

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for assisting the Director of Weights and Measures in administering and enforcing the provisions of the Agriculture and Markets Law, Rules and Regulations as they relate to weights and measures. Work is carried out in accordance with established procedures and involves assisting in the testing and verifying the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices in the County, and in performing related record keeping activities. The class differs from that of Director of Weights and measures in that the incumbent is at a lower level and generally assists the Director in carrying out the requirements of the Office. Depending on assignment, the work is performed under the direct or general supervision of the Director. As incumbents in the class gain experience in the field they perform duties with increasing independence. Supervision of subordinate employees is not normally a function of the class. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Visits stores, markets, warehouses, wholesale houses, gas stations, and other establishments to test and verify the accuracy of weights and measuring devices;

Using standard weights and measures determines the accuracy of scales, meters, rules and other measuring devices;

Using calibrated containers, tests fluid measuring devices such as service state gasoline pumps;

Using standard weight checks for accuracy meat, produce and platform scales;

Seals those pumps, metering devices and scales when found to be accurate within the allowable tolerance;

Orders faulty measuring and weighing devices repaired or replaced depending on the condition and repairability of the devices;

Responds to consumer complaints by investigation or testing as the occasion demands;

Examines and checks the contents of pre-packaged foods to determine the accuracy of labeling practices;

Removes, or orders removed from sale those products not meeting the volume, weight or count as declared on the package label;

May be required to testify in court in consumer fraud litigation;

Submits narrative reports of inspections, violations and ordered repairs as required by regulations.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Working knowledge of Laws, Rules and Regulations governing Weights and Measures programs; working knowledge of practices and procedures used to inspect, test and ascertain if weighing and measuring devices and systems are correct or being used correctly; working knowledge of investigative techniques; skill in inspecting and testing weighing and measuring devices and systems; ability to read and interpret complex written material, state laws and departmental regulations pertaining to consumer protection; mechanical aptitude and the ability to understand complex mechanical equipment, its construction, repair and adjustments; ability to make mathematical calculations quickly and accurately; ability to write reports; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position including the ability to lift and carry objects weighing 50 pounds.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Graduation from a New York State registered or regionally accredited two (2) year college or university with an Associate's Degree in Engineering Science, Electrical Technology, Mechanical Technology, Mathematics or related technical field; **OR**
- B. Two (2) year of experience in one or a combination of the following areas:
 - 1. Field enforcement of weights and measures law; **OR**
 - 2. Repair or inspection of weights or measuring devices; **OR**
 - 3. Package weighing and control; **OR**
 - 4. Laboratory related work requiring precision weighing and measuring; **OR**
 - 5. Packaging or selling or related work which required the frequent use of weighing or measuring products with weighing/ measuring equipment; **OR**
- C. An equivalent combination of training and experience as indicated in A and B above.

Special Requirements: This class requires extensive travel. Appointees will be required to possess a valid New York State Motor Vehicle Operator's License or otherwise demonstrate a capacity to meet the transportation needs of the class to perform field work responsibilities.

Note: Possession of a Weigh Master License is preferred.

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