

Food, Drug and Lodging Surveyor

Job Code	Job Title	Pay Grade
8221A3	Food, Drug and Lodging Surveyor I	23
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CONCEPT:

This is technical public health sanitation work in the areas of food, drug and lodging regulation and consumer product safety.

TASKS

- Conducts comprehensive inspections of a wide variety of food processing, food service, lodging and storage facilities in assigned areas of the state. Includes conducting inspections of wholesale and retail food establishments, restaurants, food manufacturing and processing facilities, warehouses, locker plants, concession stands, etc. Prepares detailed reports of findings. Recommends the approval or denial of licensure and/or enforcement actions including civil fines or facility closure.
- Embargoes the sale of products found during inspections to be of questionable quality or safety or in violation of federal or state laws. Includes the authority to immediately prohibit the sale or dispensation of such products.
- Collects samples of products for bacteriological or chemical analysis. Recommends court action to obtain seizure and proper disposal of adulterated or misbranded foods, drugs and cosmetics; testifies in routine court cases.
- Reviews plans and conducts a pre-construction and pre-licensure surveys; provides consultation on potential problems, regulations and facility design as it applies to general sanitation.
- Participates in the investigation of complaints concerning violations of the regulations, unsanitary conditions, food borne illnesses, medical quackery, unsafe consumer products and other related health issues.
- Acts as an expert witness in more complex court cases involving food, drug, and lodging establishments; gathers legally defensible evidence for presentation at court proceedings; may present testimony at legislative hearings.
- Participates in twenty-four hour on-call duty to survey train wrecks, truck wrecks, floods, fires, tornadoes, and other natural disasters involving foods, drugs or cosmetic products; determines amount of contamination and the most appropriate method of disposal or destruction of contaminated products; conducts follow-up on contaminated products to assure compliance with interstate shipment

LEVELS OF WORK

- Class Group consists of two classes.

Food, Drug and Lodging Surveyor I - Conducts comprehensive inspections of and provides consultation to a wide variety of food service, food processing, drug, lodging and storage establishments in assigned areas of the state to assure compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Minimum Requirements:

Bachelor of Science degree in a biological or physical science. Experience may be substituted for education as determined relevant by the agency.

Food, Drug and Lodging Surveyor II - Work includes handling the more difficult cases and participating in the training and standardization of lower level surveyors and surveyors employed by local health agencies under contract with the agency to perform food service establishment, drug and lodging inspections. Work also includes city, county or regional food establishment surveys to determine effectiveness of local regulatory and inspection programs.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor of Science degree in a biological or physical science and one year of experience in environmental/public health or sanitation. Additional experience in the areas listed above may be substituted for the required education as determined relevant by the agency.