Minimum Qualification Specifications for the Class:

INCOME TAX SPECIALIST V

Basic Education/Experience Requirements

Graduation from an accredited four (4) year college or university with a bachelor's degree.

Excess work experience as described under the Specialized Experience, below, or any other responsible administrative, professional or analytical work experience that provided knowledge, skills and abilities comparable to those acquired in four (4) years of successful study while completing a college or university curriculum leading to a baccalaureate degree may be substituted on a year-for-year basis. To be acceptable, the experience must have been of such scope, level and quality as to assure the possession of comparable knowledge, skills and abilities.

The education or experience background must also demonstrate the ability to write clear and comprehensive reports and other documents; read and interpret complex written material; and solve complex problems logically and systematically.

Experience Requirements

Applicants must have had progressively responsible experience of the kind, quality and quantity described in the following paragraphs, or any equivalent combination of training and experience:

General Experience: One (1) year of progressively responsible administrative, professional or other responsible work which required a high degree of analytical skill. Such experience would normally involve reading, comprehending, interpreting and evaluating technical subjects, analyses or proposals and applying problem solving methods and techniques, such as defining and analyzing problems, calculating alternative courses of action, and drafting comprehensive reports of findings and recommendations.

Specialized Experience: Applicants must have two and one-half (2-1/2) years of experience in one or a combination of A or B below. Such experience must have provided the applicant with a good working knowledge of Federal and State of Hawaii tax laws, rules and regulations and their application to various tax issues. The experience may have been gained in the public or private sector but must have demonstrated responsibility for rendering sound expert decisions and determinations.

- A. Authoritative experience which involved, as a major activity, substantive involvement in reviewing, analyzing, and interpreting and applying tax laws, rules and regulations, legal opinions, court decisions, and other pertinent documents to resolve and advise on complex tax issues.
- B. Responsible professional work experience as an attorney dealing with tax matters as a substantial portion of his work which included conducting legal research on tax matters and provided the applicant with knowledge of tax laws, rules and regulations, legal opinions, court decisions and other pertinent documents and their application to various tax issues.

Non-Qualifying Experience

- A. Experience in a tax program limited to clerical processing of tax information, documents, and/or routine interpretation and application of commonly used tax laws, rules and regulations will not be accepted as qualifying.
- B. Experience as a periodic or part-time employee which involved primarily the preparation of individual income tax returns in a routine pre-determined format will not be accepted as qualifying.
- C. Professional level work, such as performed in administrative staff support services (e.g., personnel or fiscal) although such work may have been performed in a tax program, if it did not require substantive involvement in tax laws, interpretation and application, is not qualifying.

Substitutions Allowed

- 1. A master's degree in any field from an accredited college or university may be substituted for one (1) year of General Experience.
- 2. A master's degree in Taxation from an accredited college or university may be substituted for a total of one and one-half (1-1/2) years of General and/or Specialized Experience.
- 3. A Juris Doctor degree (or an equivalent degree) from an accredited School of Law may be substituted for the General Experience and one (1) year of Specialized Experience.
- 4. Excess Specialized Experience may be substituted for General Experience on a month-for-month basis.

Quality of Experience

Possession of the required number of years of experience will not in itself be accepted as proof of qualification for a position. The applicant's overall experience must have been of such scope and level of responsibility as to conclusively demonstrate that he/she has the ability to perform the duties of the position for which he/she is being considered.

Selective Certification

Specialized knowledge, skills and abilities may be required to perform the duties of some positions. For such positions, Selective Certification Requirements may be established and certification may be restricted to eligibles who possess the pertinent experience and/or training required to perform the duties of the position.

Agencies requesting selective certification must show the connection between the kind of training and/or experience on which they wish to base selective certification and the duties of the position to be filled.

Tests

Applicants may be required to qualify on an appropriate examination.

Physical and Medical Requirements

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