



Food Safety and Inspection Service

## DO YOU QUALIFY FOR A FEDERAL INSPECTOR POSITION WITH THE USDA?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) protects the nation’s meat and poultry supply. Thousands of Food Inspectors and Consumer Safety Inspectors work on the front-lines to ensure FSIS accomplishes its public health mission. If you are interested in applying, please visit [www.foodsafetyjobs.gov](http://www.foodsafetyjobs.gov) for more information.

### Food Inspector (FI)

#### EXPERIENCE OR EDUCATION

You may qualify for a Food Inspector position if you have the right experience or education.

**GS-5** **One year of specialized experience** demonstrating knowledge, judgment, interpretative ability and technical skill. The following MAY be qualifying: food slaughtering and processing; meat cutting; lab QC work; chef; veterinary technician; supervisor in food industry.

**4-year degree** with at least **12 semester hours** in math and science.

**GS-7** **One year of specialized experience** gained as a regulatory inspector of raw product or processed product involving red meat, poultry, fish, seafood or eggs.

**None.** Education is not qualifying at this grade.

**GS-8** **One year of specialized experience** in federal regulatory inspection.

**None.** Education is not qualifying at this grade.

**GS-9** **One year of specialized experience** in federal regulatory inspection.

**None.** Education is not qualifying at this grade.

### Consumer Safety Inspector (CSI)

#### EXPERIENCE AND/OR EDUCATION

You may qualify for a CSI job with the right experience, education, or combination of each.

**GS-5** **One year of specialized experience** that demonstrates technical skill and knowledge of characteristics of regulated food commodities and substances. The following work MAY be qualifying: consumer safety inspector; inspection aide; food inspector; public health inspector; or QC specialist.

**4-year degree** with at least **24 semester hours** of coursework in closely related sciences.

**GS-7** **One year of specialized experience** gained by regularly carrying out assignments such as working with sanitation SOPs and HACCP Plans in relation to regulated food commodities.

**1-year of graduate level education** beyond initial 4-year degree.

**GS-8** **One year of specialized experience** in federal regulatory oversight and inspection.

**None.** At GS-8, education is not qualifying.

**GS-9** **One year of specialized experience** in federal regulatory oversight and inspection.

**Closely related Master’s Degree.**

*This brief comparison does not include every requirement that must be met to qualify. For more details, please refer to individual job announcements for Food Inspector GS-1863 positions and Consumer Safety Inspector GS-1862 positions. Announcements are posted at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).*