

## **EMPLOYEE HEALTH SERVICE** Statement of Physical and Medical Requirements for Public Health Specialist, 1, 2, 3 Trainee 1, 2 (Environment)

EHS PM-50 (2/2023)

## NOTE: CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE PHYSICAL AND MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS STATED BELOW AND IN THE EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT, AT THE TIME OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT. THESE TITLES EXIST AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ONLY.

- 1. Vision Candidates must have binocular vision not less than 20/40 with or without correction.
- 2. Hearing Candidates must be able to pass an audiometric test of hearing acuity. A binaural hearing loss of greater than 15% in the frequency ranges of 500, 1000, and 2000 Hz, with or without hearing appliances, will be considered disgualifying. Use of hearing aids is permitted as long as they are self-contained and fit within (auricular) or behind or over (post-auricular) the ear. Candidates with hearing aids, at their own expense, must provide evidence from a licensed audiologist, using functional gain or real ear measurements, that their aid(s) meet the stipulated manufacturer's standards. Recourse Testing: If the candidate's pure tone screening test is deemed unacceptable, such candidate may at his/her own expense have an audiological evaluation administered by a NYS licensed audiologist, including: 1. hearing sensitivity; 2. speech discrimination in guiet; 3. speech discrimination in noise. Testing should be performed in a sound-treated environment meeting the 1969 ANSI or any subsequent standard. The CID W-22-word lists should be presented at 50 dB HL via a calibrated speech audiometer through a single speaker stationed at 0 degrees azimuth with the candidate seated at approximately 1 meter (39 inches) from the speaker. Speech (hearing) discrimination testing in a background of broad-band noise should be conducted in the same sound field environment. Again, using a different version of one of the CID W-22 word lists presented at 50 dB HL, a competing noise should be simultaneously presented at 40 dB HL (S/N=+10) through the same speaker (0 degrees azimuth) as the test words or through a separate speaker located at 180 degrees azimuth. The minimal acceptable standard of speech (hearing) discrimination shall be a score no poorer than 90% in quiet and 70% in noise on two of the pre-recorded versions of the CID W-22-word lists. An open-test response format should be utilized with the candidate responding in writing.
- 3. <u>Cardiovascular</u> Candidates must be free of functionally limiting heart disease. Candidates must have a functional cardiac classification of no greater than Class IA. This determination must be made clinically or by cardiac stress test. Candidates with uncontrolled high blood pressure will be restricted pending remediation.
- 4. <u>Respiratory System</u> The respiratory system must be free of disabling conditions that would interfere with the candidate's ability to perform the essential functions of the position. Candidates will be required to complete the OSHA Respirator Questionnaire and be certified to use cartridge respirators.
- 5. **<u>Diabetes</u>** Candidates who are diabetic must provide evidence of satisfactory medical control.
- 6. <u>Neurological Health</u> Candidates must be free of neurological disorders that would interfere with the candidate's ability to perform the essential functions of the position. Candidates with any type of epilepsy or seizure disorders must provide evidence of one-year seizure-free history with or without medication.
- 7. <u>Musculoskeletal Health</u> Candidates must be free of musculoskeletal defects, deformities or disorders that will interfere with the candidate's ability to perform the essential functions of the position. Functional use of arms, hands, legs, feet and back must be demonstrable at the examination. Prostheses must be functional and allow candidates to perform the essential functions of the position and no security risk is posed.

<u>General Medical Statement</u> - Candidates must be free of any medical condition, including drug or alcohol abuse, and/or psychiatric disorder, that would jeopardize the safety and health of the candidate and/or others or would clearly interfere with the ability to perform the essential functions of the position.

## CANDIDATES WHO ARE EXAMINED WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A MEDICAL LABORATORY FEE.