



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOB CLASS SPECIFICATION

GAME WARDEN RECRUIT

Job Number: 20000609

Job Code: 20010V260716

Job Group: 2000 - FISH AND WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT

Job Established: 06/16/1982

Job Revised: 07/16/2026

Grade: 15 Salary (MIN - MID):

\$24,375-\$36,563 - Hourly

\$3,960.94-\$5,941.50 - 37.5 Hr. Monthly Salary

\$4,225.00-\$6,337.60 - 40 Hr. Monthly Salary

Special Entrance Rate:

\$27,296 - Hourly

\$4,435.60 - 37.5 Hr. Monthly Salary

\$4,731.32 - 40 Hr. Monthly Salary

PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

This job has an initial and promotional probationary period of 12 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, receives instruction in the enforcement of state and federal wildlife and boating laws and regulations and in general law enforcement; and performs other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

High school graduate.

EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, OR SKILLS:

None

Substitute EDUCATION for EXPERIENCE:

None

Substitute EXPERIENCE for EDUCATION:

None

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

Must be 21 years of age. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license to qualify for employment in this job classification. Employees in this job title are subject to the provisions of Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) Chapter 15 and Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) 503 KAR 1:140 relating to peace officer certification as administered by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council. The employee must successfully complete the DOCJT Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy within twelve months of employment in this job classification. Must maintain any required licensure(s), certification(s), or other

credentials for the length of employment in this 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.*

Receives required agency directed training, which consists of general law enforcement, firearms, emergency driving, boating, and fish and wildlife enforcement including closely supervised field training. Learns to patrol fields, forests, streams, rivers, and lakes interpreting and enforcing state and federal wildlife and boating laws and regulations administered by the agency and other criminal laws of the Commonwealth. Learns to observe activities and conditions and acts to prevent violations. Learns to investigate accusations and/or complaints of illegal activity and known offenses. Learns to issue courtesy notices and citations to known offenses, collects and preserves evidence, and makes arrests. Learns to conduct drowning investigations and perform rescue duties. Learns to collect and preserve evidence, record and analyze data, prepares cases, presents evidence, and serves as a witness in hearings and trials. Learns to promote positive public relations by provided ongoing communications with landowners, adult and youth organizations and civic clubs, boaters, anglers, hunters, and other customers by advising on wildlife conservation, property issues and trespassing, hunting, fishing, and boating laws. Learns to prepare and maintain reports to submit to senior officers. Learns to operate various types of law enforcement equipment that includes boats, motors, firearms, cameras, binoculars, two-way radios, vehicles, and ATV, and has responsibility for the basic maintenance of repair of such equipment. Learns to monitor the licensing of various fish and wildlife related activities such as pay lakes, captive wildlife permits, bait dealers, commercial guides, and others.

UNIQUE PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must have the ability to run, swim, bend, stoop, lift, push and pull heavy objects and individuals. Must be able to be trained in the use of weapons and defensive tactics and in the use of other law enforcement related equipment.

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

Conditions are consistent with other law enforcement officers. Incumbents working in this job title spend the majority of time working outdoors in all types of weather conditions.

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.