

CLASS SPECIFICATION
SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
PESTICIDE APPLICATOR - 1644

DEFINITION:

Under general supervision, to perform chemical pest and weed control to treat a wide variety of landscape vegetation for various pest diseases through the application of a variety of restricted and other pesticides; and to perform related work.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

Members of this class perform pesticide application for purposes of pest management duties, including the application of restricted and non-restricted chemicals as a primary job function at least 50% of the time. Those positions requiring only occasional application of pesticides, or those that do not require the application of restricted pesticides, are generally allocated to other classifications.

*** EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Visits area to be sprayed to diagnose pest problem and formulates abatement plan;
- Researches pesticide history of area to be treated;
- Examines plant and insect samples under a microscope to identify plant diseases and target pests;
- Contacts County Department of Agriculture for assistance in identifying weeds, plant diseases, and pests;
- Uses designated treatment application methods;
- Determines solution percentages and mixes a variety of chemicals including restricted pesticides and additives into large tanks;
- Dispenses pesticides onto target area using hose and nozzle;
- Protects surrounding plants from harmful effects of application;
- Posts signs and notifies City forces of special pest-spray or pre-spray instructions;
- Eliminates excess pesticide mix by dispensing onto suitable areas and rinses empty tank;
- Performs minor repair of pesticide pumps;
- Performs routine maintenance of vehicle such as checking oil levels, filters, and grease fittings and changes pumps, reels, and hoses;
- Keeps records and logs of chemicals applications, chemical category, and time and work performed;
- May lead the work of others.

*** EXAMPLES OF DUTIES performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Announcement for updated minimum qualifications: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sandiego/classspecs>.

One year of full-time experience applying turf and ornamental pesticides in public parks, recreation areas, natural habitat or open spaces, golf courses, or similar sites; **OR** two years of full-time grounds maintenance experience which must include six months of full-time experience applying turf and ornamental pesticides as described above. Qualifying grounds maintenance experience must include cultivating, fertilizing, and planting lawns, shrubs, and trees; **OR** completion of an Associate's Degree in Landscape Technology or a closely related field, **AND** three months of full-time experience applying turf and ornamental pesticides as described above. Possession of a valid California Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) or California Qualified Applicator License (QAL) in Landscape Maintenance is required. Possession of a valid California Class C-H Driver's License for the transportation of hazardous materials may be required.