

# Attachment I

## Position Description for Tree Trimmer and Tree Trimmer-Truck Driver

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Class Specifications  
for the Class:TREE TRIMMERDuties Summary:

Operates and maintains a truck with a hydraulic powered aerial platform in trimming and pruning trees on grounds under the jurisdiction of the State Comptroller; climbs trees with or without the aid of climbing spikes; and performs other related duties as assigned.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This class is distinguished by its responsibility for operating and maintaining a truck with an aerial platform in the daily operation of tree trimming. The truck and platform are necessary to enable the trimmer to efficiently perform cutting operations at heights. A basic requirement of this class is the ability to manipulate the various brakes, levers and clutches that are mounted on the truck and platform.

Work assignments are received from a foreman who also reviews work practices. However, positions in this class are responsible for work site operations. This involves overseeing the use of machinery, disposal of debris, and that safe practices and work instructions are followed by other members of the crew. Positions in this class perform manual trimming operations when mechanical equipment is inoperative or in situations where trimming will be facilitated without the use of truck and platform. Also inherent in this class is the responsibility for the maintenance of machinery and accountability for all tools and equipment used in tree trimming operations.

Examples of Duties:

Drives the truck to and from job sites; clears work area of vehicles and other property that may be damaged by falling branches and other debris; secures truck for operation by seeing that all safety equipment is in place; operates the aerial platform to attain the desired height and angle; directs the placing and use of guy lines; selects and makes cuts; paints pruning compound on scars left by cuts; oversees the cutting and disposal of debris produced by trimming; climbs trees using ladders, climbing spikes and other climbing equipment; may drive heavy dump trucks to haul rubbish to incinerator.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required:

Knowledge of: The operation and maintenance of a truck and hydraulic equipment; motor vehicle operation ordinances; the use and care of pruning tools, power saws and climbing equipment; safety practices necessary for operating an aerial platform and working at heights; general tree trimming techniques and practices.

Ability to: Operate a truck with an aerial platform; operate heavy trucks; understand and carry out oral and written instructions; utilize various power tools used in tree trimming; select and make appropriate cuts on trees; oversee the work of others; climb high trees using climbing spikes and other equipment.

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Class Specifications  
for the Class:

TREE TRIMMER-TRUCK DRIVER

Duties Summary:

Climbs and trims as well as removes a variety of trees; applies chemicals and does minor tree surgery on diseased or injured trees; operates medium and heavy trucks and other comparable mobile equipment; and performs other related duties as assigned.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This class is distinguished by its performance of both tree trimming and truck driving duties as a regular assignment.

Examples of Duties:

Climbs a variety of trees with or without the aid of spikes, or utilizes a hydraulic or mechanical ladder and other equipment to reach the necessary heights; uses hand, pole, and power saws, cane knives and other hand tools to cut tree branches; paints all cuts two inches or more in diameter with tar or other compound; digs out dry rot from tree trunks with a pruning knife and fills the resulting cavity with cement; applies lead arsenate or other chemicals to areas of trees infested with pests or fungi; feeds limbs and other trimmings into a "chipper;" operates medium and heavy trucks and other mechanized equipment, such as a hoist; directs vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the job site.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required:

Knowledge of: General tree trimming techniques and practices; tools and equipment used in tree trimming; laws and regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on streets and highways; safety practices and procedures.

Ability to: Climb trees with or without the aid of spikes; work above the ground at varying heights; operate hand and power tools and equipment; operate a truck and other mobile equipment; understand and observe traffic laws and regulations; make minor emergency repairs to trucks; understand and follow oral and written instructions.

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