

OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER
JOB OPPORTUNITY
RETIREMENT & BENEFITS OFFICER

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Open To: The Public
Location: Retirement Services Division - 55 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106
Job Posting No.: #639, 75158, 99555, 100014
Hours: Full Time / 40 hours per week
Salary: \$57,849 Annual Salary (AR 22)
Closing Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2012

The Retirement Services Division of the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) is currently recruiting to fill four (4) Retirement & Benefits Officer positions. These positions are accountable for independently performing a full range of tasks in the public employee retirement and benefit administration.

Eligibility: Candidates must have applied for and passed the Retirement & Benefits Officer exam and be on the current certification list promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services for this classification. State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status in the class may apply for a lateral transfer. Applicants will not have the opportunity to take the exam prior to the above closing date to qualify for this particular vacancy.

Example of Duties:

This position is responsible for analysis of individual retirement records, payroll records, personnel records and other sources of relevant information by inspection of physical records and utilization of a variety of different data bases and automated systems as required for the State Employee Retirement System (SERS). Utilizes complex formulas and accounting principles to calculate and identify the monthly benefit for all types of retirements. Respond to inquires in both written and oral form. Training will be provided to the successful candidate. **(Position # 639)**

This position is responsible for research and analysis of Municipal Employee Retirement System (MERS) retirement records to calculate and assist retirees in all aspects of their retirement benefits; assist members of MERS regarding retirement benefits and services available including: entitlements, optional payment forms, taxes, forms and procedures; verify eligibility and assist vested rights members with retirement forms and questions pertaining to retirement; answer inquires over the telephone or through written correspondence; advise and assist municipal personnel/payroll officer as well as union and/or legal representative with issues relative to MERS retirement benefits. **(Position # 75158)**

These positions are responsible for review and analysis of employees' retirement, personnel and payroll records; providing individualized estimates of entitlement to members of the State Employees Retirement System (SERS) in accordance with retirement laws, collective bargaining and/or court actions relative to SERS; providing group counseling to members of SERS regarding retirement benefits and services available including entitlements, optional payment forms, health and life insurance benefits, taxes, forms and procedures, etc.; verifying eligibility and assisting vested rights members with retirement forms and question pertaining to retirement; advise and assist personnel/payroll officers as well as union and/or legal representatives with issues relative to SERS. **(Position # 99555 & 100014)**

Preferred Skills:

- Strong analytical and problem solving skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to utilize various computer software programs and database systems for benefits analysis
- Ability to interpret and apply regulations, rules and statutes

Minimum Qualifications Required

Knowledge, Skill and Ability:

Knowledge of an ability to apply relevant agency policies and procedures; knowledge of relevant state and federal laws, statutes and regulations; knowledge of principles and practices of public employee retirement and benefit administration; knowledge of human resources and payroll practices and procedures; knowledge of basic examining and researching principles and practice; knowledge of governmental accounting as applied to retirement and benefit administration; interpersonal skills; oral and written communication skills; ability to prepare , analyze and evaluate employee benefits statements, other employee records and reports, and benefit claims and cost data; ability to utilize various databases systems for retirement and benefits management; ability to read and interpret written materials; ability to lead other employees.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

General Experience: Six (6) years of experience in employee benefit and/or retirement administration.

Special Experience: Two (2) years of the General Experience must have been at the paraprofessional level in the fields of accounts examining, human resources, payroll or related administrative function. **Note:** For state employees the Special Experience is interpreted at the level of Associate Retirement Examiner, Payroll System Coordinator, Payroll Officer 1, Assistant Retirement Counselor, Assistant Accountant, Human Resources Assistant or Fiscal Administrative Assistant.

Substitution Allowed:

1. College training may be substituted for the General Experience on the basis of fifteen (15) semester hours equaling one –half (1/2) year of experience to a maximum of four (4) years of a Bachelor's degree.
2. A Master's degree in business administration, accounting or a closely related field may be substituted for one (1) year of the General Experience.

Note: The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and State of Merit employment Rules, if applicable.

Application Instructions:

Interested and qualified candidates who meet the above requirements must complete and forward the appropriate signed State Application Form (CT-HR-12). **Please indicate the position numbers on the application form** and forward the original application and one copy no later than the closing date at the top of this announcement to:

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The State Application (CT-HR-12) may be obtained from the Department of Administrative Services website at: www.das.state.ct.us or at the Office of the State Comptroller's Human Resources Office.

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