Economist

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP	SALARY RANGE
ECONOMIST I	0640	B19	$48,244 - $76,028
ECONOMIST II	0642	B21	$54,278 - $87,046
ECONOMIST III	0644	B23	$61,184 - $99,658
ECONOMIST IV	0646	B25	$69,572 - $114,099

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs economics work involving conducting economic studies and analyses, collecting economic information, and preparing reports.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Collects and maintains economic data and statistics, including information on current and projected changes in economic activity.

Prepares economic and demographic statistics for analysis.

Conducts economic studies and analyses and prepares economic reports.

Performs statistical computations on economic and demographic indicators.

Maintains an up-to-date inventory of survey forms.

Performs related work as assigned.

DESCRIPTION OF LEVELS

Examples of work and descriptions are meant to progress through the levels. For example, an employee at level IV may also perform work listed within the previous levels.

***Note**: Factors that may distinguish between entry and journey levels include the level of independence in performing the work and the complexity of the work and may include the employee's related experience, education, and certifications. Employees at the journey levels may independently perform the full range of work listed in the examples or may assist others in that work.*

ECONOMIST I: Performs routine (journey-level) economics work. Works under moderate supervision, with limited latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level may rely on direction from others to solve problems that are not standard and may occasionally assist others in performing work of greater complexity.

ECONOMIST II: Performs complex (journey-level) economics work. Works under general supervision, with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level routinely assist others in performing work of greater complexity and may provide guidance to others.

Note*: Any senior-level employee (levels III-IV) may serve as a lead or supervisor. Senior-level employees may perform the full range of work identified in the levels preceding their own and/or may oversee or coordinate that work for others. Factors that may distinguish between senior levels include the scope of responsibility and oversight, the complexity of the work performed, and the employee's related experience, education, and certifications.*

ECONOMIST III: Performs advanced (senior-level) economics work. Works under limited supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level may lead and conduct highly complex studies and, work on large scale or high impact projects and reports, and may:

- Develop research techniques, methodologies, and procedures.
- Develop and conduct presentations.
- Provide technical advice on economic relationships and conditions.
- Identify and evaluate economic factors relating to programs and projects.
- Formulate recommendations, policies, and plans to address economic problems.
- Interpret economic conditions and advises on implications.

ECONOMIST IV: Performs highly advanced (senior-level) economics work. Works under minimal supervision, with extensive latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level may be considered technical experts in the field, may oversee multiple and highly complex studies, and may approve recommendations, policies, and plans to address economic problems.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Agencies have the discretion to identify the general or specialized experience, education, or certifications required for positions and may tailor qualification requirements to specifically meet the agency's business needs. Agencies may substitute experience, education, military service, apprenticeships, and relevant credentials for one another, if appropriate and allowed by statute.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge of economic principles, techniques, and procedures.

- Skill in performing statistical computations and in the use of a computer and applicable software.

- Ability to prepare and analyze statistics, to prepare reports, and to communicate effectively.

Additional for Economist II – IV levels:

- Ability to conduct economic studies and analyses and to prepare and analyze economic and demographic data and statistics.

Additional for Economist III – IV levels:

- Ability to oversee and/or supervise the work of others.