

Missouri Department of Transportation Job Description

Job Title: Railroad Safety Inspector

Title Code: R01092

Salary Grade: 7

Exemption Status: Non-Exempt

Supervisory Responsibilities: None

District/Division: Central Office - Multimodal Operations

Effective Date: 12-16-2024

Replaces (Effective Date): 07-01-2022

General Summary

The railroad safety inspector conducts routine grade crossing, track, hazardous materials, motive power and equipment, operating practices and/or signal inspections. Responsibilities are performed under moderate supervision.

Minimum/Required Qualifications

- High School Diploma or GED/HiSET
- Federal Railroad Administration Certification as a track inspector, hazmat inspector, motive power and equipment inspector, operating practices inspector, or signal and train control or grade-crossing signal inspector is preferred.
- Two years of professional or technical experience in railroad construction, maintenance or operating practices; or highway-rail grade-crossing signal construction or maintenance; or regulatory compliance or enforcement; or related areas.
- Successful completion of a Range of Motion examination.

Special Working Conditions/Job Characteristics

- Job requires regular, statewide, overnight travel.
- Job requires exposure to physical hazards, health and safety risks, and/or adverse or otherwise undesirable characteristics in the environment.
- Job may require operation of vehicles to plow snow and spread ice control materials.

Examples of Work

1. Conducts compliance inspections to ensure carriers maintain safe operations under federal and state regulations.
2. Conducts complaint investigations; obtains data from carriers, conducts interviews, on-site inspections, reviews records and other agency reports; develops a resolution process and prepares a close-out report; works with carriers, citizens, legislators, union representatives and other state and federal agencies to resolve issues.
3. Conducts safety inspections of railroad property, including carrier facilities, rolling stock and other equipment.
4. Conducts accident investigations to determine root cause; works independently or as a team member to conduct unassisted or joint investigations with law enforcement, federal investigators or carrier officials.
5. Works with state, federal and local law enforcement officials and carriers to support the secure movement of people and goods by establishing processes to identify threats and vulnerabilities to the rail network.
6. Reviews railroad crossings to ensure compliance with Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Issues, Federal Railroad Administration and state requirements; conducts final inspections and completes proper paperwork.
7. Acts as duty officer on a rotating basis for incidents following normal work hours; receives preliminary information and conducts follow-up calls to the reporting carrier and federal and state agencies to initiate investigation procedures and determine whether on-site investigation is necessary.
8. Performs other responsibilities as required or assigned.