



## VETERINARIAN

### Characteristics of Work

Incumbents in this position perform professional and administrative duties in the enforcement of state laws and regulations relating to the investigation, control or eradication of animal diseases or conditions detrimental to man. These duties may be performed as an agency head or under administrative direction.

### Examples of Work

**Examples of work performed in this classification include, but are not limited to, the following:**

Makes recommendations based on laws and regulations governing the control measures and eradication of infectious and contagious diseases of livestock and poultry.

Develops and directs the various livestock and poultry disease programs.

Investigates and institutes control measures upon reports of infectious and contagious diseases of livestock and poultry.

Plans and supervises epidemiological investigations and studies, prepares reports and recommends measures for prevention and control.

Enforces laws and regulations governing interstate and intrastate movement of livestock.

Directs the operation of the State Livestock Diagnostic Laboratories.

Advises livestock and poultry producers as to proper methods and procedures to control diseases on farms of production areas.

Supervises work of personnel in the State Livestock Diagnostic Laboratories.

Performs post-mortems and ante-mortem inspections.

Checks plant and inspector procedures and suggests improvements where necessary.

Performs autopsies on animals and poultry presented for diagnostic work and takes necessary specimens needed for diagnostic examination.

Confirms inspectors' analyses.

Performs related or similar duties as required or assigned.

### Essential Functions

**Additional essential functions may be identified and included by the hiring agency. The essential functions include, but are not limited to, the following:**

1. Makes recommendations of and enforces laws and regulations relating to the investigation, control or eradication of animal diseases.
2. Investigates and supervises the investigation of animal diseases.
3. Directs laboratory operations and programs.

### Minimum Qualifications

These minimum qualifications have been agreed upon by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in this job class and are based upon a job analysis and the essential functions. However, if a candidate believes he/she is qualified for the job although he/she does not have the minimum qualifications set forth below, he/she may request special consideration through substitution of related education and experience, demonstrating the ability to perform the essential functions of the position. Any request to substitute related education or experience for minimum qualifications must be addressed to the State Personnel Board in writing, identifying the related education and experience which demonstrates the candidate's ability to perform all essential functions of the position.

**Physical Requirements:** These physical requirements are not exhaustive, and additional job related physical requirements may be added to these by individual agencies on an as needed basis. Corrective devices may be used to meet physical requirements. These are typical requirements; however, reasonable accommodations may be possible.

**Moderate Work:** May frequently exert force equivalent to lifting up to approximately 25 pounds and/or occasionally exert force equivalent to lifting up to approximately 50 pounds.

**Vision:** Requires the ability to perceive the nature of objects by the eye.

**Near Acuity:** Clarity of vision at 20 inches or less.

**Midrange:** Clarity of vision at distances of more than 20 inches and less than 20 feet.

**Far Acuity:** Clarity of vision at 20 feet or more.

**Field of Vision:** Ability to observe an area up or down, left or right while eyes are fixed on a given point.

**Depth Perception:** Three-dimensional vision. Ability to judge distance and space relationships so as to see objects where and as they actually are.

**Accommodation:** Ability to adjust focus.

**Color Vision:** Ability to identify colors.

**Speaking/Hearing:** Ability to give and receive information through speaking and listening skills.

**Taste/Smell:** Ability to use the sense of smell to recognize and distinguish odors. Ability to use the sense of taste to recognize and distinguish flavors.

**Motor Coordination:** While performing the duties of this job, the incumbent is regularly required to sit; use hands to finger, handle or feel objects, tools or controls; and reach with

hands and arms. The incumbent is frequently required to stand; walk; and stoop, kneel, crouch, or bend. The incumbent is occasionally required to climb or balance.

**Experience/Educational Requirements:**

**Education:**

Graduation from a recognized school of Veterinary Medicine and possession of a license to practice as a Veterinarian in Mississippi.

**Required Document:** Applicant must attach a valid copy of his/her license to practice as a Veterinarian in Mississippi.

**Interview Requirements**

Any candidate who is called to an agency for an interview must notify the interviewing agency in writing of any reasonable accommodation needed prior to the date of the interview.