

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Performs subprofessional environmental health inspections; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is routine, subprofessional environmental health work involving responsibility for making inspections and carrying out one or more specialized phases of the environmental health program in any municipal Health Department. The work involves gathering information for use by Public Health Engineers and Public Health Sanitarians in determining compliance with local and state Sanitary Code requirements. Depending upon assignments, the work is performed under general or direct supervision of a technical superior who reviews reports and provides advisory assistance when necessary.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)

- Makes routine and follow-up inspections of sanitary and safety conditions of camps, hotels, lodging and boarding houses, and other premises including semi-public or individual water supplies and sewage disposal devices, refuse disposal, air pollution, x-ray installations, public health nuisance complaints, and general sanitation;
- Makes routine and follow-up inspections of dairy farms and milk pasteurization plants, collects milk and water samples and otherwise assists in enforcement of local and state Sanitary Codes in relation to milk supplies and dairy products;
- Makes routine and follow-up inspections of handling, display, and storage of food in retail establishments;
- Makes routine and follow-up inspections of restaurants and public eating places, including arrangements of food handling, food service, dishwashing and disinfection of dishes and utensils;
- Collects swab samples and water samples;
- Makes routine and follow-up inspections of swimming pools and places to determine compliance with local and state Sanitary Code requirements;
- Makes routine and follow-up inspections of nuisances, mosquito and fly breeding places, rodent harborage, and related matters;
- Maintains records and completes inspection reports;
- Performs other specific tasks related to above matters as required.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: Practical working knowledge and understanding of the basic principles and practices related to proper environmental health inspection of the establishments and matters mentioned above; good knowledge of acceptable compliance with provision of the State Sanitary Code related to the above establishments and matters; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with the public; skill in inspection techniques; good observation, mental alertness; firmness; tact; good judgement; good physical condition.

ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Either:

1.) Satisfactory completion of a one year training period (See Note 1) equivalent to that of an Environmental Health Technician Trainee and either:

a.) An associate's degree in applied science including a minimum of 12 semester credit hours in natural science or related courses acceptable to the State Commissioner of Health;

OR

b.) Satisfactory completion of 60 semester credit hours of academic education in a college including a minimum of 12 semester credit hours in natural science or related courses acceptable to the State Commissioner of Health;

OR

c.) Satisfactory completion of 30 semester credit hours of academic education in college including a minimum of 12 semester credit hours in natural science or related courses acceptable to the State Commissioner of Health and three years of satisfactory experience in environmental health;

OR

2.) An associate's degree in applied science in a course specifically approved by the Public Health Counsel;

OR

3.) The successful completion of a training and educational program for environmental health technicians for which an associate degree is granted and which has been approved by the State Commissioner of Health.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Individuals who meet the above requirements may apply for a certificate as Environmental Health Technician issued by the State of New York. Possession of the certificate is required at the time of appointment.

NOTE 1: During the one year training period, an in-service training program approved by the State Commissioner of Health, including a course in environmental health approved by the Public Health Council, must be satisfactorily completed.

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NOTE 2: Sanitary Inspectors employed prior to December 31, 1962 whose qualifications have previously been approved by the Public Health Council in the Sanitary Inspector grade shall be considered to have the qualifications required for Environmental Health Technician.

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CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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