



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
Countywide Examinations Administration Division
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SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION
JOB INFORMATION CHECKLIST

for

Coroner Investigator Trainee, Exam No. R1636F

There are many satisfying and rewarding aspects of coroner investigation, and there is no question that this work provides a valuable service to the citizens of Los Angeles County. However, it is important for every applicant to carefully consider **ALL** characteristics of this job before deciding to apply. Listed below are some job characteristics of the Coroner Investigator Trainee position. Note that details of a job characteristic may vary depending on work assignments and departmental needs.

Instructions:

This Job Information Checklist is part of your application. You must fully complete the document by (a) reading, acknowledging, and placing a checkmark (☑) in the box next to each statement to indicate that you understand that it is an aspect of this job, (b) printing and signing your name, and (c) providing the date. If you do not fully complete this Job Information Checklist, then your application will be incomplete.

JOB CHARACTERISTICS

1. The Coroner Investigator Trainee position is a specialized training program designed to prepare candidates for the Coroner Investigator position. All candidates must successfully complete all required training and meet all of the standards established by the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) prior to completion of the one-year probationary period.....
2. A significant amount of time during the training program is dedicated to reading, learning, and discussing various training materials (e.g., government codes, departmental guidelines and policies, investigative techniques, etc.) and observing various jobs in the Coroner's Department (e.g., reporting desk staff, autopsy technicians, investigative personnel, etc.).....
3. Coroner Investigator Trainees are required to work 10-hour shifts that may include nights, weekends, and/or holidays. Also, they may be required to work overtime in order to meet the legal requirements and/or departmental needs associated with death investigations.....
4. Depending on the circumstances, Coroner Investigator Trainees may be required to drive up to 75-100 miles one-way using a County vehicle or their own vehicle to various death scenes throughout the County of Los Angeles (mileage reimbursement is provided by the County).....
5. Death investigations include examining corpses and performing a variety of tests to determine body temperature and degree of rigor mortis. This requires Coroner Investigator Trainees to physically handle bodies, some of which are fragmented or in advanced stages of decomposition.....

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- 6. Death scenes sometimes present difficult environmental challenges, such as strong odors, extreme temperatures, dilapidated living conditions, and/or rugged terrain.....
- 7. This position requires frequent lifting, moving of heavy equipment and corpses, and other physically demanding activities (e.g., climbing down rocky cliffs, carrying a piece of equipment up steep hills, or removing a corpse from the ocean, etc.).....
- 8. An important aspect of conducting death investigations includes notifying family members, having them identify the deceased, and providing them with information, empathy, support, and resources. In these situations, grieving family members may respond in a variety of highly emotional ways (e.g., despondence, profuse sadness/tearfulness, anger and sometimes physical violence directed towards the Coroner Investigator Trainee, etc.).....
- 9. Coroner Investigator Trainees work in highly stressful situations. To function effectively, they must develop and apply effective coping and self-care skills that maintain physical, mental, emotional well-being, a healthy perspective, and a clear and appropriate set of boundaries.....

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Print Name