

CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

GENERAL

This is responsible supervisory work in the taking and processing of photographs which are designed to illustrate and publicize the activities, industries and government services of the Province of Manitoba. Assignments are received from government departments and agencies which require photographic coverage for newspapers, magazines, brochures and other forms of publications and the incumbent then delegates some of the work to the Photographers 1 and 2 on his staff, undertaking the rest himself. Work is reviewed by the Director of News Services and by the recipients of the various assignments. The incumbent is also responsible for the supervision of a film and photo clerk and two darkroom assistants.

TYPICAL DUTIES

Instructs junior photographers in the methods and procedures to be used.

Supervises the general office work of the photographic section.

Produces various types of still photographs for informational and publicity purposes; including group pictures, wildlife scenes, agricultural, industrial and tourist activities, building projects, exhibits, and other public interest activities.

Develops, reduces, enlarges and prints photographs.

Retouches and tints photographs.

Selects photographs and slides to suit publication needs.

Assists in making up photographic displays.

Supervises the junior photographers in any, or all, of the above duties.

Is required to work with the Fire Commissioner's office, including court testimony, and is on 24-hour call for this purpose. Must attend all fires when arson or negligence is suspected or where death occurs.

Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge, Abilities and Skills

Must have a thorough knowledge of the standard photographic practices, materials, processes, and equipment.

Must have a thorough knowledge of film development, printing and finishing processes.

Must have the ability to pose, light and photograph still and moving objects under unusual conditions.

Must have ingenuity, resourcefulness and imagination in arranging pictures and using equipment to obtain varied results.

Must have skill in the operation and maintenance of photographic equipment.

Must have the ability to deal with people.

Should have some knowledge of the programs of the Government of Manitoba.

Education, Training and Experience

Completion of Grade XII; technical training in photography and darkroom procedures; a minimum of eight years' practical experience in all areas of commercial photography.

Physical Standards

Physically capable of performing the duties assigned.