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Public Health Service Announces Examination For Appointments

THE United States Public Health Service will conduct competitive examinations for appointment of Veterinary Officers to the regular Corps. The examinations will be held in various places throughout the country on January 31, and February 1, 2, and 3, 1961.

Such appointments will be made in the ranks of Assistant and Senior Assistant, equivalent to Navy ranks of Lieutenant (j.g.) and Lieutenant, respectively. The appointments provide opportunities for career service in clinical medicine, research, and public health. Active duty as a Public Health Officer fulfills the obligations of Selective Service.

An Assistant Veterinarian with dependents will receive \$6,017 per year entrance pay; for Senior Assistant Veterinarians with dependents the salary is \$7,470. Provisions are made for promotions at regular intervals.

Benefits include periodic pay increases, 30 days annual leave, sick leave, medical care, disability retirement pay, regular retirement pay (based on three-fourths of annual basic pay at time of retirement), and other privileges.

Entrance examinations will include an interview, physical examination, and comprehensive objective examinations in the professional field.

Requirements for both ranks are U.S. citizenship, age of at least 21 years, and graduation from a recognized school of veterinary medicine. For the rank of Assistant Veterinarian, at least 7 years of collegiate and professional training and

appropriate experience are needed. For Senior Assistant Veterinarian, an additional three years, for a total of at least 10 years of collegiate and professional training and appropriate experience, are required. For appointment to the Assistant grade, candidates must be under 34 years of age; for the Senior Assistant grade, under 37.

Application forms may be obtained by writing to the Surgeon General, Public Health (P), Washington 25, D.C. Completed application forms must be received in the Division of Personnel no later than December 2, 1960.

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A Guide to the Identification of the Genera of Bacteria

This book has been compiled to be used by teachers, students and research workers for the identification of bacteria and is supported by a complete list of techniques needed for the purpose.

The book is divided into several sections. The first section is a key which is essentially the same as *Bergey's Manual* with certain additions which were omitted from the Manual or appeared in the literature after the manuscript had gone to press. The second section is a Digest of Genera which gives a concise but thorough description of the various genera. The third section, Methods, is not to be regarded as "Standard Methods." It is hoped that the general application of them in conjunction with the Key will lead to greater uniformity in descriptions at the genera level. The fourth section, A Guide to Study, has been included to ease the burden associated with the assimilation of knowledge over this varied field of science.

Teachers, students, and research workers may find this volume a valuable supplement to *Bergey's Manual* for the identification and study of bacteria.

A Guide to the Identification of the Genera of Bacteria by V.B.D. Skerman. The Williams & Wilkins Co. Baltimore 2, Maryland. 217 pp. Price \$5.50.