

CALIFORNIA PRISON INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

ASSOCIATE ACCOUNTING ANALYST EXAM ID: 9PI24

PROMOTIONAL (FOR CALIFORNIA PRISON INDUSTRY AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES ONLY)

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER TO ALL REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, DISABILITY, RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION, AGE, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

IT IS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR 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.

POSITION (S) EXIST	Central Office, Folsom, CA
WHO SHOULD APPLY	Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications (entrance requirements). This is a promotional examination. Applicants must have a permanent civil service appointment and be currently employed with the California Prison Industry Authority as of the final filing date, in order to participate in this examination <u>or</u> must be: 1) current or former legislative employee meeting the criteria defined in Government Code (GC) , Section 18990 <u>or</u> 2) an exempt employee meeting the criteria defined in GC, Section 18992 <u>or</u> 3) a person retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in GC, Section 18991. (If applicable, please submit a copy of your DD214 or other official discharge documents.)
HOW TO APPLY	Applications (Form 678) are available, and must be filed by mail or in person with the California Prison Industry Authority, Examination Unit, 560 East Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630-2200 by the final filing date. DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD
FINAL FILING DATE	Applications (Form 678) must be POSTMARKED no later than DECEMBER 24, 2009 . Applications postmarked, personally delivered or received via interoffice mail after the final filing date will not be accepted for any reason.
EXAMINATION DATE	It is anticipated that interviews will be held during February 2010.
SALARY	\$4619-\$5616
SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS	If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Examination Application". You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.
ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION	A subdivisional promotional eligibility list will be established for the California Prison Industry Authority. The list will be abolished 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.
POSITION DESCRIPTION	An Associate Accounting Analyst performs the most complex and technical analytical duties with knowledge of accounting, business management, and principles of finance in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). This is the full journey level classification requiring independence and proficiency in handling difficult and challenging assignments in cost accounting and inventory management utilizing CALPIA's Manufacturing and Accounting Application - Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERPlx).

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION	<p>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, “or” III, 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 requirements.</p> <p>NOTE: Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination. Applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by the date your application is signed. All applications/resumes must include “to” and “from” employment dates (month/day/year), time-base, and official employment titles. Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.</p>
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	<p><u>EDUCATION REQUIREMENT:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Either I</p> <p>Equivalent to graduation from college with a specialization in accounting. (Registration as a senior student in a recognized institution will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of successful completion of the curriculum and the prescribed courses before they may be considered eligible for appointment.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or II</p> <p>Completion of the equivalent of 45 semester units given by a collegiate-grade residence or correspondence institution, of which 24 units must include courses in financial accounting, managerial accounting, first semester intermediate accounting and advanced accounting (or second semester intermediate accounting), fund/governmental accounting, cost accounting, auditing, business law, computer applications/management information systems.</p> <p><u>EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Either I</p> <p>One year of experience in the California state service performing accounting analyst, professional accounting, accounting systems or auditing duties at a level of responsibility equivalent to Accounting Analyst, Range C.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or II</p> <p>Three years of increasingly responsible accounting analyst, professional accounting, accounting systems or auditing experience in a governmental or private setting. (Experience in the California state service applied toward this requirement must include at least one year performing the duties of a class at a level of responsibility not less than that of Accounting Analyst, Range C.)</p> <p>Promotional candidates who have completed the education requirement and who are within six months of satisfying the experience requirement for this class will be admitted to the examination, but they must fully meet the experience requirement before being eligible for appointment.</p> <p><u>NOTE: Applications must contain the following information on all accounting, auditing, business law, and related courses completed: title, semester or quarter credits, name of institution, and completion date. Evidence of completion of required course work must be attached to the application at the time of filing (i.e., copy of transcript.) Applications received without this information will be rejected.</u></p>
EXAMINATION INFORMATION	<p>This examination will consist of a qualifications appraisal interview weighted 100%. Competitors should be prepared to answer questions relating to the areas shown under “Scope.” In order to attain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70.00 must be attained in the interview. Competitors who do not appear for the interview will be disqualified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Qualifications Appraisal Interview – Weighted 100%</p>

SCOPE	<p>In addition to evaluating the competitor's relative abilities as demonstrated by length and breadth of experience, emphasis in the examining interview will be on measuring each competitor's:</p> <p>A. Knowledge of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accounting principles and procedures. 2. Governmental accounting and budgeting. 3. Principles of electronic data processing. 4. Principles of policy formulation. 5. Statistical methods. 6. Principles of finance. 7. Business law. 8. Principles of business management. 9. The uniform accounting system and the financial organization and procedures of the State of California, policies, rules, and regulations of the Legislature, State Controller, State Treasurer, Department of Finance, and central control agencies as they relate to State agency financial management activities. <p>B. Ability to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply accounting principles and practices. 2. Analyze data and draw sound conclusions. 3. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action. 4. Prepare clear, comprehensive, and concise reports. 5. Apply principles of finance and develop financial policy. 6. Apply statistical methods. 7. Analyze a variety of accounting data. 8. Identify trends, make projections, and draw sound conclusions. 9. Make sound decisions and recommendations with regard to accounting problems. 10. Work closely with operating managers to identify accounting office capabilities as they apply to a variety of program needs. 11. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in the work. 12. Interpret and apply laws, rules, standards and procedures. 13. Communicate effectively.
SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTIC	Ability to qualify for a fidelity bond.
ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS	Preferred additional education includes courses in statistics, business finance, mathematics, college composition, speech/oral communications and/or business composition.
EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE	If conditions warrant, this examination may utilize an evaluation of each candidate's experience and education compared to the standards developed from the class specification. For this reason, it is especially important that each candidate take special care in accurately and completely filling out his or her application. List all experience relevant to the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination". Supplementary information will be accepted, but read the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" and "Scope" carefully to see what kind of information will be useful to the staff doing the evaluation.
VETERANS' PREFERENCE/CAREER CREDITS	Veterans' preference credits and career credits are not granted in promotional examinations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Questions If you have any questions concerning this announcement, please contact the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA), Examination Unit, 560 East Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630-2200 at (916) 358-2696.

For an examination without a written feature, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the California Prison Industry Authority at (916) 358-2696 three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

If a candidate's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview, due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

Applications are available at State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department, and the Department noted on the front, and at www.pia.ca.gov.

If you meet the requirements stated on the reverse, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on the other side of this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The California Prison Industry Authority 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 law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

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. Ordinarily, oral interviews are scheduled at Folsom headquarters and correctional institutions throughout the State. However, locations of interviews may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) Subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental, 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 from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin and under certain circumstances may be extended beyond that time.

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 candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability and Equal Employment Opportunity Statement: The California Prison Industry Authority does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or in the admission and access to its program or activities. The Equal Employment Opportunity Office has been designated to coordinate and carry out this agency's compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Information concerning the provisions of the ADA, and the rights provided thereunder, is available from the ADA Coordinator at 560 East Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630-2200.

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