you have passed this Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation), you may not retake it for **24 months**.

### **How to Apply:**

The link to connect to the **Driver Safety Hearing Officer (LEAP)** Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) is located on this bulletin in the Taking the Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) section.

### **Special Testing Arrangements:**

If you require special testing arrangements due to a verified disability or medical condition, please contact:

California Department of Human Resources  
CalCareer Service Center  
1810 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
Phone: (866) 844-8671  
Email: [CalCareer@CalHR.CA.GOV](mailto:CalCareer@CalHR.CA.GOV)

California Relay Service: 7-1-1 (TTY and voice)

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## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this exam bulletin to be able to pass this LEAP Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation). Part-time or full-time jobs, regardless of whether paid or volunteer or inside or outside California state service, may count toward experience.

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Pursuant to California Government Code Section 1040, fingerprint/criminal record clearance is required for these positions, and to be eligible for appointment. **AND**

Possession of a valid driver license of the appropriate class issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. (Applicants who do not possess a license will be admitted to the examination but must secure the license prior to appointment.) AND

**Either I**

Education: Equivalent to graduation with a Bachelor's degree from a four-year accredited college or university, preferably with a degree in criminal justice, prelaw, psychology, sociology, or a related field. (Registration as a senior in a recognized institution will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of graduation or its equivalent before they can be considered eligible for appointment.)

**Or II**

Education: Successful completion of the equivalent of nine semester units of college, which must have included at least one course in English composition and two courses in psychology, sociology, or a related field. **and**

Experience: One year of experience in the Department of Motor Vehicles performing the duties of a Licensing/Registration Examiner or Senior Motor Vehicle Technician. (Additional college education may be substituted for the required general experience on the basis of one year of education being equivalent to six months of general experience.) **or**

Experience: Two years of experience in the Department of Motor Vehicles with 18 months of that experience performing the duties of a Motor Vehicle Representative, Range C. (Additional college education may be substituted for the required general experience on the basis of one year of education being equivalent to six months of general experience.) **Or III**

Education: Equivalent to completion of two years (60 semester units or 90 quarter units) of college education which must include at least one course in English composition and two courses in psychology, sociology, or a related field. (Students in their second year of college will be admitted to the examination, but they must produce evidence of completion of the required 60 semester or 90 quarter units before they can be considered eligible for appointment.) **and**

Experience: One year of experience in the Department of Motor Vehicles performing the duties of a class with a level of responsibility comparable to that of at least a Motor Vehicle Assistant, Range B, or Motor Vehicle Representative, Range B. (Additional college education may be substituted for the required general experience on the basis of one year of education being equivalent to six months of general experience.) **or**

Experience: Two years of experience in the Department of Motor Vehicles with at least 18 months of that experience performing duties of a class with a level of responsibility comparable to that of at least an Office Assistant, Range B. (Additional college education may be substituted for the required general experience on the basis of one year of education being equivalent to six months of general experience.)

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**Driver Safety Hearing Officer (LEAP)**

This specification describes a classification used in the Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) Driver Safety Program for prelicensing and postlicensing control of the driving privilege. As triers of facts, incumbents review financial responsibility and driver records; conduct interviews, reexaminations, and hearings relative to the modification, reinstatement, granting, or withdrawal of the driving privilege in cases involving drivers with physical or mental

problems, negligent vehicle operation, fraudulent activity, or noncompliance with the Administrative Per Se statute; function in a lead capacity; and do other related work.

Positions allocated to the Driver Safety Hearing Officer class are located in a regional or headquarters setting. Driver Safety Hearing Officer is a multi-range deep class. As incumbents gain experience in this classification, and in accordance with established procedures, they are assigned progressively more complex difficult work performed within the Driver Safety Program. Upon appointment to the classification, incumbents progress from the entry level of very basic hearings to the full range of hearings, reexaminations, and interviews. These duties include, but are not limited to, conducting Commercial Driver, Financial Responsibility, Physical/Mental, Negligent Operator, Administrative Per Se, or Seizure and Sale and Special Certificate hearings; and functioning in a lead capacity.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT (READINESS EVALUATION) SCOPE**

This assessment consists of the following test component:

#### **Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) – Pass or Fail**

To obtain a position on the **Driver Safety Hearing Officer (LEAP)** referral list, a pass result must be received. Applicants will receive their result upon completion of this Minimum Qualification Assessment.

### **REFERRAL LIST INFORMATION**

A departmental, open referral list for the **Driver Safety Hearing Officer (LEAP)** classification will be established for the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The names of persons who successfully pass this Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) will be merged onto a LEAP Referral List for the **Driver Safety Hearing**

**Officer (LEAP)** classification. Candidates who pass the Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) will remain on the list for 24 months. All State departments may use the **Driver Safety Hearing Officer (LEAP)** Referral List to select candidates for vacant positions.

LEAP Referral List eligibility expires 24 months after it is established. Competitors must then retake the **Driver Safety Hearing Officer (LEAP)** Minimum Qualifications Assessment to reestablish list eligibility

### **LEAP EXAMINATION PROCESS INFORMATION**

#### **PART 1: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT (READINESS EVALUATION) – Weighted 100%**

This LEAP Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Evaluation) consists solely of minimum qualification questions that assess the training, experience and education that you have previously obtained. Your responses to the questions will determine if the

training, experience, and education you have, meet the minimum qualifications for the Driver Safety Hearing Officer classification. If your Minimum Qualifications Assessment (Readiness Assessment) result is “pass”, your name will be placed on the Driver Safety Hearing Officer Referral List and you will have referral list eligibility to apply for Driver Safety Hearing Officer vacancies.

Applicants who obtain Driver Safety Hearing Officer LEAP Referral List eligibility must compete for state of California job vacancies in order to begin PART 2 of this process, which is called the JOB EXAMINATION PERIOD (JEP).

## **PART 2: JOB EXAMINATION PERIOD (JEP)**

The JEP begins after you are hired and obtain an examination appointment. When you perform the duties of your state job, you will be evaluated on your job performance every four weeks or more often. Your evaluation will be based on the classification specification and the duty statement of the position.

The JEP will be the same length as the length of the probationary period for the same nonLEAP classification.

**After successful completion of both the Minimum Qualifications Assessment and the JEP, the result will be a transition from an examination appointment to a standard appointment as an Driver Safety Hearing Officer. If appointed through the LEAP examination process, you will not be required to serve a probationary period.**

## **TAKING THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS ASSESSMENT (Readiness Evaluation)**

Take [the Minimum Qualifications Assessment \(Readiness Evaluation\) for Driver Safety Hearing Officer \(LEAP\)](#)

## **TESTING DEPARTMENTS**

Department of Motor Vehicles

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

California Department of Human Resources  
CalCareer Service Center  
1810 16th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: (866) 844-8671  
Email: [CalCareer@CalHR.CA.GOV](mailto:CalCareer@CalHR.CA.GOV)

California Relay Service: 1-800-735-2929 (TTY), 1-800-735-2922 (Voice) TTY is a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf, and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TTY Device.

## 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 minimum qualifications stated on this bulletin, you may take this assessment. The assessment described in this bulletin will be rated and all applicants who pass will be placed on the **Driver Safety Hearing Officer (LEAP)** referral list.

The California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) reserves the right to revise the examination to better meet the needs of the service, if the circumstances under which this assessment 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.