



# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOB CLASS SPECIFICATION

## WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST II

Job Number: 20001459

Job Code: 71520V230916

Job Group: 7100 - AGRICULTURAL AND WILDLIFE SCIENCE

Job Established: 06/16/1982

Job Revised: 09/16/2023

Grade: 14 Salary (MIN - MID):

\$21,514-\$32,271 - Hourly

\$3,496.04-\$5,244.04 - 37.5 Hr. Monthly Salary

\$3,729.10-\$5,593.64 - 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 generalized professional biological work in habitat and wildlife population management. Conducts research and surveys on wildlife species. Plans, implements, and provides guidance on general habitat improvement and species management while gaining expertise in a specialized area; 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:**

Must have one year of professional experience in wildlife management, wildlife biology and/or a related field.

#### **Substitute EDUCATION for EXPERIENCE:**

A master's degree in wildlife management, wildlife biology or a related field will substitute for one year of the required experience

#### **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.*

Performs generalized professional level biological work in wildlife habitat and population management. Conducts wildlife research and surveys on all phases of wildlife populations including establishment, mortality factors and habitat requirements. Plans and implements habitat and wildlife population management work. Provides professional presentations. Attends various constituent group meetings and provides/presents information to the public on wildlife management practices and survey efforts. Provides diagnosis of wildlife diseases. Provides technical assistance in determining wildlife management practices. Collects age and growth information from hunters in the field and at check stations. Provides technical assistance to sportsmen, students, landowners and departmental law enforcement personnel in the area of wildlife management. Transports animals. Prepares and maintains reports of findings. Schedules and conducts habitat improvement projects on wildlife areas, private lands technical guidance visits, investigates wildlife damage, completes scheduled research and surveys, provides daily direction to technicians, submits large purchase requests, presents at regional and local level, and maintains administrative records.

**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 working in this job title spend the majority of time outdoors performing the job 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.

*The Commonwealth of Kentucky does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, disability, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy or related medical condition, marital or familial status, ancestry, political affiliation, genetic information, or veteran status in accordance with state and federal laws.*