

OFFICIAL INSPECTOR CLASSIFICATIONS

This note compares the minimum qualifications and relevant duties stated in the cities' own job-classification pages. The live government pages are the controlling sources. These minimums do **not** establish the actual education, experience, or certifications of any named employee.

CITY / CLASSIFICATION	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	RELEVANT DUTIES IN THE CLASS SPECIFICATION
San Francisco 6270 Housing Inspector	High school diploma or equivalent; two years of inspection experience for a public or private agency enforcing housing, building, fire, and/or health codes. Listed substitutions include housing-preservation/abatement work, licensed construction/design experience, and specified ICC certifications.	Identifies housing-code violations and hazards; prepares detailed reports, notices and correspondence; issues abatement orders; performs follow-up inspections; and maintains records associated with inspections and enforcement.
San Francisco 6331 Building Inspector	Four years of building-construction supervision and/or inspection experience in specified roles. ICC Commercial and Residential Building Inspector certificates, a Building Plans Examiner certificate, or a building-inspection program may substitute for portions of the experience. Required ICC certifications must be obtained within two years of appointment and maintained.	Inspects construction and repair work; investigates complaints involving unpermitted or substandard buildings; determines violations and corrective action; prepares violation or Stop Work notices; and follows up to assure correction.
West Hollywood 50302 Senior Combination Building Inspector	High school diploma or GED; five to seven years of progressively responsible experience inspecting residential and commercial construction in all phases. Requires ICC/ICBO Building Inspector certification and at least one electrical, plumbing, or mechanical inspection certification, with the remaining two obtainable within one year.	Conducts complex building inspections and reinspections, including electrical, plumbing and mechanical work; identifies violations; issues correction notices and citations for unapproved or non-permitted work; maintains inspection records; and prepares required reports.
West Hollywood 50303 Code Enforcement Officer	High school diploma or GED; one to two years of progressively responsible related experience , or an equivalent combination. Penal Code 832 is required within six months of hire. A Code Enforcement Officer certification is listed as “desirable”, not required.	Receives and investigates code complaints; gathers evidence and photographs; recommends corrective action; sends follow-up correspondence; returns to determine whether remediation occurred; and maintains records and reports.

THE TECHNICAL JOB EXISTED. THE TECHNICAL RECORD DID NOT.

What the comparison supports: West Hollywood plainly maintains a highly technical, certification-based building-inspector classification. The City's own request record, however, identifies Code Enforcement as the lane used for the tenant's complaint. That is

a routing and work-product issue—not a claim that any particular person lacked undisclosed credentials.

Why the distinction matters: the complaint involved a collapsed ceiling, an unfinalized roofing permit, and work the Building Official later said required a separate permit. A general code-enforcement classification and a certified combination-building-inspector classification are not interchangeable on paper, even when both may investigate complaints.

CONTROLLING GOVERNMENT SOURCES

San Francisco 6270 Housing Inspector: <https://careers.sf.gov/classifications/?classCode=6270>

San Francisco 6331 Building Inspector: <https://careers.sf.gov/classifications/?classCode=6331>

West Hollywood 50302 Senior Combination Building Inspector: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/weho/classspecs/newprint/47025>

West Hollywood 50303 Code Enforcement Officer: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/weho/classspecs/newprint/46966>

Accessed August 11, 2026. Job-classification pages can be amended; the live pages control.