

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
CLASS DESCRIPTION**

JOB CODE 208

CLAIMS ADJUSTER I

GENERAL

Responsible professional work managing Workers' Compensation claims against the City. Work is performed under the direction of the Risk Manager and reviewed in conferences through review of cases and by analysis of loss reports.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES

(These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.)

Follows claims procedure for the City of Pompano Beach for medical only and lost time cases.

Collects data relating to claims, creates claims files; analyzes records and reports facts related to claims to Risk Manager.

Settles or recommends settlements with claimants when authorized by the Risk Manager.

Maintains extensive contact with injured workers, City officials, medical service providers, attorneys, insurance and other public agencies.

Exercises considerable initiative and independent judgment in analyzing facts, arranging settlements or recommending resolution of claims to the Risk Manager.

Confers with City employees to determine City's liability.

Obtains copies of contracts, medical and payroll records and other pertinent evidence, secures confidential investigations and other activities required for proper investigation of claims and to assist the defense of workers' compensation claims or lawsuits against the City.

Review workers' compensation medical bills and adjusts pricing to comply with Florida Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule.

Enters data to record claims, maintains claims, diaries files, makes payments and closes claim files.

Works with local managed care provider to insure reporting of claims.

Attends occasional safety meetings at the discretion of the Risk Manager to address areas of concern to City departments and employees.

Maintains knowledge of OSHA regulations, or State of Florida reporting requirements.

Establishes loss reserves, maintains loss statistics for all losses.

Studies current literature to keep informed of new developments in compensation exposures caused by new legislation and/or legal decisions.

Confers with attorneys, judges, doctors and insurance carriers and may testify in court, or mediations regarding claims at the discretion of the Risk Manager

Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of local, state and federal laws and regulations relating to area of assignment (Workers' Compensation). Knowledge of the FMLA Act of 1993, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Heart and Lung Bill of 1993, pertinent case histories, making adjustments and settlements, and defending against claims/suits against the City. Ability to conduct claims investigations, to interview effectively, to observe and report accurate facts relating to incidents which may result in claims against the City. Ability to negotiate with claimants and resolve or recommend resolution of claims successfully.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

A #520 License (Licensed Adjuster) or Workers' Compensation Claims Adjuster license issued by the Department of Insurance of the State of Florida (a temporary license issued by the Department of Insurance will suffice if the permanent license is secured before its expiration). A college degree of Associates or higher. At least three years experience in workers' compensation adjusting or insurance related field.

A comparable amount of training and experience may be substituted for the minimum qualifications.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Must have the use of sensory skills in order to effectively communicate and interact with other employees and the public through the use of the telephone and personal contact as normally defined by the ability to see, read, talk, hear, handle or feel objects and controls. Physical capability to effectively use and operate various items of office related equipment, such as, but not limited to a, personal computer, calculator, copier, and fax machine. No significant standing, walking, moving, climbing, carrying, bending, kneeling, crawling, reaching, and handling, pushing, and pulling. Must be able to perform occasional light lifting up to 20 lbs. The noise level in this environment is usually quiet in an inside office setting, but may be loud when visiting facilities.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid, appropriate driver's license and an acceptable driving record.

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Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.