

Announcement Date: June 4, 2008

**State of Alabama
Personnel Department
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**AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATOR - 11318
LEGAL OPTION - 392
\$57,504.00 - \$87,657.60**

Department: Agriculture and Industries

Location: Montgomery

TYPE OF EXAMINATION

An **open-competitive** register will be established by an evaluation of each qualified applicant's training and experience as indicated on his/her application. This evaluation will comprise 100% of the final grade.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED TO APPLY

You must have **all** of the following to qualify:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited* college or university in agriculture, agriculture economics, agriculture business or a closely related field.
- Graduation from an approved law school.
- Six (6) years of experience in professional agriculture work such as planning, developing, and implementing activities and services for a regulatory, inspection, compliance, and/or investigative program.

KIND OF WORK

This is professional and administrative work in the field of agricultural economics. The employee in this class serves as a legal agricultural economic advisor to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries. Work involves developing, analyzing, and interpreting economic data and recommending policies, programs and actions to meet the economic and changing needs of the agricultural industry and representing the Commissioner at various technical, advisory, and policy making committee meetings.

HOW TO APPLY

Use an Application for Examination form. You can get the form at this office or at an Alabama Career Center office. It can also be downloaded from our web site. You must send your application to the State Personnel Department. It must be received by the close of business on **June 25, 2008**. Applications received after this date **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. The names of those who apply late will be put on a mailing list to be notified when this job is again open for applications. The State Personnel Department is not responsible for late receipt of applications due to mail services or fax malfunctions. Photocopied applications are accepted. Facsimile applications are also accepted. Our fax number is (334) 242-1110.

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line at: www.personnel.state.al.us.

Individuals currently on the register MUST reapply to remain eligible for employment.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Except for pretest information provided by State Personnel to all applicants, you should not directly or indirectly obtain information about examinations. If you do, the State Personnel Director may do several things. One, you may not be given an examination. Two, you may be disqualified after an examination. Three, your name may be removed from a register. Or four, your name may not be certified from the register. (Rules of the State Personnel Board, Chapter 670-x-9). According to the Code of Alabama, 36-26-47, a willful violation of exam security is a misdemeanor. Any person who is convicted of this type of misdemeanor will not get a state job. If they are officers or employees of the state, they will be required to forfeit their office or position for five years.

If you know of anyone who has violated this policy, you should contact the Examination Manager at the State Personnel Department.

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Policy on Accepting College Coursework, Post-Secondary and Advanced Degrees

1. Specific college coursework required for a job, as well as Bachelor's, graduate, post graduate, and doctoral degrees will be accepted from the schools accredited by any of the six regional accreditation associations in the United States. These associations are listed below.
 - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
 - Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)
 - Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
 - North Central Association of Colleges and Schools – The Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC)
 - New England Association of Schools and Colleges – Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE)
 - Western Association of Schools and Colleges – Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC-ACSCU)

2. Coursework or degrees from schools that have not been accredited by a regional accreditation association will be accepted if a regionally accredited school considers the coursework or degree to be an acceptable prerequisite for admission to an advanced degree program. For example, if a regionally accredited school accepts an applicant's bachelor's degree for admittance into a graduate degree program, State Personnel will accept the degree. In the case of required college coursework (but no degree requirement), State Personnel will accept the college coursework if a regionally accredited school accepts the coursework towards a post-secondary degree (e.g., a bachelor's degree). ***This must be documented by a letter of acceptance from the regionally accredited school.*** State Personnel will review such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Note: This policy is subject to change. Certain state agencies may have additional requirements.