# JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**PARALEGAL I**
*(Position Code No. 2.810)*

**PAY GRADE/SALARY**

- **OPEN:** J-01, $31,076 P/A - J-10, $42,661 P/A
- **PROMOTION:** J-01, $31,076 P/A - J-18, $54,771 P/A

**ANNOUNCEMENT NO.** AG19-JA35

**AREA OF CONSIDERATION:** OPEN

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE PERIOD:**

- **OPENS:** July 19, 2019
- **CLOSES:** Continuous

## QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

A) Three years of experience in a position such as legal secretary, claims adjuster, investigator or other positions which demonstrated the ability to explain, apply or interpret rules, regulations, procedures, policies, precedents, or other kinds of criteria. This experience may be gained in an administrative, professional, investigative, technical, high level clerical, other responsible work; or

B) Successful completion of a full four-year course in an accredited college or university leading to a bachelor’s degree; or

C) Successful completion of a course leading to certification as a paralegal; or

D) Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities and skills.

**NOTE:** Successful completion of one full academic year of study in a paralegal or legal curriculum may be substituted for one year of experience.

## NATURE OF WORK

This is moderately complex paralegal work under the supervision of an attorney involving research, compilation and annotation of codes, laws, opinions and court reports; drafting of simple pleadings; conducting interviews of witnesses, clients; and/or managing a case management system for one or more types of legal specialties within the Department of Law. Employees in this class perform their work independently on an ongoing basis and participate in the full range of professional duties under closer supervision.

## ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE OF WORK

Researches, analyzes and indexes public laws for publication and placement in the proper permanent, codified law. Prepares updates for the laws, codes, and administrative rules of the government of Guam. Compiles existing laws for restatement in new forms of codification. Assists attorneys in library research. Drafts bills, simple pleadings, resolutions, certifications in accordance with established guidelines and formats. Maintains case management systems as directed; for example, all cases and their status in the area of child and spouse support. Conducts interviews of clients and possibly, witnesses. Answers questions from other government agencies and from the public on matters with which employee is dealing. Performs related duties as required.

## KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES & SKILLS

Knowledge of legislative, administrative and court procedures relative to the formulation of public laws, administrative policies and court decisions. Ability to perform legal research. Ability to analyze laws and rules to determine their content and proper placement within the publications being prepared. Ability to make decisions in accordance with appropriate program guidelines. Ability to draft simple affidavits, pleadings, stipulations, and other legal documents and to prepare appropriate correspondence. Ability to communicate effectively with employees, clients and the public. Ability to maintain records and prepare reports.

## MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All new employees (defined as excluding current government of Guam employees, or former government of Guam who are eligible for re-employment or reappointment), shall be required to have a high school diploma or equivalent as allowed by Public Law 29-113 when applying for a position, with the exception of those positions listed on the list approved by Attorney General.

## DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants claiming educational accomplishments are required to submit official or verified copies of transcripts or diplomas. The diploma, degree, or credits required must come from an education institution that is accredited or recognized by either its government or a government recognized accrediting agency. This applies to all new employment after October 1, 2008 pursuant to Public Law 29-113. If you wish to claim for any preference points, please read the employment application General instruction page for additional information. If you have any questions, please contact Administration Division at 475-3324 extension 5110/5115/5120.
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| EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS | A written test is not required. Applicants will be rated on a scale between 70.00 and 100.00 percent on the basis of training, education and experience in relation to the minimum requirements of the position. |
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| EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION | All applicants accepting employment must undergo a medical examination and be declared by a physician as capable of performing the duties of the position being hired for. |
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