



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE

**EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS A
REGISTERED DAIRY INSPECTOR**

Required by Section 33112 of the Food & Agricultural Code

Final Filing Date July 10, 2025

Date of written examination July 25, 2025

Locations: Central Region (Fresno), North Coast Region (Sacramento), Southern Region (Ontario), and North Valley Region (Modesto)

Written examinations may be held in other locations in California as the number of applicants and conditions warrant. Those successful in the written examination will be scheduled for an oral examination.

FEES: A \$10.00 non-returnable processing fee must accompany each application. A non-returnable examination fee of \$30.00 is due by the final filing date.

CERTIFICATION: Certification as a Registered Dairy Inspector will meet the Food & Agricultural Code requirements for employment with any Approved Milk Inspection Service, or the entrance examination for State employment in the enforcement of laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to production and processing of milk and milk products.

Persons certified as Registered Dairy Inspectors must meet all the requirements established by the local jurisdiction, which may include an additional examination and may include a county residence requirement.

REQUIREMENTS: Note - These are entrance requirements for admission to the examination. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. A Candidate's performance in each part of the examination described below will be judged in comparison with the performance of other candidates.

California residence is not required.

Either I

Graduation from a four-year college with specialization in studies which related to dairy farms, milk and milk products, the Food Sciences, or Animal Science.

Or II

Graduation from a veterinary college of recognized standing at the time of graduation, and at least one year of experience in the production, processing, or inspection of milk or milk products.

Or III

Employed as a Registered Sanitarian in the State of California for at least two years immediately prior to applying for the certification examination, and possession of a Bachelor's degree.

An official, sealed college transcript of record must accompany every application. Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved agency prior to submission.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION: This examination will consist of a written test and a qualifications appraisal interview. A minimum rating of 75.00% must be obtained in each part of the examination.

Written Test

1. Pasteurization of milk and milk products, pasteurizing equipment, operation and testing methods.
2. Standards of milk and dairy products.
3. Laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to milk and dairy products, Division 15, of the Food & Agricultural Code, and Title 3, Chapter 2, Subchapter 1, of the Administrative Code.
4. Chemical and bacteriological technique relating to dairy products.
5. Production and processing practices within the dairy industry.

Oral Qualifications Appraisal

Education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his recognition of his own training needs; his plans for development. Personal qualifications include the ability to establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in State work.

Application Packages must include: RDI Exam Application, State Employment Application, & Sealed College Transcripts -

Forms are obtainable from the Department of Food & Agriculture by email:

CDFA.MDFSB_RDI@cdfa.ca.gov or links below.

RDI Exam application:

http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Milk_and_Dairy_Food_Safety/pdfs/RDI-Exam_application.pdf

State Employment application Std 678: Set up a CalCareer account to create and save the State employment application electronically: <https://jobs.ca.gov/> .

Applications must be filed, or postmarked, not later than midnight of the final filing date. Send applications to Milk & Dairy Food Safety Branch, Attn: RDI Exam, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814