

# Federal Government Jobs

## DID YOU KNOW???

- With more than 1.8 million civilian employees, the federal government is the nation's largest employer
- About 9 out of 10 Federal employees work outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area
- There are presently over 5,000 federal job openings, and job openings are expected to increase in the future in order to replace workers who retire or leave the Federal Government

If you are interested in exploring opportunities with the federal government, the best place to start is at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) which is the official job site of the U.S. federal government. At this site, you can browse careers by agency, location, or occupation. Helpful information about the process for applying to federal jobs can be found at [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov) and select "Jobs and Education" then "Government Jobs."

**Below is an overview of all the areas in which the federal government hires employees – there may be an area or position that interests you!**

### **SOCIAL SCIENCE, PSYCHOLOGY, AND WELFARE**

*Sample areas: Economist, International Relations, Intelligence, Geography, History, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Recreation Specialist, General Anthropology, Archeology*

### **HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

*Sample areas: Human Resources Specialist, Mediation, Labor Management Relations, Wage and Hour Compliance, Equal Employment Opportunity, Human Resources Management Student Trainee*

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, CLERICAL, AND OFFICE SERVICES**

*Management Analysis, Logistics Management, Equal Opportunity Compliance,*

### **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

*Sample areas: Microbiology, Pharmacology, Ecology, Zoology, Toxicology, Genetics, Soil Conservation, Forestry, Fish & Wildlife Administration, Fishery Biology, Wildlife Refuge Management, Biological Science Student Trainee*

### **ACCOUNTING AND BUDGET**

*Sample areas: Financial Management, Accounting, Auditing, Internal Revenue Agent, Tax Specialist, Budget Analysis, Financial Institution Examining, Insurance Accounts, Financial Management Student Trainee*

### **MEDICAL, HOSPITAL, DENTAL, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND VETERINARY MEDICAL SCIENCE**

*Sample areas: Nurse, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Pharmacist, Optometrist, Speech Pathology and Audiology, Medical Record Administration, Health System Administration, Laboratory Technician, Consumer Safety*

### **ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE**

*Sample Engineering areas: Materials, Civil, Environmental, Mechanical, Computer, Biomedical, Petroleum, Agricultural, Chemical, Engineering and Architecture Student Trainee*

### **GENERAL LEGAL AND KINDRED ADMINISTRATION SERIES**

*Sample areas: Law Clerk, Attorney, Paralegal Specialist, Land Law Examining, Passport/Visa Examining, Tax Law Specialist, Workers' Compensation Claims, Veterans Claims Examining, Legal Occupations Student Trainee*

**INFORMATION AND ARTS GROUP**

*Sample areas: Interior Design, Exhibits Specialist, Museum Curator, Public Affairs, Language Specialist, Music Specialist, Theater Specialist, Art Specialist, Photography, Audiovisual Production, Writing and Editing,*

**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GROUP**

*Sample areas: Purchasing, Procurement, Financial Analysis, Insurance Examining, Loan Specialist, Internal Revenue Officer, Realty, Appraising, Housing Management, Building Management, Business and Industry Student Trainee*

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**PHYSICAL SCIENCES GROUP**

*Sample areas: Physics, Geophysics, Hydrology, Chemistry, Astronomy and Space Science, Meteorology, Geology, Oceanography, Cartography, Forest Products Technology, Food Technology, Photographic Technology*

**LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES GROUP**

**MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS GROUP**

*Sample areas: Actuary, Operations Research, Mathematics, Statistician, Cryptography, Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics Student Trainee*

**EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, AND SERVICES GROUP**

**EDUCATION GROUP**

*Sample areas; Training Instruction, Vocational Rehabilitation, Public Health Educator, Education Research*

**INVESTIGATION GROUP**

*Sample areas: Criminal Investigation, Compliance, Immigration Inspection, Aviation Safety, Securities Compliance Examining, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Inspection, Consumer Safety Inspection, Food Inspection, Public Health Quarantine Inspection, Customs Patrol Officer, Import Specialist, Customs Inspection, Border Patrol Agent,*

**QUALITY ASSURANCE, INSPECTION, AND GRADING GROUP**

**SUPPLY GROUP**

*Sample areas: Inventory Management, Distribution Facilities and Storage Management*

**TRANSPORTATION GROUP**

*Sample areas: Transportation Industry Analysis, Railroad Safety, Highway Safety, Traffic Management, Air Traffic Control, Marine Cargo, Transportation Student Trainee*

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GROUP**

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*Be forewarned, the system by which the federal government categorizes jobs – “Position Classification Standards” – is detailed and complex. Here are some terms you may come across:*

*General Schedule (GS) – this is the type of pay plan that encompasses primarily white collar positions*

*Series – used to categorize similar positions*

*Grade – used to identify a positions level of difficulty or responsibility*