



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOB CLASS SPECIFICATION

FOREST RANGER TECHNICIAN I

Job Number: 20001492

Job Code: 72500V251016

Job Group: 7200 - FORESTRY

Job Established: 04/01/1995

Job Revised: 10/16/2025

Grade: 12 Salary (MIN - MID):

\$18,680-\$28,020 - Hourly

\$3,035.50-\$4,553.26 - 37.5 Hr. Monthly Salary

\$3,237.88-\$4,856.80 - 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.*

Under direct supervision, performs beginning level work in the support of forest protection, forest fire prevention, pre-suppression, suppression, prescribed fires, and law enforcement activities. Participates and completes on-the-job training in forest management and forest protection. Assists with all-risk emergency response activities; and performs other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

Graduate of a college or university with an associate's degree in a natural, biological, social, or physical sciences.

EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, OR SKILLS:

NONE

Substitute EDUCATION for EXPERIENCE:

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Forest management, forest protection, or related experience will substitute for the associate's degree on the basis of two years of experience for one year of education.

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

Must be at least 21 years of age. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license to qualify for 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 entry level work in forest protection, forest fire prevention, pre-suppression, suppression, prescribed fire, all-risk emergency response, and law enforcement activities. Participates in on-the-job training in forest management and forest protection. Learns to implement forest protection and enhancement practices. Performs forest fire prevention, pre-suppression, suppression, and law enforcement activities in an assigned area. Organizes and supervises fire suppression crews in the protection of forestland. Serves as a first responder for all-risk incidents, and readily deploys as requested for declared disasters and mobilizations at the state, region, and national level. Assists in presentations of resource education programs to schools, clubs, and camps. Assists in promoting fire prevention. Assists in forest fire investigations and performs other law enforcement duties. Issues citations for forestry violations. Assists in the sale and distribution of tree seedlings and tree seed collection. Assists other division employees in the implementation of forest resource management recommendations. Assists other division employees in timber stand improvement, timber marking, data collection, resource education activities, and urban forestry. Performs insect and disease sample collection. Assists with surveys and inventories including Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) and Southern Annual Forest Inventory System (SAFIS). Prepares records and reports.

UNIQUE PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Extreme physical effort is required when suppressing wildland fires and performing all-risk emergency tasks if mobilized to assist during emergencies. The ability to walk on steep slopes, use fire hand tools, and occasionally work long hours is required.

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

Work is typically performed outdoors on private forest lands. Work can be under adverse conditions due to weather, topography, or when suppressing wild land fires. Adverse conditions could be present when assisting in all-risk emergency response when mobilized. Work also involves frequent contact with citizens and organizations in the promotion of forestry programs. Duties are typically performed within the Commonwealth of Kentucky; however, some functions may occur in other states.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Upon employment, employees in this job classification may be required to drive a licensed vehicle. Applicants and employees in this job classification 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.