FOREST RANGER/TECHNICIAN – 70410

Salary: $28,360.80 - $47,596.80
Announcement Date: December 8, 2021
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JOB INFORMATION
The Forest Ranger/Technician is a permanent, full-time position that is used by various agencies throughout the state. This is beginning through full performance level forestry work in the fields of forest management, fire prevention and suppression, and forest resource planning, forest insect and disease control and information and education.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT(S)
• High School Diploma or GED, and
• Applicants must also have one of the following to qualify:
  • One (1) year of forestry related work experience.
  • One (1) year of firefighting experience.
  • One (1) year of experience in the operation and maintenance of equipment such as trucks, tractors, transports, crawlers, and bulldozers. Applicants must list the equipment they have operated and describe the maintenance they have performed on their application.
  • Associate’s degree in Forestry, Forest Technology, or a closely related field.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT(S)
• Possession of or the ability to obtain a valid Alabama driver license at time of appointment.
• Some positions will require applicants to obtain a commercial driver license (CDL) during their probationary period.

EXAMINATION
• Open-Competitive to all applicants.
• An Evaluation of Training and Experience as shown on the application will comprise 100% of the final score for the open-competitive register.

HOW TO APPLY
• Complete an Application for Examination Form available at www.personnel.alabama.gov, the above address, or any Alabama Career Center Office.
• Apply on-line, by mail, or by fax. Applications will be accepted until further notice. The State Personnel Department is not responsible for late receipt of applications due to mail service or faxing malfunctions.
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 be ineligible for appointment to or employment in a position in State service for a period of five years and, if the person is an officer or employee of the State, will forfeit his or her office or position.

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

Applicants hired by the State of Alabama on or after January 1, 2012 will be subject to the E-Verify process pursuant to Act No. 2011-535.

State of Alabama Personnel Department

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

1. Specific college coursework required for a job classification, as well as bachelor’s, graduate, post graduate, and doctoral degrees will be accepted from schools accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) or any of the six regional accreditation associations in the United States listed below:

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges –Senior College and University Commission (WASC-SCUC)

College coursework is defined as credit hours leading to a bachelor’s degree or higher.

2. Coursework or degrees from schools that have not been accredited by one of the above accreditation associations may 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.

*The term “regionally accredited school” refers to an institution of higher education accredited by one of the six regional accreditation associations listed above.