

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES



CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

CLASS SPECIFICATION

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ASBESTOS WORKER, 3435

Summary of Duties: Removes, installs, and disposes of insulating materials and coverings from equipment and areas; sets-up and maintains containment areas for the removal and disposal of hazardous materials in conjunction with insulation work and elimination of possible Hantavirus and Anivirus contamination; and does related work.

Distinguishing Features: The work of an Asbestos Worker is distinguished from that of other classes concerned with boilers, piping and pipelines, roofs and similar installations in that it consists only of the removal or application of insulating materials to objects in order to reduce heat or refrigeration loss or the removal of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead. The performance of similar work by other classes is limited in amount or incidental to other duties. An employee of this class works under the supervision of an Asbestos Supervisor or the supervisor that has responsibility of the work location.

Example of Duties:

- Removes and installs plastic, asbestos, magnesia, wall coverings, or similar insulating materials and metal, fabric, fiberglass, or similar covering materials to surfaces of steam boilers, ducts, pipe and pipelines, floors, walls, roofs, refrigeration or cold water pipes, tanks and other areas that require insulating work;
- Places sectional insulating material around pipes;
- Fastens metal bands, clamps, or wire around sections;
- Seals transverse joints with insulating cement;
- Mixes thermal cement or other insulating plastic materials in proper proportions and applies and trowels it to a smooth and even finish;
- Applies and stitches fabric jackets over insulation;
- Inspects steam and feed water lines for leaks affecting insulation;
- Removes insulation to prevent leak damage;
- Reports leakage for repair by other craft workers;
- Repairs or replaces old, defective, or damaged insulation;
- Repairs or makes insulation blankets for boilers, pumps, valves, and turbines, using thermal fabric, glass cloth, or glass fibers as filler;
- Orders insulating materials and checks them for conformance to established standards;
- Keeps records of materials used;
- Constructs and maintains confinement areas for the removal, cleaning and decontamination of equipment and areas of hazardous material such as asbestos and lead;
- Removes and disposes of hazardous material such as asbestos and lead;
- May occasionally be assigned to other duties for training purposes or to meet

technological changes or emergencies.

Qualifications

Knowledge of:

- Safety regulations established by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Health and Safety Act, governing work in the removal and decontamination of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead;
- Types of materials and their use in insulating pipes and equipment;
- Skills in the use of the methods, tools, and equipment used to apply plastic, asbestos, magnesia, or similar insulating materials.

Ability to:

- Recognize conditions in insulating covering requiring replacement;
- Keep material and work records.

Incumbents must also be trained and maintain the certification of training for Competent Person in the handling, decontamination, and disposal of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead.

Requirements: Completion of a recognized apprenticeship as an Asbestos Worker; **or** Two years as a journey-level Asbestos Worker; **or** Six years of full-time experience as a helper working with a journey-level Asbestos Worker.

License: A valid California driver's license may be required.

Physical Requirements: Strength to perform average lifting up to 50 pounds and occasionally over 70 pounds; arm, hand, and finger dexterity with both hands involved in activities such as reaching, handling, and feeling, and good eyesight. Ability to work in cramped and awkward positions from scaffolds and on roofs.

Based on California Code of Regulations, Departmental Regulations require the wearing of a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) under hazardous and emergency conditions. Therefore, all employees in this class must be able to wear the SCBA in a safe and appropriate manner.

Persons with disabilities may be able to perform the essential duties of this class with reasonable accommodation. Reasonable accommodation will be evaluated on an individual basis and depend, in part, on the specific requirements for the job, the limitations related to the disability, and the ability of the hiring department to reasonably accommodate the limitations.

As provided in Civil Service Commission Rule 2.5 and Section 4.55 of the Administrative Code, this specification is descriptive, explanatory and not restrictive. It is not intended to declare what all of the duties, responsibilities, and required qualifications of any position shall be.