



GENERAL AUDITOR III
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS



DEPARTMENTAL – PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION
CONTINUOUS TESTING

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The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right to 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.
It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free work place. The use of illegal drugs is against state and federal laws, rules governing civil service and violates the special trust placed in public servants. Applicants for state employment are expected to be drug-free.

WHO CAN APPLY

- 1. Applicants must have a permanent civil service appointment with the Department of Consumer Affairs by the final filing date in order to take this examination; or
2. Meet the provisions of the State Personnel Rules 234 or 235; or
3. Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature for two or more years as defined in Government Code 18990 or
4. 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
5. 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. (Applicants must submit a copy of Form DD214 along with their standard state application [STD. 678]).

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit an application (STD. 678) to the address indicated below. DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.
NOTE: All applications must include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year); time base; civil service class titles and range (if applicable). Applications received without this information may be rejected. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed State Application, Form STD. 678.

WHERE TO APPLY

Please submit applications (STD 678) to the address indicated below.
Department of Consumer Affairs
Attn: Selection Services (C. Gates)
1625 North Market Blvd., Suite N-321
Sacramento, CA 95834

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark "yes" on Question #2 on the Examination and/or Employment Application. The Selection Services Unit will contact you to make special testing arrangements. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) number is (916) 322-1700 or 1 (800) 735-2929.

FINAL FILE DATE

There is no final filing date. Testing is considered continuous as dates can be set at any time. The testing office will accept applications continuously and will notify and test applicants as needs warrant.

SALARY RANGE

\$4,829 to \$6,350 per month

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The General Auditor III acts as a lead person to a group of auditors in planning the scope and procedure of audits and advises on difficult problems of audit techniques and procedure or on application of the law; prepares audit reports for uniform application of agency and departmental policy, of the law and for adequacy of audit procedures and techniques and reasonableness of audit findings and recommendations; refers to supervisor major problems requiring policy decision or legal interpretation; makes the more difficult public contacts and writes correspondence in explaining provisions and application of the law and discussing audit procedures, findings, and recommendations with taxpayers or parties subject to various State regulations.

Performs the more complex field audits in cases frequently complicated by such factors as the large size of organization with correspondingly complex accounting systems and the proper determination of assets, liabilities, ownership equities, income, costs, and expenses in accordance with generally accepted accounting and auditing principles; tests current modifiers and standards and develops new bases of allocation and assists in revising the Manual of Instruction to reflect such changes.

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**REQUIREMENTS
FOR ADMITTANCE
TO THE
EXAMINATION**

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination on the date that they complete and submit their application to the above address.

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" I, "or" II, etc. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

**MINIMUM
QUALIFICATIONS****Either I**

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a professional accounting or auditing class equivalent in level to General Auditor II.

Or II

Experience: Three years of increasingly responsible professional accounting or auditing experience. For at least one year, this responsibility must have been at a level equivalent to conducting a variety of audits or financial examinations.

AND

Education: Either

1. Equivalent to graduation from college, with specialization in accounting. or

2. Completion of either:

(a) A prescribed professional accounting curriculum given by a residence or correspondence school of accountancy including courses in elementary and advanced accounting, auditing, cost accounting and business law; or

(b) The equivalent of sixteen semester hours of professional accounting courses given by a collegiate-grade residence institution, including courses in elementary and advanced accounting, auditing, and cost accounting; and three semester hours of business law.

**EXAMINATION
INFORMATION****QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL – WEIGHTED 100%**

This examination may consist of a Qualifications Appraisal Panel (QAP) Interview weighted 100%. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained in the interview.

If conditions warrant, this examination may utilize an evaluation of each candidate's experience and education compared to a standard developed from the class specification. For this reason, it is especially important that each candidate take special care in accurately and completely filling out their application. List all experience relevant to the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" shown on this announcement, regardless of how long it has been since you attained the experience. Supplementary information will be accepted but read the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" carefully to see what kind of information will be useful to the staff doing the evaluation.

EXAM SCOPE**Knowledge of:**

1. Accounting and auditing principles and procedures and applying them in the work performed.
2. Business law.

Ability to:

1. Apply accounting and auditing principles and procedures in the work performed.
2. Analyze data and draw sound conclusions.
3. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
4. Prepare clear, complete, concise reports.
5. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in the work.
6. Speak and write effectively.

Special Personal Characteristics: Ability to qualify for a fidelity bond; willingness to travel and work away from the headquarters office.

**ELIGIBLE LIST
INFORMATION**

Names of successful competitors are merged onto a departmental promotional list established for use by the Department of Consumer Affairs, in order of final scores regardless of testing date. Eligibility expires 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

**VETERANS
PREFERENCE**

Veteran's preference credit is not granted in promotional exams.

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QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions concerning this announcement, please contact the Department of Consumer Affairs, Selection Services Unit, 1625 N. Market Street, Suite N 321, Sacramento, CA 95834, (916) 574-8370.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Consumer Affairs 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.

It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Department of Consumer Affairs' Selection Services Unit at (916) 574-8370 three weeks after the final file date if a progress notice is not received.

Applications are available at www.jobs.ca.gov.

If you meet the requirements stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared against predetermined rating criteria. All candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

Veterans' Preference: Effective January 1, 2014, in accordance with Government Code 18973.1 and 18973.5, Veterans' Preference will be awarded as follows: 1.) Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an entrance examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for Veterans' Preference. 2.) An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination. And 3.) Veterans' Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status. Veteran status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference are on the Veterans' Preference Application (Std. Form 1093), which is available at <http://jobs.ca.gov/Job/Veteransinformation>, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Promotional Examinations Only: Competition is limited to employees who have a permanent civil service appointment. 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 examination. These rules may be reviewed at departmental personnel offices or at the Information Center of the State Personnel Board.

Employment lists: Employment lists are established by competitive examination and are used in the following order, regardless of list date: 1) sub divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multidepartmental promotional, 4) service wide promotional, 5) departmental open, and 6) open. The oldest dated list will be used first. All lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others. Competitors must be in a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the essential functions of the duties assigned to the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation of employment records, personal history, and fingerprinting may be required.