



# Sanitarian

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP	SALARY RANGE
SANITARIAN I	2583	B17	\$39,976 - \$61,399
SANITARIAN II	2584	B19	\$45,244 - \$72,408
SANITARIAN III	2585	B21	\$51,278 - \$82,901

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs environmental sanitation inspection work inspecting various plants, buildings, and establishments for proper sanitation; preparing reports of findings; and promoting public education on sanitary practices.

## EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Inspects various plants, buildings, and establishments for adherence to regulations and accepted sanitary requirements.

Inspects areas for animal, insect, and rodent infestation and recommends corrective measures as appropriate.

Investigates consumer and public health nuisance complaints and secures the correction and abatement of established problems.

Prepares reports on inspection findings, outlines violations of regulations, and recommends corrective action.

Makes recommendations on the location and construction of waste disposal units.

Promotes public education on sanitary practices through individual contacts and civic or other public meetings, and recommends and promotes environmental sanitation improvements.

Interprets laboratory analysis results on samples submitted from private and public water supplies and recommends corrective action as appropriate.

Conducts solid waste investigations.

Performs related work as assigned.

## DESCRIPTION OF LEVELS

*Examples of work and descriptions are meant to progress through the levels. For example, an employee at level III may also perform work listed within the previous levels.*

**Note:** Employees at the journey level may independently perform the full range of work listed in the examples or may assist others in that work.

**SANITARIAN I:** Performs moderately complex (journey-level) environmental sanitation inspection work. Works under general supervision, with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level may rely on direction from others to solve problems that are not standard and may routinely assist others in performing work of greater complexity.

**Note:** Any senior-level employee (levels II-III) can serve as a team lead or supervisor. Senior-level employees may perform the full range of work listed in the examples above and may coordinate or oversee that work for others. Factors that may distinguish between senior levels include the scope of responsibility and oversight, the complexity of the work performed, and the employee's related experience, education, and certifications.

**SANITARIAN II:** Performs advanced (senior-level) environmental sanitation inspection work. Works under limited supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level may:

- Oversee and/or inspect various plants, buildings, and establishments for adherence to regulations and accepted sanitary requirements.
- Plan, organize, and coordinate environmental and consumer health program activities.
- Evaluate sanitation conditions and recommend solutions for concerns and problems.
- Review staff reports, and recommend appropriate action.
- Consult with staff in reviewing plans and specifications for facilities in which public health sanitation is a concern.

**SANITARIAN III:** Performs highly advanced (senior-level) environmental sanitation inspection work. Works under minimal supervision, with extensive latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level may fully perform highly complex environmental sanitation inspection work and may:

- Oversee the inspection of various plants, buildings, and establishments for adherence to regulations and accepted sanitary requirements.
- Oversee environmental and consumer health program activities, including the preparation of public health standards and guidelines for environmental and consumer health programs.
- Develop educational materials for the implementation of environmental and consumer health programs.
- Evaluate state laws and local ordinances and develop enforcement procedures for compliance.
- Develop, implement, and/or revise policies and procedures.

## **GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

### **EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**

Experience in conducting inspections and investigations and in environmental sanitation work. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in natural science or a related field is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

#### **For all levels**

- Knowledge of environmental sanitation principles and practices, state and federal public health laws, and public health organization structures and functions.
- Ability to conduct inspections and investigations, to prepare concise reports, and to communicate effectively.

#### **Additional for Sanitarian II level**

- Ability to plan, organize, and coordinate environmental and public health programs, and to supervise the work of others.

#### **Additional for Sanitarian III level**

- Ability to oversee environmental and public health programs, to develop and implement policies and procedures, to evaluate laws and ordinances, and to supervise the work of others.

### **REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE**

Must be registered as a professional sanitarian by the State of Texas.