

**CLASS TITLE: VETERINARY PARAMEDIC**

**Class Code: 02262200**  
**Pay Grade: 22A**  
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**CLASS DEFINITION:**

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** To perform field tests on livestock as part of a statewide disease surveillance program; to prepare reports on the findings of such tests; and to do related work as required.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Works under the general direction of a superior with wide latitude for the exercise of initiative and independent judgement; work is subject to review for conformance to established guidelines and standards.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:** Usually none.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:**

To perform field tests on livestock as part of a statewide disease surveillance program such as: tuberculin tests to cattle, goats and other animal species; Brucellosis testing and vaccination of cattle, goats and swine against same; and hog cholera testing.

To perform autopsies and collect laboratory diagnostic tissue samples.

To inspect sheep flocks for evidence of scabies or scrapie.

To inspect livestock after tests have been run, and to report abnormalities to a superior.

To appraise condemned livestock and determine indemnity payments for same.

To prepare reports concerning the findings of above-mentioned testing.

To do related work as required.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:**

**KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES:** A working knowledge of generally accepted veterinary testing procedures and techniques; a working knowledge of symptoms associated with tuberculosis, brucellosis, hog cholera and other animal diseases; the ability to perform field tests on livestock including the ability to utilize syringes, blood testing equipment and other field testing equipment; the ability to perform autopsies and collect tissue samples; the ability to handle and restrain all species of livestock; the ability to prepare special and recurring reports; the ability to determine the value of condemned livestock; the ability to deal with the public in a tactful and courteous manner; the ability to recognize specific information from a mass of data; and related capacities and abilities.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

**Education:** Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with specialization in animal husbandry or one of the disciplines of animal sciences; or

**Experience:** Such as may have been gained through: considerable employment as an assistant to a veterinarian involving disease surveillance and eradication of animal diseases.

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