

Memorandum

To: CAL FIRE Employees

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Subject: EXAMINATION INFORMATION

As you may be aware, the State Personnel Board (SPB) has suspended CAL FIRE's examination delegation and abolished the examination lists for five of our classifications: Fire Captain, Fire Captain (Paramedic), Fire Fighter II (FF II), Fire Apparatus Engineer (FAE) and Battalion Chief. This memo is to clarify the SPB decision and what it means to CAL FIRE.

With respect to the suspension of the examination delegation, the Department may no longer conduct examinations for hiring without the SPB's approval of the examination plan and materials. Although this may delay the Department's ability to conduct examinations, it does not mean that CAL FIRE is unable to conduct examinations. In fact, a Fire Captain and Fire Captain (Paramedic) examination announcement will be issued around the beginning of March. The examination will be an on-line examination assessable on the SPB website.

For the other classifications where the examination lists have been abolished, the Department is working with the SPB to develop new examinations. In the interim, the Department has authority to fill these positions with other appointment options such as temporary authorization (TAU) appointments. Individuals interested in appointments to these positions should watch for further communications from the Department on how to apply for these positions (e.g. Internet and Intranet postings).

Rumor is circulating that individuals who previously worked as Limited Term Fire Fighter II or Fire Apparatus Engineers should file an application for a Fire Fighter I position so the individual will be eligible for out-of-class compensation as either a Fire Fighter II or Fire Apparatus Engineer. Based upon the authorization from SPB to utilize the TAU process, this is not necessary. Fire Fighter I applications will not be considered for employment for other classifications.

For more information regarding examinations in progress, please visit the Exam Intranet page at <http://cdfweb/EmployeeInfo/HumanResources/Exams/currentexam.htm>.