

CLASS TITLE: PHARMACY INSPECTOR

Class Code: 02275200
Pay Grade: 31A
EO Code: B

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To conduct inspections and criminal investigations in the areas of drugs and various controlled substances relative to the enforcement of state laws as designated; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Receives general supervision and work assignments from a superior; work is reviewed in process and upon completion for adequacy of results obtained and conformance to statutory requirements and departmental policies and objectives.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Usually none.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To conduct criminal investigations and inspections relative to the enforcement of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Act; Drug Abuse Control Act; Pharmacy Act; Drugs and Poisons Generally Act; Household Chemicals Act; and other acts as designated.

To exercise in any part of the state all powers of sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, town sergeants, chiefs of police, police officers and constables.

To carry firearms.

To apply for, execute and serve search warrants, arrest warrants, subpoenas and summonses issued under the authority of the state.

To make arrests and seizures of property as provided by law.

To seize, inventory and destroy controlled substances as required by law.

To testify before courts and grand juries and prepare criminal information in the prosecution of cases.

To make inspections and investigations of retail pharmacies, hospital pharmacies, dispensing clinics, dispensaries and manufacturers and wholesalers of drugs, medicines and poisons for the purpose of enforcing laws and regulations concerning equipment, personnel, stock of pharmaceuticals, chemicals and drugs; the sanitary condition of premises; and the sale of drugs, medicines and poisons.

To attend public or auction sales of drugs, medicines and poisons to determine the qualifications of the buyer to receive possession of restricted drugs and preparations.

To examine the stocks of non-pharmacy outlets to confine inventory and sales to non-restricted drugs and preparations.

To investigate the sources of drugs and the circumstances of use thereof which result in injury or death.

To investigate complaints concerning the inaccurate compounding or filling of prescriptions and the substitution for, or the omission of, prescribed ingredients in prescriptions.

To make inspections of the premises of pharmacies and dealers in drugs, medicines and poisons prior to the issuance of licenses and at regular intervals thereafter.

To assist in radio and telecommunications when required.

To prepare detailed written reports on inspections and investigations.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of approved methods of compounding prescriptions; a working knowledge of state and federal laws governing the dispensing of drugs and pharmaceuticals; a familiarity with the various drugs and pharmaceuticals offered for sale; the ability to make inspections and conduct criminal investigations utilizing the basic provisions of state laws relating to drugs and various controlled substances; the ability to learn and apply the methods, procedures and techniques used in the detection, apprehension and arrest of violators of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; the ability to handle, maintain and use firearms and other implements of defense and restraint, including unarmed defense, without causing hazard to self and others; the ability to prepare detailed written reports; the ability to participate in a public information and education program on the use and abuse of drugs; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

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

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: full-time employment as a registered pharmacist.

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

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: At the time of appointment must be a licensed as a registered pharmacist in the State of Rhode Island and must maintain such license as a condition of employment.

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