

Employment Opportunities



To be considered for this position, you must complete a state application through the on-line employment system at <https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov/> no later than 5 p.m. of the cut-off date stated in this flyer. Resumes may accompany but will not be accepted in lieu of a Commonwealth of Virginia application.

Food Safety Specialist (Environmental Specialist I)

#01296 – Tappahannock

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is seeking a self-motivated person to become part of our Food Safety & Security team in the Tappahannock area. This position is responsible for the evaluation of food processes and the enforcement of the Virginia Food Laws and related federal and state regulations. Duties include: evaluating the condition of food processing facilities relative to food safety and food security; assessing new and existing food processing technologies and food labeling at manufacturing operations and retail food establishments; investigating complaints and conducting food borne illness investigations; collecting official samples of food and food related products; reviewing new food business proposals and assisting in the development of safe food processes; evaluating and interpreting nutritional related claims for foods and dietary supplements. The individual will establish and work from a home office under the guidance and direction of a regional field office. Candidate will be required to live in or convenient to assigned territory.

QUALIFICATIONS: The ideal candidate will possess a BS degree in Food Science, Biology, Chemistry or a related field; however, an equivalent amount of practical experience involving food processing theory and practice, food microbiology, food chemistry, food engineering and the enforcement of food regulations at the government level is acceptable. Requires a valid Driver's License, exceptional customer service skills and a verifiable ability to communicate effectively (oral and written) and work well with the public under stressful situations; interpret/apply laws and regulations; and independently plan, organize and execute job duties. Preferred candidates will have a working knowledge of HACCP and possess proficient PC skills. Final candidate must successfully complete a fingerprint-based criminal background check. The Commonwealth of Virginia offers a competitive salary, use of a state vehicle, and an excellent benefits package. **Minimum Salary: \$31,352, depending upon relevant qualifications.**

In accordance with State Code, incumbents of this position must complete a Statement of Economic Interests form upon hire and annually thereafter.

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