

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

Specification for Class of

SEED INSPECTOR TRAINEE (45100)

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Definition: In a training capacity, inspects seed fields, harvest equipment and seed conditioning facilities for approval to handle certified seed. Receives training in seed certification, testing, germination and purity analysis.

Typical Work

Under close supervision, receives training in proper procedures and methods for conducting seed field inspections of grass, alfalfa, clover, beans, corn and vegetables to determine compliance with State seed certification and/or phytosanitary regulations, this includes training in plant identification, disease identification, production practices and seed certification rules;

Receives training in enforcement of State and Federal seed laws, this includes supervised visits to seed dealers where examination of container labeling and check sampling is performed; procedure for handling violations and contact with the public is included in this training;

Receives closely supervised training in seed purity and germination testing of certain agricultural seeds;

Performs other tasks as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: State Seed Law and Federal Seed Act and related laws, court decisions and Department regulations; varieties and strains of weed and crop seeds; principles, methods and techniques used in sorting, identifying, germinating and analyzing agricultural seed for certification purposes; agricultural laboratory equipment and techniques; Department standards and procedures for enforcement of seed laws.

Ability to: inspect seed fields and harvesting and processing equipment for compliance with certification standards; determine viability; deal tactfully and effectively with other people; write and speak clearly, concisely, accurately and informatively; travel frequently and for extended periods; compose letters; prepare reports; explain State and Federal regulations governing seed certification and labeling.

Minimum Qualifications

A Bachelor's degree with major study in Agronomy or closely allied field.

Additional qualifying experience in a seed testing laboratory or in seed industry production, processing, marketing and testing may be substituted, year for year, for the required education.

Note: This is a training classification; incumbents, therefore, shall be advanced to the classification of Seed Inspector 1 upon completion of one year of satisfactory service.

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