WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INVESTIGATOR 1

KIND OF WORK

Skilled weights and measures inspection work entailing considerable public contact.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class is responsible for checking all weighing and measuring devices within an assigned district against state standards for accuracy. Investigators also investigate complaints of short weights and measures and may conduct surveys on accuracy of package labelling.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

- Operates a vehicle-scale testing unit in checking truck, hopper, commercial livestock and heavy duty industrial scales within an assigned region.

- Operates a light field inspection unit and checks all weighing devices of less than 4000 pounds capacity including prescription balances, counter, computing, automatic, portable and dormant scales and all liquid, dry and linear measuring devices such as bulk oil meters, bulk milk meters, vehicle tanks and vehicle tank meters glass graduates, bushel baskets, berry boxes, tapes, and year goods measure graphs, within an assigned region.

- Approves, adjusts, rejects or condemns inspected devices as the conditions demand.

- Check-weighs prepackaged goods.

- Investigates complaints of short weights and measures and labelling.

- Writes full and detailed reports of each inspection and investigation.

- Files criminal charges when warranted and testifies in court when necessary.

- Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Considerable Knowledge of:

- All makes and types of scales and measuring devices and the principles, practices and approved methods of testing them for compliance with state standards.
Business practices and methods.

Effective methods of investigation, what constitutes legal evidence, and what is proper package labelling.

Skill in:

Calibrating, testing, adjusting and standardizing weighing and measuring devices.

Ability to:

Investigate violations and to enforce laws, rules and regulations.

Establish and maintain good working relationships.

Write detailed and comprehensive reports.

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Rev.:        Former Title(s):
Ckd.: 12/92  Weights and Measures Inspector II
            Senior Weights and Measures Representative