



SENIOR PERSONNEL SPECIALIST
Exam Code 1MV19

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Department:	Department of Motor Vehicles
Final Filing Date:	February 17, 2012
Type of Recruitment:	Departmental Promotional
Salary:	MONTHLY-RANGED-SALARY - \$3,658.00 to \$4,446.00
Employment Type:	Permanent Full-time Permanent Part-time Permanent Intermittent Limited Term Full-time Limited Term Part-Time Limited Term Intermittent
Exam Type:	State-wide

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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.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

This is a departmental promotional examination for the Department of Motor Vehicles.

1. Applicants must have a permanent civil service appointment with the Department of Motor Vehicles or meet the provisions of State Personnel Board Rules 234 or 235 by the final filing date, in order to take this examination; or
2. Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature for two or more years as defined in Government Code 18990; or
3. Must be a current or former non-elected exempt employee of the Executive Branch for two or more consecutive years as defined in Government Code 18992; or
4. Must be a person retired from the United State military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code 18991.

For applicants under Items 2, 3, or 4, if promotional examinations are given by more than one department for the same classification, the applicant must select one department in which to compete.

Persons applying using Veterans experience must submit a copy of their DD 214 with their Standard State Application (STD. 678).

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

The final filing date is February 17, 2012. Standard State Applications (STD. 678) must be submitted by the final filing date via one of the following two options: postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or hand delivered to the Department of Motor Vehicles and placed in the Examination Drop Box **by 5:00 p.m.**

Standard State Applications (STD. 678) may be downloaded from the State Personnel Board's website at www.jobs.ca.gov. All applications/resumes must include "to" and "from" employment dates (month/day/year), time base, and official classification titles. Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.

Standard State Applications must be marked "Senior Personnel Specialist" and submitted by the final filing date using one of the two options below:

Postmarked by mail to:

Department of Motor Vehicles
Selection and Certification Unit
Senior Personnel Specialist
P.O. Box 932315
Sacramento, CA 94232-3150

OR

In person by 5:00 p.m. to:

Department of Motor Vehicles
Human Resources Branch
2570 - 24th Street
1st Floor Lobby - **Examination Drop Box**
Sacramento, CA 95818

Standard State Applications postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after the final filing date will not be accepted. Standard State Applications will not be accepted via email or fax.

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, please mark the appropriate box on the Standard State Application (STD. 678). You will be contacted about specific testing arrangements.

DEFINITION

"Performing duties of..." To meet this requirement, the applicant must have the amount of experience in State service in the class (or be on a Training and Development Assignment or TAU to the class) specified.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental promotional eligible list will be established for the Department of Motor Vehicles. The list will be abolished 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and/or conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

NOTE: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by the *final filing date*.

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a Personnel Specialist, Range D, or a Personnel Services Specialist II.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

This is the expert journey level of the series. Under general direction, incumbents serve as the expert staff resource responsible for the most difficult and complex personnel/payroll issues. As a "staff specialist," researches critical personnel problems and recommends alternative solutions; develops and maintains specialized training programs; reviews various control agency letters, memos, and bargaining contract provisions, and develops/revises internal procedures as necessary; prepares management reports, spreadsheets, and charts; drafts correspondence; functions as a team member on personnel-related projects; are coordinators for a variety of personnel/payroll programs (e.g., Family Medical Leave Act, etc.) and may act in a lead role (e.g., training, workload, etc.) over lower-level staff.

Positions exist in Sacramento only.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

This examination will consist of a Qualifications Appraisal Interview, weighted 100%. Candidates must achieve a minimum passing score of 70% in order to be placed on the eligible list.

It is anticipated that mandatory interviews will be held in March/April 2012.

Interviews will be conducted in Sacramento only.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL INTERVIEW - WEIGHTED 100%

In addition to evaluating the competitors' relative abilities as demonstrated by quality and breadth of experience, emphasis in the examining interview will be on measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each competitor's knowledge and abilities listed below.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

A. Knowledge of:

1. Current office methods, procedures, equipment, and basic math principles.
2. Laws, rules, regulations, and bargaining unit contract provisions affecting personnel record keeping, personnel transactions, payroll, and certification processes used in State departments.

B. Ability to:

1. Think logically, multitask, and apply laws, rules, regulations, and bargaining contract provisions concerning personnel transactions.
2. Independently interpret and use reference material.
3. Give and follow directions.
4. Gather data.
5. Design and prepare tables, spreadsheets, and charts.
6. Advise employees of their rights.
7. Consult with supervisors on alternative actions which they may take on various transaction situations.
8. Communicate effectively.
9. Operate a computer keyboard/terminal.
10. Establish and maintain cooperative working relations with those contacted during the course of the work.
11. Organize and prioritize work.
12. Create/draft correspondence.
13. Maintain personnel records.
14. Represent the department on intra/interdepartmental teams.
15. Coordinate a variety of personnel/payroll transactions.
16. Research critical transactions and recommend alternative solutions.

VETERANS PREFERENCE

Veterans' Preference Points **will not** be granted for this examination, because it does not meet the requirements to qualify for Veterans' Preference Points.

CAREER CREDITS

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

DISCLAIMER

Please click on the link below to review the official California State Personnel Board class specification: <http://spb.ca.gov/jobs/resources/jobspecs.htm>

GENERAL INFORMATION

For an examination with a written feature, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Department of Motor Vehicles, Selection and Certification Unit at (916) 657-7553 three days prior to the written test date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

For an examination without a written feature, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Department of Motor Vehicles, Selection and Certification Unit at (916) 657-7553, three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

If a candidate's notice of oral interview or Performance Test fails to reach him/her three days prior to their scheduled appointment due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

Examination Locations: When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. However, locations of interviews or performance evaluations may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

Standard State Applications are available at www.jobs.ca.gov, State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the testing department on this job bulletin.

If you meet the requirements stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not ensure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination is compared to established rating criteria. All candidates who pass are ranked according to their scores.

The Department of Motor Vehicles 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 competitors will be notified.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and 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) service-wide 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.

Criminal Record Clearance Information: Some positions, within various divisions of the Department of Motor Vehicles, are subject to fingerprinting and criminal records check requirements. The Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigations will complete this check. Applicants will be notified during the hiring process if the position is affected by the criminal records clearance procedure. Criminal record clearance is a condition of employment in positions affected by this procedure.

Promotional Examinations Only: Competition is limited to employees who have a permanent civil service appointment and military veterans that meet all the minimum qualifications. Under certain circumstances, other employees may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rules 234, 235, and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 233, 234, 235, 235.2, and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at departmental personnel offices, at the State Personnel Board office or www.jobs.ca.gov.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If High School Equivalence is required: 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 State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate 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.

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