

 <p><b>STATE OF INDIANA</b> CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION</p>	<b>Class Title:</b> Veterinarian E7		<b>Class Code:</b> 00EFH7
	<b>FLSA Status:</b> Exempt	<b>Salary Schedule:</b> ESM 7	<b>Effective Date:</b>
	<b>Summary:</b> Incumbent works for the State Board of Animal Health performing veterinary work in the enforcement of state livestock disease control and inspection programs. Incumbent is assigned to and is responsible for a specific county geographical area of the state.		

**Duties:**

- Ensures that private veterinarians are properly testing, inspecting and vaccinating animals at sale barns, slaughter houses, fairs and farms;
- Performs a variety of inspections and tests on animals for such diseases as hog cholera Tuberculosis, Brucellosis and Scabies to ensure that the livestock meets state and federal animal health standards;
- Orders the rejection of sale of diseased animals or animal products;
- Assists other veterinarians in diagnosing and treating problem cases;
- Issues quarantines for animals and ensures compliance with state livestock quarantine requirements;
- Injects and collects blood samples from livestock and prepares specimens for shipment and laboratory testing;
- Makes epidemiological studies to trace diseased animals found at market and slaughter plants back to the farm of origin;
- Provides information on livestock diseases and their control to the livestock association and other interested organizations to promote cooperation with the state program;
- Inspects laboratories and markets for conformity with Indiana Board of Animal Health laws and regulations;
- Maintains a variety of records and reports on all phases of veterinarian activities;
- Completes necessary paperwork for health certificates, permits and documents;
- Performs related duties as required.

**Job Requirements:**

- Must be licensed and registered to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Indiana, also accredited by the US Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS).
- Broad knowledge of the principles and practices of veterinary medicine and the ability to identify animal diseases and symptoms;
- Extensive knowledge of pertinent federal and state laws and regulations and the principles and practices governing the control and eradication of communicable and infectious diseases in livestock;
- Extensive knowledge of livestock industry practices in the state;
- Specialized knowledge of animal pathology and ability to perform autopsies on animals in the diagnosis of livestock diseases;
- Ability to secure compliance with laws and regulations firmly, tactfully and impartially;
- Ability to prepare clear and concise technical reports;
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates, farmers and livestock operators, federal government representatives and the general public;
- Ability to communicate tactfully and firmly with a variety of different people encountered on the job;
- Ability to make epidemiological investigations in disease outbreaks;

**Difficulty of Work:**

Assignments involve a variety of complex problems in the field of veterinary medicine. Many animal inspections and blood tests follow standardized procedures to identify animal diseases. Considerable judgment, however, is exercised in diagnosing and treating problem cases and in determining if the quality of livestock complies with acceptable standards. Incumbent exercises considerable judgment in applying federal and state guidelines and regulations. Many complex situations require individual judgment in decision making; consideration is given to the affect on surrounding livestock population.

**Responsibility:**

Incumbent makes decisions regarding the diagnosis of diseases in animals and determines the methods with which the diseased animals will be dealt. Incumbent has final authority for the animal inspections and test interpretations for quarantining animals and rejecting sales of diseased animals. Incumbent independently plans and carries out assignments under the general supervision of a senior veterinarian who is a specialist in a particular disease.

**Personal Work Relationships:**

Incumbent must work tactfully with other veterinarians, state and federal regulatory personnel, extension agents, livestock inspectors, livestock owners and managers, meat inspectors and the public in order to obtain their cooperation. These contacts are regular and recurring in working to identify animal diseases and in working with the agriculture public to maintain the health of Indiana farm animals.

**Physical Effort:****Working Conditions:**