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Class Specifications for the Class:

SWIMMING POOL CUSTODIAN

Duties Summary:

Maintains the condition and appearance of a swimming pool and adjacent areas and performs other related duties as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This class differs from the class locker room attendant in that the swimming pool custodian maintains an Olympic-size swimming pool, including the operation of chlorinating, filtering, heating and pumping equipment; the locker room attendant maintains locker rooms and related areas in orderly and sanitary condition, issues and receives bathing supplies, and may maintain a small pool.

This class differs from classes in the janitorial series in that the swimming pool custodian maintains and operates a swimming pool facility, including the operation and maintenance of pertinent equipment and the cleaning of that facility; positions in the janitorial series are concerned with the cleaning of rooms, hallways, offices, washrooms and other building areas.

Examples of Duties:

Operates swimming pool pumping, filtering, chlorinating and heating equipment in accordance with written or oral instructions; adjusts valves to direct water flow to remove impurities from the filter and to renew its filtering element; conducts simple color matching tests to determine chlorine level and pH level (relative acidity or alkalinity) of the pool water; collects water samples for bacterial count by the Department of Health; changes chlorine gas cylinders when they are exhausted; cleans and disinfects pool apron deck, stairs, equipment room, locker rooms, showers and rest rooms; uses skimmer to remove debris from the surface of surge tank; uses water vacuum cleaner to clean bottom of pool; scrubs or sands bottom and sides of pool to remove spots, algae, stains, etc.; adds chemicals to pool water to maintain correct acid-alkali level; enforces posted sanitary and safety rules; prepares floating lanes and other equipment for use by swimming classes; fills request forms for stores, materials and supplies needed to maintain pool; keeps written record of pool operations; performs minor electrical, plumbing and mechanical repair; and trims and waters lawn around pool.

Minimum Qualification Requirements:

Experience and Training: Applicants must have had 2 years of experience in any one or a combination of the following types of work:

- A. Janitorial or related custodial work such as sweeping, dusting and cleaning of buildings.
- B. Grounds maintenance work such as raking and mowing lawns, trimming shrubs and trees, and fertilizing and watering lawns and plants.
- C. Construction laborer work such as loading and unloading building materials, clearing construction area and assisting tradesman in construction and maintenance activities.
- D. Laboring work connected with the operation or maintenance of diesel, electrical or combustion engines, pumps, generators and other similar types of mechanical equipment.

Knowledge of: Operating principles of small water pumping systems and equipment involved; methods and practices used in minor repair and maintenance of small water pumps; methods and practices of filtering and purifying swimming pool water; common practices of the building trades and the tools used; cleaning methods and materials and equipment used; swimming pool sanitation practices.

Ability to: Recognize signs of mechanical wear of pump and filter equipment and make minor repairs; make simple repairs to plumbing, electrical and wooden fixtures and apparatus; swim as required to hand-brush pools, and install swimming lanes; make prescribed colorimetric tests of water for determining alkalinity-acidity balance of water; read and interpret gauges; keep daily written record of swimming pool operations; understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Selective Certification:

Specialized knowledge, skills and abilities may be required to perform the duties of some positions. In such positions, certification may be restricted to eligibles who possess the pertinent experience and/or training required to perform the duties of the position.

Agencies requesting selective certification must show the connection between the kind of training and/or experience on which they wish to base selective certification and the duties of the position to be filled.

Tests:

Applicants may be required to qualify on an appropriate examination.

Physical and Medical Requirements:

Applicants must be physically able to perform, efficiently and effectively, the essential duties of the position which typically require the ability to read without strain printed material the size of typewritten characters, glasses permitted, and the ability to hear the conversational voice, with or without a hearing aid, or the ability to compensate satisfactorily. Disabilities in these or other areas will not automatically result in disqualification. Those applicants who demonstrate that they are capable of performing the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodation will not be disqualified under this section.

Any condition which would cause applicants to be a hazard to themselves or others is cause for disqualification.

Any disqualification under this section will be made only after a review of all pertinent information, including the results of the medical examination, and requires the approval of the Superintendent of Education.

Mental/Emotional Requirements:

All applicants must possess emotional and mental stability appropriate to the job duties and responsibilities and working conditions.

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This is an amendment of the class specifications and minimum qualification specifications for the class SWIMMING POOL CUSTODIAN that was approved by the Department of Education Civil Service system on October 24, 2006.

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