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Disaster Assistance Employment Mitigation - FEMA Region V

What is a Disaster Assistance Employee?

A Disaster Assistance Employee (DAE), also known as a reservist, is a nonpermanent, excepted service employee appointed under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Act, P.L. 93-288, as amended. DAEs perform disaster response and recovery activities, usually at temporary work sites located in disaster damaged areas. Initial appointments are for periods of up to one year and may be renewed in increments of one year. DAEs are a critical staff resource to FEMA, as they perform key program, technical and administrative functions during disasters. DAEs must be free to travel for a minimum of 30 days at a time, usually with as little as a day or two of notice. Travel to and from a disaster location is paid for, along with day-to-day expenses for lodgings and an allotment for meals and expenses. DAEs receive a salary which is based on the kinds of work they perform. DAEs are not eligible for benefits.

What are the qualifications?

We are looking for highly motivated and flexible individuals with the following qualities:

- Customer service oriented; able and willing to work within culturally diverse audiences, communities and groups;
- Sensitive in assisting people who have been through traumatic events;
- Possessing a specialized background with the ability to explain technical matters to non-technical audiences and individuals; and
- Able to perform consistently at a highly functioning level in a stressful and ever changing environment.

What types of positions are available?

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| ◇ Floodplain Management Specialists | ◇ Hazard Mitigation Economic Analysts |
| ◇ Insurance Specialists | ◇ Writers – Technical and Consumer Product Development |
| ◇ Building Code Specialists | ◇ Administrative Specialists |
| ◇ Hazard Mitigation Community Planners | ◇ Environmental/Historic Preservation Specialists |
| ◇ Grants Managers and Specialists: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program | ◇ Hazard Mitigation GIS Specialists |
| ◇ Civil Engineers (Structural or Hydrology & Hydraulics) | ◇ Computer Graphics Technicians and Media Production |
| ◇ Hazard Mitigation Public Outreach and Education Specialists | ◇ Publications Development & Distribution Management |

For questions regarding the specific duties related to the types of positions listed above, contact Rusty Rickart at (312) 408-5591.

How do I apply for a Mitigation DAE position with FEMA Region V?

1. Fill out Optional Application for Federal Employment form (OF-612). Available to download at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/> or <http://www.fema.gov/career/of0612.pdf>
2. Send completed OF-612 and resume to Bettie.Baker@dhs.gov or mail to FEMA Region V, attn. Bettie Baker, 536 S. Clark Street, 6th floor, Chicago IL 60605

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About Mitigation

Hazard mitigation focuses on breaking the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. Mitigation efforts provide value to the American people by creating safer communities and reducing loss of life and property.

About FEMA Region V

From its office in Chicago, FEMA Region V works hand-in-hand with the emergency management stakeholders in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. Region V is the second most populated of the 10 FEMA regions, serving more than 50 million people. The region's most common challenges are floods, tornadoes, blizzards, and earthquakes.



More Information At:

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FEMA Region V

www.fema.gov/about/regions/regionv

FEMA Mitigation Directorate

www.fema.gov/about/divisions/mitigation.shtm

FEMA's Mission: "to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the Nation from all hazards, including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters, by leading and supporting the Nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery and mitigation."