



PHARMACIST I

Exam Code: 2RC27

Department: State of California
Exam Type: Servicewide, Open
Final Filing Date: Continuous

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

Pharmacist I (7982) – \$11,488 - \$13,678 per month.

View the [Pharmacist I](#) 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 **six (6)** months.

How To Apply:

Applicants are required to submit (1) a [State Application](#) (Std. Form 678) and (2) [Conditions of Employment](#) (Form 631) for this examination either by mail, in person or via email to the addresses listed below.

By Mail

California Correctional Health Care Services
Examination Services, Bldg. D1
P.O. Box 588500
Elk Grove, CA 95758

In Person

California Correctional Health Care Services
8280 Longleaf Drive
Lobby Drop Box
Elk Grove, CA 95758

Via Email

CPHCSSelectionServices@cdcr.ca.gov

Due to COVID-19, we have limited staff working in the office. Therefore, the preferred method of application submittal at this time is via email. Mailed and dropped off applications will still be accepted, but may have delays in processing.

If you are personally delivering your application, you must do so between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Do not submit applications to the California Department of Human Resources.

Only applications with an original signature will be accepted.

Dates printed on mobile barcodes or equivalent mobile print technology shall not be considered postmarks and, as such, are not acceptable proof of the date an application was filed.

Applications MUST include “to” and “from” dates (month/day/year), time base, civil service class title(s), and range (if applicable) for all work experience. College course information MUST include title, number of semester or quarter units, name of institution, completion dates, and degree (if applicable). Applications received without this information may have delays in processing and/or may be rejected.

Special Testing Arrangements:

If you require special testing arrangements due to a verified disability or medical condition, please contact the 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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Possession of a valid certificate of registration as a licentiate in pharmacy issued by the State Board of Pharmacy. (Individuals in their final semester of an accredited school of pharmacy or have graduated from an accredited school of pharmacy may be admitted to

the examination, however, they must secure a valid certificate of registration as a licentiate in pharmacy before they will be considered eligible for appointment.)

Special Personal Characteristics: Willingness to work in a State institution and freedom from communicable diseases; willingness to work as a team member with other professional staff; willingness to provide patient-oriented services.

Applicants possessing the required license/certificate at the time of application must show the number, title, and expiration date on their Examination Application (Std. Form 678).

POSITION DESCRIPTION

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A Pharmacist I, under direction, prepares, manufactures, and dispenses drugs and pharmaceutical preparations; fills prescriptions; reviews patients' charts and medication regimens; participates in treatment team meetings; provides ongoing consultation to the treatment teams and to the Medical Review Committee; implements and/or maintains unit dose system; as required, supervises and instructs nonprofessional assistants in routine phases of the work; keeps records of drugs, poisons, and narcotics as required by Federal and State laws; properly handles investigational drugs; assists in the preparation of estimates and requisitions for the drugs, sundries and chemicals required, and keeps records of those received, on hand and dispensed; provides or assists with in-service training; supervises, instructs, and is responsible for nonprofessional assistants doing the routine, maintenance, and technical aspects of pharmaceutical work; and performs other related work.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

This examination consists of the following components:

Education and Experience Rating – Weighted 100% of the final score.

The examination will consist solely of an **Education and Experience Rating**. For this reason, it is especially important to include all of your education and/or experience related to the “Minimum Qualifications” and “Position Description” listed on this bulletin in your application. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be received.

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications will be sent their scores approximately 2-3 weeks from the date the application is received.

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. Compounding of prescriptions and stock pharmaceutical preparations;

2. Drugs, chemicals, and pharmaceutical supplies required in the operation of a dispensary;
3. Laws pertaining to dispensing and use of narcotics and poisons;
4. Principles of effective supervision;
5. Department's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program objectives;
6. A manager's role in the EEO Program and the processes available to meet EEO objectives.

Ability to:

1. Compound prescriptions and stock pharmaceutical preparations;
2. Supervise the work of others;
3. Keep records and prepare reports;
4. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action;
5. Assimilate and provide information on drugs and their actions;
6. Effectively contribute to the department's EEO objectives.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A servicewide, open eligible list for the Pharmacist I classification will be established for the State of California (all State of California departments, statewide).

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 are not granted in examinations administered on an open basis.

PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION

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

In an effort to streamline the examination process, please create a [CalCareer Account](#) with CalHR. A CalCareer Account is a one stop shop for taking civil service examinations, applying for state jobs, and provides storage and organization for your documents and communications stemming from job opportunities, all in a paperless format. To sign up for a CalCareer Account, or log in to your existing account, [Click here.](#)

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.

TESTING DEPARTMENTS

State of California (all State of California departments)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS)

Attn: Examination Services

8280 Longleaf Drive

Elk Grove, CA 95758

Phone: (916) 691-5894

Email: CPHCSSelectionServices@cdcr.ca.gov

California Relay Service: 7-1-1 (TTY and 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 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.

CalHR 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.