

APPRENTICE PAINTER

DEFINITION

Performs a gradually increasing percentage of journey-level duties while learning the painting trade as a regularly indentured apprentice.

TYPICAL DUTIES

In a program designed to train the unskilled worker to the journey-level, an Apprentice Painter learns to:

- Prepare for painting and finishing of the surfaces of interior and exterior walls, woodwork, and metal work, such as tables, cabinets, rooms, auditoriums, roofs, fences, and playground apparatus, by scraping, sanding, and other preparations.
- Erect, rig, and move working scaffolds, swing stages, and extension ladders.
- Mix colors in various paint finishes to match, blend, harmonize, and contrast in specified color and consistencies.
- Uses brushes, rollers, and spray guns to apply coats of paints, enamels, varnishes, lacquers, or other materials on a wide variety of surfaces, such as wood, metal, glass, plaster, brick, masonry, stucco, concrete, and wallboard.
- Cleans brushes, spray guns, and other tools and equipment.

Performs related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS AMONG RELATED CLASSES

An Apprentice Painter assists a Painter and performs duties gradually progressing from unskilled to skilled while learning the painting trade in a regular apprentice program.

A Painter prepares surfaces and painting materials and performs skilled brush, roller, and spray painting for the maintenance and decoration of buildings and equipment or for refinishing of furniture.

SUPERVISION

General supervision is received from an Area Paint Supervisor. Technical supervision and practical instruction is received from Senior Painters and Painters as assigned. No supervision is exercised.

CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Basic hand tools
- Arithmetic
- Simple mechanical principles

Ability to:

- Learn the skills of the painting trade through classroom instruction and on-the-job training
- Follow oral and written instructions
- Work effectively with other District employees
- Learn and apply occupational safety regulations and procedures

Special Physical Requirements:

- Adequate color perception to distinguish different shades and mix colors with precision
- Dexterity of fingers and hands to operate the necessary tools and equipment
- Ability to safely lift, push, pull, and carry up to 80 pounds of equipment or materials
- Ability to work safely at heights including the use of ladders, scaffolds and other related equipment
- Ability to stand, walk, bend at the waist, crawl, climb, reach overhead, crouch, kneel, and maintain balance

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Graduation from high school or equivalent evidence of educational proficiency at the high school level.

Special:

- A valid driver's license to legally operate a motor vehicle in the State of California and use of a motor vehicle.
- Employment is subject to medical clearance which meets pertinent provisions of the General Industry Safety Orders of the California Code of Regulations regarding protective equipment when exposed to hazardous materials, including, but not limited to, asbestos and lead.

This class description is not a complete statement of essential functions, responsibilities, or requirements. Requirements are representative of the minimum level of knowledge, skill, and abilities. Management retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of the position at any time.

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