



City of Tempe

SENIOR PAYROLL SPECIALIST+

JOB CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

<i>Job Code:</i>	557	<i>Department:</i>	Financial Services
<i>Supervision Level:</i>	Non-Supervisor	<i>State Retirement Group:</i>	ASRS
<i>Status:</i>	Classified	<i>Market Group:</i>	Accountant+
<i>Safety Sensitive / Drug Screen:</i>	No	<i>Physical:</i>	No

Click [here](#) for more job classification information including current salary range.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the journey level classification within the Payroll Specialist series. Employees within this classification are distinguished from the Payroll Specialist+ by the performance of the full range of duties assigned which requires a complete knowledge of all payroll functions including all aspects of payroll processing, filing tax returns, and providing technical supervision of payroll back-up staff. Employees at this level receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new or unusual circumstances arise. Positions in this class are flexibly staffed and are normally filled by advancement from the lower class of Payroll Specialist+ or, when filled from the outside, require a minimum of four years payroll experience, preferably in a public agency. Appointment to the higher classification requires that the employee be performing the full range of duties assigned.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

Receives general supervision from the Payroll Supervisor or other managerial staff.
May provide functional and technical direction to support staff.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

<i>Experience:</i>	Four (4) years of experience in payroll.
<i>Education:</i>	Equivalent to a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in accounting, finance, or degree related to the core functions of this position.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Essential job functions are the fundamental duties of a position: the things a person holding the job absolutely must be able to do.

To actively support and uphold the City's stated mission and values. To perform a variety of technical and professional duties involved in the processing of the City's payroll and provide critical assistance to the Payroll Supervisor for the City's payroll process.

OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of all activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

- Provide critical assistance to the Payroll Supervisor in order to process Citywide payroll and manual payroll checks.
- Review payroll runs, analyze error reports and make adjustments to resolve problems; process, review and correct retroactive payments and deductions.
- Review timesheets from all City departments to ensure accuracy, completeness, authorization; reconcile timesheets to payroll system reports.
- Audit leave time to ensure adherence to the City's leave policy.
- Reconcile all payroll liabilities to general ledger and prepare adjusting journal entries.
- Administer the tuition reimbursement program in accordance to policy and coordinate the payment of tuition reimbursement.
- Calculate wage assignments including garnishments, child support deductions, tax levies etc.; answer City staff inquiries regarding wage assignment issues.
- Process termination checks in compliance with various governmental guidelines and pension plans.
- Set up employee direct deposit and monitor employee direct deposit entry in HRMS PeopleSoft self-service.
- Monitor unclaimed payroll checks.
- Maintain a working knowledge of the City's payroll system and payroll related system setup.
- Assist in research and remain current on federal and state payroll tax law changes, retirement, benefits, wage assignments and other applicable laws and regulations affecting payroll.
- Perform complex Public Safety Retirement earnings calculations for potential retirement and DROP.
- Print and ready paychecks for mailing.
- Advise City staff and the general public regarding issues/questions relative to payroll processing and paycheck inquiries including adherence to City policy relative to earnings and deductions.
- Participate in PFP and market study process as related to payroll.
- Assist with applying and monitoring MOU / bargaining agreements applicable to payroll.
- Participate in Citywide payroll training and assist with the development of training materials/resources. Trains new payroll timekeepers.
- Serve as primary back up for Payroll Supervisor; process entire payroll on a rotating basis, ability to process payroll in supervisor's absence including paycheck issuance, remittance of withholding liabilities to federal government and other outside agencies; assist in preparing quarterly and annual tax reports.
- Calculate military leave supplement, reconcile and remit PSPRS and ASRS military buyback.
- Perform ASRS and PSPRS service purchase agreement setup and remittance.
- Create HRMS SSN Enumeration Verification file and upload to SSA for social security verification.

- Research department inquiries regarding payroll related charges to financial statements.
- Assist in evaluating, testing and implementing payroll system upgrades.
- Reconcile biweekly federal and state tax payments; completes and file quarterly tax returns.
- Reconcile quarterly federal and state tax returns, complete and file annual tax returns.
- Run preliminary report for W-2 processing, print W2s, create file.
- Perform extensive research for special projects; collect information on payroll data and perform comprehensive analysis; synthesize information and make recommendations on how to minimize payroll adjustments.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS *AND* WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Work in a stationary position for considerable periods of time.
- Operate computers, calculators and other office machines.
- Extensive reading and close vision work.
- May require working extended hours.
- May work alone for extended periods of time.

COMPETENCIES

<i>CLASSIFICATION LEVEL</i>	<i>INCLUDES</i>	<i>COMPETENCIES</i>
Foundational	All Employees	Inclusion, Communication, Interpersonal Skills, Integrity, Professionalism, and Willingness to Learn
Non-Supervisory	In Addition >	Teamwork, Customer Service, Initiative, and Dependability / Reliability
Supervisory	In Addition >	Staffing, Monitoring Work, Delegating, Development / Mentoring, and Support Others
Manager	In Addition >	Preparing / Evaluating Budgets, Monitoring / Controlling Resources, and Motivating / Inspiring
Deputy Director	In Addition >	Entrepreneurship and Networking
Director	In Addition >	Organizational Visio

For more information about the City of Tempe's competencies for all classifications:

[City of Tempe, AZ : Competencies](#)

JOB DESCRIPTION HISTORY

Effective July 2003

Revised November 2007 (range adj, duty change, change to exempt)

Revised April 2017 (flex classification, title change)