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Department of the Medical Examiner  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

# FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST

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## CONTACT

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## \$294,996 - \$338,472 yearly

**SALARY:**

Salary includes recruitment incentive and is commensurate with board certification and work experience

**BENEFITS:**

<https://www8.honolulu.gov/dhr/benefits/>

**APPLY:**

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/honolulu>

## Summary of Duties

Performs post-mortem examinations and medicolegal investigations of death including generation of autopsy reports and findings; testifies as an expert medical witness in court; directs, coordinates and supervises the technical and day-to-day operational activities of the Department of the Medical Examiner; and performs other related duties as required.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:** *The following examples of work are generally stated and are not necessarily descriptive of any one position in this class. The omission of specific duties statements does not preclude management from assigning such duties if such duties are a logical assignment for the position and consistent with the class concept.*

- Performs autopsies on cases referred to the Department of the Medical Examiner as indicated and authorized by law.
- Studies the cause, manner and mechanism of death and prepares reports of findings.
- Performs microscopic examination of tissue specimens to diagnose and determine the extent and kind of diseases present.
- Conducts toxicological studies.
- Directs, coordinates and supervises all technical activities relative to the performance of post-mortem examinations.
- May assist and render advice in the collection of evidence at scenes of alleged crimes.
- Testifies as an expert medical witness at criminal and court proceedings to provide documented, impartial evidence.
- Documents and maintains records of all autopsy findings.
- Keeps abreast of developments, methods and techniques in forensic pathology.

## Minimum Qualification Requirements

### TRAINING & EXPERIENCE:

**At Time of Application:** 1. Graduation from an accredited school of medicine with a degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine; and 2. Successful completion of, or current enrollment in, an accredited Fellowship in Forensic Pathology (successful completion of an accredited Fellowship in Forensic Pathology is required prior to appointment).

### LICENSE:

**At Time of Application:** 1. Certification in Anatomic Pathology or Combined Anatomic Pathology and Clinical Pathology by the American Board of Pathology.

**At Time of Appointment:** 2. License to practice medicine in the State of Hawaii; and 3. Board certification or board eligibility for certification in Forensic Pathology by the American Board of Pathology (certification in Forensic Pathology may be obtained within two years from the date of appointment and must be maintained on a current basis thereafter.)

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Department of the Medical Examiner

- Low homicide rate
- Conducting less than 250 autopsies/year when fully staffed
- Consultants available: neuropathology, pediatric pathology, forensic anthropology and odontology
- Toxicology testing currently provided by NMS Labs with short turnaround time
- On site histology; facility under renovation
- Partnership with the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa
- Paid NAME/AAFS dues and cost for maintenance of board certification
- Assistance for Continuing Medical Education materials and conference fees; one fully funded conference annually