

STATE OF OHIO (DAS)CLASSIFICATION
SPECIFICATION**CLASSIFICATION SERIES**

Public Health Veterinarian

SERIES NUMBER

6599

MAJOR AGENCIES

Department of Health only

EFFECTIVE

02/26/2012

SERIES PURPOSE

The purpose of the public health veterinarian occupation is to oversee zoonosis disease control programs for the State of Ohio.

At the first level, incumbent provides veterinary & zoonotic disease technical expertise regarding animal disease exposures (e.g., rabies).

At the administrative level, incumbent provides overall administration & program direction of statewide Zoonosis disease control program, to include rabies control & vector-borne disease program.

Glossary: The following terms are to be interpreted as follows whenever they appear in the document.

BIDC: Bureau of Infectious Disease Control

CDC: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Zoonosis: A disease communicable from animals to humans.

CLASS TITLE

Public Health Veterinarian

CLASS NUMBER

65991

PAY RANGE

13

EFFECTIVE

9/17/2006

CLASS CONCEPT

The full performance level class works under direction & requires considerable knowledge of veterinary medicine, agriculture & animal science in order to provide consultation, technical advice & background information to physicians, hospitals, managed care organizations, local health departments, veterinarians, state & local agencies & general public concerning rabies exposures & rabies treatment risk assessments, zoonotic disease transmission & exposures & situations involving animals.

CLASS TITLEPublic Health Veterinarian
Administrator**CLASS NUMBER**

65993

PAY RANGE

46

EFFECTIVE

08/20/2006

CLASS CONCEPT

The second administrative level class works under administrative direction & requires extensive knowledge of veterinary medicine, rabies prevention & zoonotic diseases & principles & practices of management & administration, in order to provide overall administration & program direction of zoonotic disease control program, to include rabies control & vector-borne disease program (i.e., develop & implement zoonosis disease control & public health veterinary policies & procedures, direct oral rabies vaccine program, administer local rabies prevention grants, oversee rabies surveillance activities & implement new initiatives & funding of vector-borne disease program) & if assigned, supervise staff.

CLASS TITLE	CLASS NUMBER	B. U.	EFFECTIVE	PAY RANGE
Public Health Veterinarian	65991	11	9/17/2006	13

JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE (These duties are illustrative only. Incumbents may perform some or all of these duties or other job-related duties as assigned.)

Provides consultation, technical advice & background information to physicians, hospitals, managed care organizations, local health departments, veterinarians, state & local agencies & general public concerning rabies exposures & rabies treatment risk assessments, zoonotic disease transmission & exposures & situations involving animals (e.g., consults with CDC & other experts as needed to address difficult & complex zoonotic disease situations, makes referrals to other agencies as appropriate, assists supervisor in development of training recommendations for line staff regarding procedures for addressing routine questions).

Functions as team leader & operates state-owned motor vehicle to carry out investigations & conduct surveillance for Zoonoses Program (e.g., West Nile virus, raccoon rabies), assists supervisor in developing procedures for collecting samples from animals & for developing protocols to ensure employee safety, trains staff as appropriate on animal sedation, euthanasia, dissection & necropsy techniques, maintains proper permits & licenses to conduct veterinary activities, works with other BIDD epidemiologists on reports & clusters of zoonotic diseases (e.g., reptile & bird associated salmonella, livestock & E. coli, cryptosporidia human infections), reviews data & prepares written & oral reports & summaries on surveillance activities & investigations.

Assists supervisor with planning public health educational programs regarding rabies, vector-borne & other zoonotic diseases, conducts literature reviews & researches successful interventions utilized by other states & agencies for educational & planning purposes, develops written materials, web documents & Power Point presentations to educate medical, veterinary, animal control & public health professionals on zoonotic diseases transmission & prevention, plans & conducts training seminars & presentations to internal staff, professional groups & general public.

Participates in raccoon rabies prevention activities (e.g., oral rabies vaccination operation), helps plan & implements control activities for other zoonotic disease prevention priorities (e.g., vector-borne & bioterrorism preparedness).

Participates on internal committees & working groups on emerging pathogen, bioterrorism response & other infectious disease, food, or water-borne initiatives, assists supervisor as liaison to Zoonoses Program on external committees & working groups (e.g., CDC, veterinary associations, universities & local, state & federal agencies).

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS

Knowledge of veterinary medicine; rabies prevention; zoonotic, vector, food & water borne diseases; emerging pathogens; epidemiological procedures; animal science; inventory control (e.g., veterinary drugs); employee training & development; safety practices*; human relations; agency policies & procedures*. Skill in word processing (e.g., Microsoft Office); operation of computer, medical equipment & devices, operation of motor vehicle. Ability to deal with many variables & determine specific action; use algebra; proofread technical materials, recognize errors & make corrections; lecture on science to highly specialized groups; gather, collate & classify information about data, people or things; handle sensitive inquiries from & contacts with officials & general public; demonstrate strength to lift up to fifty (50) lbs.; demonstrate dexterity necessary to give injections, perform necropsies & collect tissue samples; walk distances & carry traps & supplies necessary to organize & participate in field work & trap in remote areas &/or inclement weather.

(*)Developed after employment.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

License to practice Veterinary Medicine issued by Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board per Sections 4741.11 to 4741.13 of Ohio Revised Code; 12 mos. exp. in veterinary clinical practice or related professional or public health experience or education (e.g., Master of Public Health); valid Driver's License.

-Or equivalent of Minimum Class Qualifications For Employment noted above may be substituted for the required experience but not the mandated license.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT

Biennial renewal of License to practice Veterinary Medicine issued by Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board per Section 4746.16(a) of Ohio Revised Code.

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS

Requires travel; exposure to potentially rabid animals, arthropod vectors & other animal diseases transmissible to humans; fieldwork entails working outdoors under adverse weather conditions.

<u>CLASS TITLE</u>	<u>CLASS NUMBER</u>	<u>B. U.</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>PAY RANGE</u>
Public Health Veterinarian Administrator	65993	EX	08/20/2006	46

JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE (These duties are illustrative only. Incumbents may perform some or all of these duties or other job-related duties as assigned.)

Provides overall administration & program direction of statewide zoonotic disease control program, to include rabies control & vector-borne disease program (i.e., develops & implements zoonotic disease control & public health veterinary policies & procedures, directs oral rabies vaccine program, administers local rabies prevention grants, oversees rabies surveillance activities & implements new initiatives & funding for vector-borne disease program) & if assigned supervises staff.

Directs & provides medical epidemiological consultation, technical advice & statistical information to physicians, local health departments, veterinarians, state & local agencies & public concerning animal bites, zoonotic diseases & environmental issues; provides recommendations & information on veterinary public health issues to state agencies, legislature & governor's office; prepares letters & reviews legislation on behalf of director; works with other bureaus concerning food safety, environmental issues & emerging pathogen initiatives that involve animals, vectors & zoonotic diseases; investigates zoonotic diseases from animals & gives recommendations to physicians on disease transmission, prevention & control methods & post-exposure treatments for rabies.

Plans & carries out public health educational program regarding rabies, vector-borne & other zoonotic diseases; oversees educational component of Ohio rabies prevention grants; plans & conducts training seminars & presentations to professional groups & public; oversees training of staff & volunteers regarding wildlife handling safety & use of anesthetics & vaccines; acts as liaison with center for disease control, veterinary associations, general public & local, state & federal agencies; participates on internal & external committees & participates in emerging pathogen indicatives & other infectious disease, food or water borne investigations.

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS

Knowledge of Veterinary Medicine; rabies prevention; zoonotic, vector, food & water borne diseases; emerging pathogens; epidemiological procedures; agency policies & procedures; investigator practices & research procedures; oral vaccine protocols; program management; statistical analysis; supervisory principles/techniques; public relations; training & employee development. Skill in operating personal computer. Ability to evaluate & recognize unusual or threatening conditions & take appropriate action when dealing with rabies, vector-borne & other zoonotic diseases; define problems, collect data, conduct statistical analysis, establish facts & draw complex conclusions; handle inquiries & contacts with public & government officials; develop & oversee scientific reports & articles; prepare & deliver speeches & presentations before specialized audiences & general public.

(*)Developed after employment.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

License to practice Veterinary Medicine issued by Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board per Sections 4741.11 to 4741.13 of Revised Code; 12 mos. exp. in veterinary medicine field; 48 mos. exp. in public health field.

-Or 48 mos. exp. as Public Health Veterinarian, 65291.

-Or equivalent of minimum class qualifications for employment noted above, may be substituted for the required experience but not for the mandated license.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT

Biennial renewal of License to practice Veterinary Medicine issued by Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board per Section 4746.16(a) of Revised code.

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS

Requires travel & overnight stays; exposure to potentially rabid animals, arthropod vectors & other animal diseases transmissible to humans; fieldwork entails working outdoors under adverse weather conditions.