



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOB CLASS SPECIFICATION

WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST I

Job Number: 20001458

Job Code: 71510V230916

Job Group: 7100 - AGRICULTURAL AND WILDLIFE SCIENCE

Job Established: 06/16/1982

Job Revised: 09/16/2023

Grade: 12 Salary (MIN - MID):

\$17,263-\$25,895 - Hourly

\$2,805.24-\$4,207.94 - 37.5 Hr. Monthly Salary

\$2,992.26-\$4,488.48 - 40 Hr. Monthly Salary

Special Entrance Rate:

NONE

NONE

NONE

PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

This job has an initial and promotional probationary period of 6 months, except as provided in KRS 18A.111.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE JOB: *Characteristics of a job are general statements indicating the level of responsibility and discretion of positions in that job classification. These are not intended to be an exhaustive list.*

Performs beginning level biological work in habitat and wildlife population management. Performs routine fieldwork while learning to conduct research and surveys on wildlife species; and performs other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

Graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree in a biological science, wildlife biology, fish and wildlife management, conservation biology, natural resources, environmental sciences, or related field.

EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, OR SKILLS:

NONE

Substitute EDUCATION for EXPERIENCE:

NONE

Substitute EXPERIENCE for EDUCATION:

NONE

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (AGE, LICENSURE, REGULATION, ETC.):

Must possess a valid driver's license prior to employment in this job classification. Must maintain any required licensure(s), certification(s), or other credentials for the length of employment in this job classification. Employing agency is responsible for ensuring employee possesses and maintains required licensure(s), certification(s) or other credentials.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JOB CLASSIFICATION: *Examples of duties or responsibilities are not to be construed as describing what the duties or responsibilities of any position shall be and are not to be construed as limiting the appointing authority's ability to assign, or otherwise alter the duties and responsibilities of a position. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list.*

Conducts basic entry-level biological work in relation to a species, area, or project. Learns to plan and implement habitat and wildlife population management work. Completes appropriate training for habitat management. Performs routine fieldwork such as basic habitat improvement work, scheduling technical guidance visits, investigating wildlife damage, data entry, routine paperwork such as submission of bills, non- technical reports, maintenance records, and routine requisitions. Provides extension information to the public. Learns to conduct surveys of wildlife populations. Collects wildlife data and performs data entry using computer software. Prepares reports of findings. Collects age and growth information in the field and at check stations. Collects biological samples. Conducts wildlife habitat controlled burns, wildlife trapping, banding and stocking activities. Transports animals. Performs beginning level management work with reference to wildlife populations. Assist with providing technical guidance to customers interested in managing wildlife habitat and/or populations. Collects wildlife data in the field.

UNIQUE PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must be able to traverse rough and mountainous terrain with equipment. Must be able to carry 25 lbs. of equipment several hundred yards. Must be able to run, climb or otherwise protect self from wildlife such as elk and bear.

TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS: *Incumbents in the job will typically perform their job duties under these conditions.*

Incumbents in this job title spend the majority of time outdoors performing duties.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Upon appointment, employees in this class may be required to maintain a valid driver's license and may be required to drive a licensed vehicle. This status may be necessary for the length of time in this class. If this is necessary, it will be listed in the specific position description for the position at issue. Applicants and employees in this job title may be required to submit to a drug-screening test and background check. Applicants and employees in positions which perform job duties that may require contact with offenders in the custody or supervision of the Department of Corrections or with youth in the care, custody, or supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice must meet qualifications pursuant to the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act, 28 C.F. R.115.17 and 115.317.

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