

Summary of Duties: Assists in tree trimming and removal work and performs a variety of skilled and unskilled tasks on the ground and in the trees; and does related work.

Distinguishing Features: An employee of this class performs manual work, essentially routine and repetitive in nature and usually under direct supervision. The duties and responsibilities are distinguished from those of Maintenance Laborer by the fact that assignments are limited to work with tree trimming and removal crews. A Tree Surgeon Assistant is subject to work hazards created by falling objects and heavy vehicular traffic. Although the work requires an interest in and some knowledge of horticultural activities, no specialized knowledges, high degree of manipulative skill, or previous experience is necessary. However, employees should be able to learn to climb and trim trees.

Examples of Duties: Performs a variety of unskilled work in a tree trimming or removal crew; handles lines, tree trimming tools, guys, and tackle from the ground; assists in lowering limbs; digs around roots and cuts and removes roots; places traffic control devices; acts as flagger; keeps work sites clear of pedestrians; loads brush into brush chippers; rakes and cleans work sites; loads and unloads equipment, supplies and debris; climbs and trims trees in a learning capacity; may operate a light truck; and may occasionally be assigned to other duties for training purposes or to meet technological changes or emergencies.

Qualifications: A general knowledge of the tools, equipment and methods commonly used in trimming and removing trees; the ability to learn to climb trees and work above the ground; the ability to learn the hazards and the safety and first-aid practices applicable to tree trimming and removing operations; the ability to dismantle and assemble simple mechanisms; and reading comprehension and the ability to understand and follow instructions.

License: A valid California driver's license is required.

Physical Requirements: Strength to perform heavy manual work equivalent to lifting up to 70 pounds and occasionally over 70 pounds; body agility and equilibrium involved in activities such as climbing and balancing under very precarious conditions; and good hearing and eyesight.

Persons with medical limitations may, with reasonable accommodations, be capable of performing the duties of some of the positions in this class. Such determination must be made on an individual basis in light of the person's limitations, the requirements of the position, and the appointing authority's ability to effect reasonable accommodations to 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 the duties and responsibilities of any position shall be.