**U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

CLASSIFICATION & QUALIFICATIONS GENERAL SCHEDULE QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

# Economist Series, 0110

## Individual Occupational Requirements
## Basic Requirements

1. **Degree:** economics, that included at least 21 semester hours in economics and 3 semester hours in statistics, accounting, or calculus.

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2. **Combination of education and experience:** courses equivalent to a major in economics, as shown in A above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

## Evaluation of Experience

Examples of qualifying experience include:

1. individual economic research assignments requiring planning, information assembly, analysis and evaluation, conclusions and report preparation;
2. supervisory or project coordination assignments involving a staff of professional economists, and requiring the evaluation and interpretation of economic information; or
3. teaching assignments in a college or university that included both class instruction in economics subjects and one of the following (1) personal research that produced evidence of results, (2) direction of graduate theses in economics, or (3) service as a consultant or advisor on technical economics problems.

Experience in related fields that did not involve the use and understanding of economic principles and theories may not be used as qualifying experience for these positions. Special attention on this point should be given to certain types of work that may or may not have provided professional economic experience. The following examples of work require special care in such determinations:

1. economic statistics;
2. industrial surveys;
3. management of individual business enterprises, including farms;
4. industrial planning;
5. writing or editorial work in economic subjects; and
6. financial market analysis.

## Related Information
## Associated Group Standard

Use the [Group Coverage Qualification Standard for Professional and Scientific Positions](#) for this series in conjunction with the Individual Occupational Requirements described below.