

STATE OF OHIO (DAS) CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION	<u>CLASSIFICATION SERIES</u> Public Health Veterinarian	<u>SERIES NUMBER</u> 6599
	<u>MAJOR AGENCIES</u> Department of Health only	<u>EFFECTIVE</u> 02/18/2018

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

Incumbents provide veterinary & zoonotic disease technical expertise regarding animal disease exposures (e.g., rabies).

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.

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Public Health Veterinarian	65991	13	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.

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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 BDC 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.