



State of New Mexico
Classification Description

VETERINARIAN

General Summary

Veterinarians provide statewide public health services protecting human and animal health and well-being through the control and prevention of zoonotic diseases.

Positions perform pathologic and/or epidemiologic investigations of zoonotic diseases, epizootic diseases, disease outbreaks, and animal die offs potentially associated with environmental contamination, feed contamination, regulated livestock and poultry diseases, and/or introduction of new or emerging diseases that may cause significant losses of wildlife, domestic livestock, and/or domestic poultry, or cause human health threats or severe trade restrictions.

Veterinarian

Jobcode: HVET35

Pay Band: HJ

FLSA Status: FLSA status may be determined to be different at the agency level based on the agency's utilization of the position.

Distinguishing Characteristics

This is the full performance professional Veterinarian.

Recommended Education and Experience for Full Performance

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or equivalent and three (3) years of experience as it pertains to the essential duties and responsibilities of the classification.

Minimum Qualifications

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or equivalent and at least one (1) year of experience as it pertains to the essential duties and responsibilities of the classification.

*Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

For Assignment at the Department of Health

- Provides statewide public health veterinarian services including supervision of the Zoonotic Disease Team and interaction with other agencies at the state level and with key partners at the national level.
- Coordinates quarterly report on veterinary public health activities to increase public safety with regard to zoonotic diseases.
- Works with municipal and county-level animal control officers and veterinarians on problem related to rabies control.
- Works with the New Mexico Veterinary Association and private veterinarians statewide on issues dealing with zoonotic diseases.
- Provides education to professionals who interface between domestic and wildlife regarding zoonotic disease transmission and prevention.
- Works with Indian Health Services and individual tribes on veterinary public-health issues involving Native American lands in New Mexico.
- Liaisons with New Mexico Livestock Board, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Disease Control, and US Department of Agriculture / Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services on agricultural, food safety and environmental health issues.
- Assists with foodborne disease outbreaks by participating in foodborne illness tracebacks.

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For Assignment at the New Mexico Livestock Board

- Inspect livestock and facilities to ensure they meet the requirements established by law.
- Monitor state livestock import / export movement.
- Performs surveillance testing for animal health programs.
- Educate producers and livestock owners on the importance of reporting diseases.
- Investigate foreign animal diseases in all livestock to minimize or eradicate the spread of infectious diseases not endemic to the US that could have devastating consequences for state commerce.
- Certifies accredited veterinarians to perform Tuberculosis and Trichomoniasis testing in cattle.
- Inspect equine rescue facilities annually to allow for registration renewal.
- Microchip and perform EIA testing on stray horses as a surveillance measure which allows the Livestock Board to find adopters or current owners of strayed horses.
- Trace diseased individuals and groups of animals, utilizing diagnostic testing and tissue sampling of live and dead livestock.
- Must be able to communicate present and provide training with external stakeholders/ producers. (presentations)
- Must meet licensure requirements within 6 months of hire.
- May be assigned to an emergency management for agriculture and natural resources.

For Assignment at the New Mexico State Racing Commission

- Responsible for ensuring that no illegal drugs, chemical agents, stimulants or depressants are intentionally present in horses to affect the outcome of a horse race.
- Works closely with race track veterinarians and investigates incidents to ensure all entrants and participants in races are in compliance with New Mexico statutes, rules and regulations.
- Provides supervision of test barn and veterinarians during race meets.
- Maintains quality assurance program and keeps abreast of the latest developments in equine testing procedures.
- Oversees the comprehensive equine testing program and establish protocol and procedures to ensure a testing program that meets all national equine testing standards.
- Supervises the handling of all laboratory specimens to prevent tampering, confusion and contamination and ensures sample handling and shipping in accordance with the Racing Commission rules and procedures.
- Responsible for all matters concerning the physical condition of horses to be raced at the track as to soundness and freedom of defect or contagious disease.
- Provides technical information on drugs and their effects and acts as an expert witness at hearings.

Veterinarian Supervisor**

Jobcode: HVES40

Pay Band: HK

FLSA Status: FLSA status may be determined to be different at the agency level based on the agency's utilization of the position.

Distinguishing Characteristics

This is the supervisory level professional Veterinarian.

Recommended Education and Experience for Full Performance

Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine (DVM) or equivalent and five (7) years of experience in veterinary medicine with knowledge of livestock diseases, zoonotic diseases and other foreign animal diseases, public health and

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epidemiology, and knowledge of federal and state livestock law and one (1) year of supervisory experience as it pertains to the essential duties and responsibilities of the classification.

Minimum Qualifications

Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine (DVM) or equivalent and at least three (5) years of experience as it pertains to the essential duties and responsibilities of the classification.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities*

- Plans, directs and reviews the work and activities of subordinate veterinarians at the New Mexico Livestock Board to ensure the protection of the health and welfare of all livestock species in the State, as well as the protection of the producers and consumers from zoonotic diseases.
- Liaisons with other state agencies and federal agencies. Example=>National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Disease Control, and US Department of Agriculture / Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services on agricultural, food safety and environmental health issues.
- Practicing position —still needs to get out in the field –
- Manages and applies for grants and funding opportunities.
- Responsible for oversight of health rules, traceability and notification of receiving status of all livestock crossing interstate borders as well as international borders.
- Functions as liaison or facilitator between livestock producers of New Mexico and all private and governmental agencies that have a stake in livestock law, health, medication, disease or transport.
- Has an active role in emergency management and emergency response.
- Attends regular New Mexico Livestock Board management meetings and Board meetings.
- Continuously monitors port buyers and brokers for compliance with state and federal regulations.
- Sits/participates on boards and commissions concerned with all aspects of animal health.
- Must meet licensure requirements within 6 months of hire.
- Serve in an emergency management team for agriculture and natural resources.

Statutory Requirements: Statutory requirements 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 including. It is the hiring Agencies responsibility to ensure the appropriate licenses/certifications are obtained for each position.

Conditions of Employment: Must meet licensure requirements within 6 months of hire.

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: 10/18/2019

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**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.*

*** Supervisor must supervise two (2) or more full-time positions.*