

Washington State Department of Personnel  
Class Specification

**LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATOR**

5661

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**Definition:**

Investigates alleged violations of the Washington State Brand Law or other related livestock laws and regulations for possible criminal prosecution.

**Typical Work:**

Receives claims and complaints from Brand Inspectors and Veterinarians;

Conducts investigations to establish validity of claims and complaints;

Administers oaths, takes statements and depositions;

Prepares felony, gross misdemeanor and misdemeanor criminal cases;

Testifies at hearings and in court as an expert witness;

Investigates complaints against licensee under the Washington State Slaughtering Act;

Investigates the activities of unlicensed individuals operating as custom farm slaughterers;

Prepares case files for possible prosecution of violations of the Washington State Brand Law, Custom Slaughtering Act, Animal Health Laws and other applicable regulations;

Assists local law enforcement agencies with livestock theft investigations;

Performs other duties as required.

**Knowledge and Abilities:**

Knowledge of: rules and evidence and laws of arrest; techniques of investigation; methods and procedures used in inspection of livestock for positive identification; laws and regulations pertaining

to brand recording and inspection, animal health, custom farm slaughtering, operation of custom meat facilities and other livestock industry operations.

Ability to: perform specialized investigations; prepare detailed case files; work with other law enforcement agencies.

**Legal Requirement(s):**

There may be instances where individual positions must have additional licenses or certification. It is the employer's responsibility to ensure the appropriate licenses/certifications are obtained for each position.

**Desirable Qualifications:**

Graduation from high school or possession of GED certificate and four years' experience as a law enforcement officer with primary responsibility for enforcement of livestock laws.

A Bachelor's degree in police science may be substituted for two years of experience.

**Class Specification History:**

New class Effective October 15, 1982

New class code: (formerly 44480) effective July 1, 2007