State Classification Job Description

Payroll Specialist V

CLASS TITLE | CLASS CODE | SALARY GROUP | SALARY RANGE
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PAYROLL ASSISTANT | 1290 | A13 | $29,439 - $46,388
PAYROLL SPECIALIST I | 1291 | B15 | $32,976 - $52,045
PAYROLL SPECIALIST II | 1292 | B17 | $36,976 - $58,399
PAYROLL SPECIALIST III | 1293 | B19 | $42,244 - $68,960
PAYROLL SPECIALIST IV | 1294 | B21 | $48,278 - $78,953
PAYROLL SPECIALIST V | 1295 | B23 | $55,184 - $90,393

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs advanced (senior-level) payroll processing work. Work involves processing payrolls, preparing and maintaining payroll records and reports, and performing a variety of other payroll processing activities. May supervise the work of others. Works under minimal supervision, with extensive latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Processes payroll transactions in accordance with applicable regulations, policies, and procedures; researches critical transactions and recommends alternative solutions.

Enters, updates, and retrieves information from various automated, human resources, and/or payroll systems.

Maintains appropriate payroll processing controls and assists with setups of deductions, garnishments, voluntary deductions, termination, Employee’s Withholding Allowance Certificates (W-4s), and direct deposits, including returned monies and payment cancellations.

Prepares reports such as Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement; the Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return (IRS Form 941); and unemployment wages for submission to various state and federal agencies.

Prepares and processes overtime and vacation lump sum entries for payroll processing.

Maintains, audits, and reconciles leave without pay, return to work retiree, and hourly reports.

Develops and maintains internal controls to ensure proper deductions and distribution of money collected for deferred compensation, flexible benefits programs, child support programs, Internal Revenue Service levies, and other deductions.

Distributes and/or oversees the distribution of paychecks and statements of earnings and deductions.
Communicates and coordinates with staff and external entities to research, explain, and/or resolve complex payroll, leave, tax, or retirement-related questions and issues; ensures the correct interpretation and application of various laws, codes, rules, accounting controls, and other matters pertaining to payroll operations.

Reviews employee payroll and benefits policies, procedures, forms, and processes, and makes recommendations for improvements.

May compile, audit, maintain and reconcile employee leave records, such as extended sick leave, vacation accruals, and other available leave balances; and provide annual and/or monthly leave balance reports to employees.

May develop and conduct specialized payroll training programs.

May supervise the work of others.

Performs related work as assigned.

**GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

**EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**

Experience in payroll processing work. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in accounting is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

Knowledge of state governmental accounting, generally accepted accounting principles and procedures, office practices, and governmental regulations applying to accounting records; and of state and federal payroll rules, regulations, and laws.

Skill in using a computer and applicable software.

Ability to maintain confidential and sensitive information, to review payroll accounting records, to communicate effectively, and to supervise the work of others.