



Probationary Game Warden

Salary Group: C02

Class Code: 9981

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP
GAME WARDEN TRAINEE	9980	C01
PROBATIONARY GAME WARDEN	9981	C02
GAME WARDEN	9987	C03

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs wildlife and natural resources enforcement work. Work involves providing field enforcement duties, information, and education to the public; conducting hunting and boating education safety programs; and promoting youth-oriented activities. Works under close supervision, with minimal latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Enforces the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, the Texas Penal Code, and relevant provisions of other Texas statutes and regulations.

Conducts natural disaster response activities as required.

Executes and serves all criminal processes resulting from enforcement activities related to violations of the State's hunting and fishing laws.

Maintains contact with landowners, resource users, and the general public.

Prepares, submits, and maintains reports of activities.

Provides information and education to the public regarding applicable statutes, regulations, and Department programs.

Provides public safety and emergency management functions, including working in response to natural disasters and in homeland security operations.

Provides testimony in court and administrative hearings.

Safeguards Department equipment.

Assists other law enforcement agencies as needed.

May conduct investigations of holders of permits and licenses issued by the Department.

Performs related work as assigned.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Graduation from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Warden Training Center. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in criminal justice, corrections, criminology, police science, natural resources, or a related field is generally preferred.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of state and federal statutes and regulations pertaining to wildlife and natural resources enforcement; the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Texas Penal Code, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; and Department policies and procedures.

Ability to use and care for firearms, radio equipment, and other law enforcement equipment; to operate law enforcement vehicles and vessels; and to communicate effectively.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

Must be certified as a Texas peace officer by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Must possess a valid driver's license.