



STATE SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY DIRECTOR

General Summary

Manages, supervises, coordinates and implements all aspects of the New Mexico State Scientific Laboratory.

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Jobcode: X70250

Pay Band: 96

FLSA Status: Exempt

Distinguishing Characteristics

This is the sole State Scientific Laboratory Director position.

Minimum Qualifications

An earned doctorate in medicine or relevant biomedical science (e.g. microbiology, virology, immunology, or molecular biology) is required plus six (6) years of professional experience in a clinical or public health laboratory, including three years in a supervisory capacity. **Special qualifications/Conditions of employment:** Under federal law, the incumbent must meet personnel requirements for a high complexity testing director (42 CFR 493.1443), Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA).

*Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

Directs state laboratory operations to provide analytical testing of infectious diseases, environmental hazards and forensic toxicology for the state of New Mexico tax supported programs.

Bargaining Unit: N/A

Statutory Requirements: None

Conditions of Employment:

The laboratory director must be qualified to manage and direct the laboratory personnel and performance of high complexity tests and must be eligible to be an operator of a laboratory within the requirements of subpart R.

- (a) The laboratory director must possess a current license as a laboratory director issued by the State in which the laboratory is located, if such licensing is required; and
- (b) The laboratory director must-
 - (1)(i) Be a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in the State in which the laboratory is located; and
 - (ii) Be certified in anatomic or clinical pathology, or both, by the American Board of Pathology or the American Osteopathic Board of Pathology or possess qualifications that are equivalent to those required for such certification; or
 - (2) Be a doctor of medicine, a doctor of osteopathy or doctor of podiatric medicine licensed to practice medicine, osteopathy or podiatry in the State in which the laboratory is located; and

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- (i) Have at least one year of laboratory training during medical residency (for example, physicians certified either in hematology or hematology and medical oncology by the American Board of Internal Medicine); or
- (ii) Have at least 2 years of experience directing or supervising high complexity testing; or
- (3) Hold an earned doctoral degree in a chemical, physical, biological, or clinical laboratory science from an accredited institution and-
 - (i) Be certified and continue to be certified by a board approved by HHS; or
 - (ii) Before February 24 , 2003, must have served or be serving as a director of a laboratory performing high complexity testing and must have at least-
 - (A) Two years of laboratory training or experience, or both; and
 - (B) Two years of laboratory experience directing or supervising high complexity testing.
- (4) Be serving as a laboratory director and must have previously qualified or could have qualified as a laboratory director under regulations at 42 CFR 493.1415, published March 14, 1990 at 55 FR 9538, on or before February 28, 1992; or
- (5) On or before February 28, 1992, be qualified under State law to direct a laboratory in the State in which the laboratory is located; or
- (6) For the subspecialty of oral pathology, be certified by the American Board of Oral Pathology, American Board of Pathology, the American Osteopathic Board of Pathology, or possess qualifications that are equivalent to those required for certification.

[57 FR 7172, Feb. 28, 1992, as amended at 58 FR 5234, Jan. 19, 1993; 59 FR 62609, Dec.6, 1994; 62 FR25858 , May 12, 1997; 63 FR 55034, Oct. 14, 1998; 65 FR 82944 , Dec. 29, 2000 ; 68 FR 3713, Jan. 24 , 2003]

Working Conditions: Working Conditions for individual positions in this classification will vary based on each agency's utilization, essential functions and the recruitment needs at the time a vacancy is posted. All requirements are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities.

Established: 4/30/2015

Revised:

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities are intended to be cumulative for each progressively higher level of work. The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning other duties which are reasonably within the scope of duties. Classification description subject to change. Please refer to SPO website (www.spo.state.nm.us) to ensure this represents the most current copy of the position.*

***Means two (2) or any combination of full-time equivalent (FTE) status that equals at least two (2) regular or term status employees in non-temporary positions.*