

VA DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAM

- 1. REASON FOR ISSUE:** To revise Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) procedures regarding random drug testing for Biomedical Equipment Support Specialist, GS-1601 series.
- 2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS/MAJOR CHANGES:** This handbook contains mandatory procedures on VA's Drug-Free Workplace Program. As a result of new classification standards, this revision eliminates Biomedical Engineering Technician, GS-802, as a testing designated position and adds Biomedical Equipment Support Specialist, GS-1601. The pages in this handbook replace the corresponding page numbers in VA Handbook 5383. These changes will be incorporated into the electronic version of VA Handbook 5383 that is maintained on the [Office of Human Resources Management Web site](#).
- 3. RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:** The Employee Relations and Performance Management Service (051), Office of the Deputy Secretary for Human Resources Management.
- 4. RELATED DIRECTIVE:** VA Directive 5383, VA Drug-Free Workplace Program.

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**PART I
APPENDIX A**

Section 1b. General Schedule Occupations (This section includes positions listed in Title 38 U.S.C., Sec. 7401(3))

Series	Title(s)
GS-081	Firefighter/Fire Protector
GS-083	Police Officer/Detective
GS-085	Guard
GS-101	Coordinator, Alcohol/Drug Treatment Program
GS-101/102 Specialist	Readjustment Counseling Manager/Specialist/Technician/Assistant/Addiction Specialist
GS-180	Psychologist
GS-401	Hematologist, Histologist, Biologist, Research Biologist
GS-403	Microbiologist/Research Microbiologist
GS-405	Pharmacologist/Toxicologist
GS-601	Histotechnologist, Cytotechnologist
GS-601	Nuclear Medicine Technologist
GS-601	Registered Respiratory Therapist
GS-610	Occupational Health Nurse
GS-620	Licensed Practical Nurse
GS-621	Nursing Assistant
GS-622	Medical Supply Technician/Aid
GS-633	Physical Therapist
GS-640	Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician
GS-640	Health Technician
GS-642	Nuclear Medicine Technician
GS-644	Medical Technologist
GS-645	Medical Technician
GS-646	Histopathology/Cytology/Pathology Technician
GS-647	Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist/Technician
GS-648	Therapeutic Radiologic Technologist/Technician
GS-649	Cardiac Catheterization Technician
GS-649	Electrocardiograph Technician
GS-649	Electroencephalograph Technician
GS-649	Heart-Lung Machine Technician
GS-649	Hemodialysis Technician
GS-649	Hyperbaric Chamber Technician
GS-649	Medical Machine Aid
GS-649	Medical Machine Technician
GS-649	Pulmonary Function Technician
GS-651	Respiratory Therapist
GS-660	Pharmacist
GS-661	Pharmacy Technician
GS-681	Dental Assistant
GS-682	Dental Hygienist

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GS-858	Clinical/Biomedical Engineer
GS-1306	Health Physicist
GS-1320	Chemist
[GS-1601	Biomedical Equipment Support Specialist
GS-1811	Criminal Investigators]

Section 1c. Federal Wage System Occupations

Series	Title(s)
WG-4805	Medical Equipment Repairer
WG-5703	Motor Vehicle Operator
WG-5823	Automotive Mechanic

Section 1d. Key Management Positions

a. All Senior Executive Service (SES) Employees

b. The following positions are covered only if the incumbent is required to have a top secret or secret security clearance and/or has direct patient care responsibilities (e.g., Chiefs, Nursing Service are included because Registered Nurses are covered (see Section 1.a. of this Appendix)):

Non-SES Directors
Associate Directors and Assistant Directors of all VA field facilities
VHA Service Chiefs
VBA Division Chiefs
Regional Counsels
GS-15 positions in VA Central Office

Section 1e. Employees That Carry Firearms

Employees who carry firearms on a daily or regular basis are subject to drug testing. An employee is not subject to drug testing if he or she is authorized to carry a firearm, but does not carry one on a daily or regular basis.

Section 2. Presidential Appointees

Presidential Appointees in VA are as follows (Note: in accordance with Executive Order 12564, these are drug testing designated positions):

Secretary
Deputy Secretary
Inspector General
General Counsel
Under Secretary for Health
Under Secretary for Benefits
Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs
Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals