

98122

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN 2

EXAMINATION METHOD: The examination for Laboratory Technician 2 consists of two parts: a written test scored on a pass/fail basis and a rating of the applicant's education and experience. To be eligible for employment consideration an applicant must attain a passing score on both parts of the examination. An applicant's standing or rank on an eligible list is based only on the education and experience rating.

TEST SUMMARY: The written test consists of 99 questions organized into six test sections. The first 39 questions ask if you would be willing to work under certain conditions and about your education and training. For these questions, you simply respond "Yes" or "No". These questions are used to convey what would be expected of you as a Laboratory Technician. The remaining 60 questions are multiple choice and are designed to assess abilities associated with becoming a successful Laboratory Technician. The six test sections are:

Work Preference/Education and Experience- This section is divided into two parts. In the first part, each question presents certain working assignments and the applicant indicates (Yes or No) his/her willingness to perform them. The second part asks the applicant to indicate (Yes or No) if he/she has had the specified job related education or work experience. (39 questions)

Counting Test Results - Questions assess an applicant's ability to count the frequency of a test result found in a table of data. (10 question)

Inventory Control - Questions assess an applicant's ability to sort through equipment order forms and determine the quantity and type of equipment ordered. (5 questions)

Checking for Accuracy - Questions assess an applicant's ability to compare an original line of copy containing words and numbers with a replication, and then identify the number of differences between the two lines. (20 questions)

Following Laboratory Procedures - Questions assess an applicant's ability, given a set of operating procedures, to determine if proper procedures were followed in analyzing laboratory tests. (15 questions)

Checking Test Results - Questions assess an applicant's ability to select the appropriate written description of a test result with the visual representation of that test result. (10 questions)

RATING SUMMARY: In the rating process, points are assigned to the applicant's education and work experience following a structured format and using rating guidelines that have been developed to appropriately weight the education and experience that is valuable and relevant to the job. Rating scores usually range from a minimum passing score of 70 to a maximum score of 90, 100, or higher, depending on the scoring range established for a particular job classification.

The minimum passing score of 70 is generally based on the minimum qualifications required for the job. For example, if a job requires a bachelor's degree and no work experience, an applicant

with a bachelor's degree and no other relevant education and/or work experience can expect to receive a minimum score of 70. Additional relevant education and/or work experience beyond the minimum qualifications may increase the score beyond the minimum of 70.