

CLASS TITLE: ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER

Class Code: 02910600
Pay Grade: 30A
EO: B

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To conduct medical-legal investigations and examinations of deaths reported to the Office of State Medical Examiners; to assist in determining the jurisdiction of the Office of State Medical Examiner over such cases; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the functional supervision of Medical Examiner of high rank who reviews work for satisfactory performance and conformance to existing standards.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Supervises medical technicians and others assigned to assist.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To conduct medical-legal investigations of deaths reported to the Office of State Medical Examiners; to assist in determining the jurisdiction of the Office of State Medical Examiners over such cases.

To receive and evaluate initial reports of deaths to the Office of State Medical Examiners.

When appropriate, to investigate circumstances surrounding medical legal deaths including evidence and deciding as to whether or not further examination and/or autopsy is necessary, and to perform such postmortem examinations as required; to arrive at a reasonable cause and manner of deaths, and to complete and issue such certificates of death as necessary.

To obtain medical, police, occupational or other historical data on cases accepted for jurisdiction.

To obtain and record adequate information in order to produce the insurance of a complete certificate of death.

To compile official reports of investigations, findings and interpretations.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A working knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques required in the performance of medical legal investigations; the ability to obtain and record the information needed for the adequate evaluation of deaths of medical-legal significance; the ability to communicate with police and other investigatory agencies; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a medical school of recognized standing; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in the field of medical-legal death investigation including supervised examination of the scene of death.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Must possess licensure to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island and maintain such licensure as a condition of employment.

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