Federal Government Jobs

DID YOU KNOW???

- With more than 1.8 million civilian employees, the federal government is the nation’s largest employer
- About 9 out of 10 Federal employees work outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area
- There are presently over 5,000 federal job openings, and job openings are expected to increase in the future in order to replace workers who retire or leave the Federal Government

If you are interested in exploring opportunities with the federal government, the best place to start is at www.usajobs.gov which is the official job site of the U.S. federal government. At this site, you can browse careers by agency, location, or occupation. Helpful information about the process for applying to federal jobs can be found at www.usa.gov and select “Jobs and Education” then “Government Jobs.”

Below is an overview of all the areas in which the federal government hires employees – there may be an area or position that interests you!

SOCIAL SCIENCE, PSYCHOLOGY, AND WELFARE
Sample areas: Economist, International Relations, Intelligence, Geography, History, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Recreation Specialist, General Anthropology, Archeology

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
Sample areas: Human Resources Specialist, Mediation, Labor Management Relations, Wage and Hour Compliance, Equal Employment Opportunity, Human Resources Management Student Trainee

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, CLERICAL, AND OFFICE SERVICES
Management Analysis, Logistics Management, Equal Opportunity Compliance,

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Sample areas: Microbiology, Pharmacology, Ecology, Zoology, Toxicology, Genetics, Soil Conservation, Forestry, Fish & Wildlife Administration, Fishery Biology, Wildlife Refuge Management, Biological Science Student Trainee

ACCOUNTING AND BUDGET
Sample areas: Financial Management, Accounting, Auditing, Internal Revenue Agent, Tax Specialist, Budget Analysis, Financial Institution Examining, Insurance Accounts, Financial Management Student Trainee

MEDICAL, HOSPITAL, DENTAL, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND VETERINARY MEDICAL SCIENCE
Sample areas: Nurse, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Pharmacist, Optometrist, Speech Pathology and Audiology, Medical Record Administration, Health System Administration, Laboratory Technician, Consumer Safety

ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE
Sample Engineering areas: Materials, Civil, Environmental, Mechanical, Computer, Biomedical, Petroleum, Agricultural, Chemical, Engineering and Architecture Student Trainee

GENERAL LEGAL AND KINDRED ADMINISTRATION SERIES
Sample areas: Law Clerk, Attorney, Paralegal Specialist, Land Law Examining, Passport/Visa Examining, Tax Law Specialist, Workers’ Compensation Claims, Veterans Claims Examining, Legal Occupations Student Trainee
INFORMATION AND ARTS GROUP
Sample areas: Interior Design, Exhibits Specialist, Museum Curator, Public Affairs, Language Specialist, Music Specialist, Theater Specialist, Art Specialist, Photography, Audiovisual Production, Writing and Editing,

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GROUP
Sample areas: Purchasing, Procurement, Financial Analysis, Insurance Examining, Loan Specialist, Internal Revenue Officer, Realty, Appraising, Housing Management, Building Management, Business and Industry Student Trainee

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PHYSICAL SCIENCES GROUP
Sample areas: Physics, Geophysics, Hydrology, Chemistry, Astronomy and Space Science, Meteorology, Geology, Oceanography, Cartography, Forest Products Technology, Food Technology, Photographic Technology

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES GROUP

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS GROUP
Sample areas: Actuary, Operations Research, Mathematics, Statistician, Cryptography, Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics Student Trainee

EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, AND SERVICES GROUP

EDUCATION GROUP
Sample areas: Training Instruction, Vocational Rehabilitation, Public Health Educator, Education Research

INVESTIGATION GROUP
Sample areas: Criminal Investigation, Compliance, Immigration Inspection, Aviation Safety, Securities Compliance Examining, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Inspection, Consumer Safety Inspection, Food Inspection, Public Health Quarantine Inspection, Customs Patrol Officer, Import Specialist, Customs Inspection, Border Patrol Agent,

QUALITY ASSURANCE, INSPECTION, AND GRADING GROUP

SUPPLY GROUP
Sample areas: Inventory Management, Distribution Facilities and Storage Management

TRANSPORTATION GROUP
Sample areas: Transportation Industry Analysis, Railroad Safety, Highway Safety, Traffic Management, Air Traffic Control, Marine Cargo, Transportation Student Trainee

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Be forewarned, the system by which the federal government categorizes jobs – “Position Classification Standards” – is detailed and complex. Here are some terms you may come across:
General Schedule (GS) – this is the type of play plan that encompasses primarily white collar positions
Series – used to categorize similar positions
Grade – used to identify a positions level of difficulty or responsibility