

## Government & Public Administra- tion Cluster



*Planning and performing government functions at the local, state and federal levels, including governance, national security, foreign service, planning, revenue and taxation and regulations.*

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Bureau of Labor  
Statistics  
CareerInfoNet  
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The College  
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Socrates

# Compliance Officers

*Compliance officers combine the skills of scientists and law enforcement officers. In this field, you'll make sure organizations, such as factories, construction companies and electric companies, follow government rules designed to protect the environment and public health. You'll make routine inspections, investigate complaints and report those who break laws. You'll test air, water and soil samples and study the results.*

Do you have a passion for nature and an interest in the law? If so, a career as a **compliance officer** may be for you.

**Compliance officers make sure that organizations follow environmental regulations.**

### **Are You Ready To...?**

- Read maps, charts, graphs and technical documents
- Communicate with a wide variety of people
- Issue warnings and citations to lawbreakers
- Respond to emergencies, such as toxic spills
- Wear hot, uncomfortable gear for protection from hazardous waste and noise

### **It Helps To Be...**

A nature lover who is comfortable communicating with many types of people. You should also enjoy the sciences and math.

### **A Day In The Life...**

- Advise others on legal or regulatory compliance matters
- Analyze environmental regulations to ensure organizational compliance
- Communicate with government agencies
- Coordinate regulatory documentation activities
- Correspond with customers to answer questions or resolve complaints
- Monitor business indicators

### **Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area**

**Median Hourly Wage: \$29.27**

*That comes out to more than  
**\$60,885** a year.*

**In 2016, we had  
1,097 Compliance Officers.  
By 2026, we'll need 1,271.**

*Could you be one of the 174?*

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## After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, most employers for compliance officers require a **bachelor's degree**, and **graduate study** will make job candidates more competitive.



## Top 5 Industries for Compliance Officers

1. Federal Government
2. Local Government
3. State Government
4. Depository Credit Intermediation
5. Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools

## Related College Majors

- Chemistry
- Criminal Justice
- Ecology
- Forensic Chemistry
- Forestry
- Natural Resources Management and Policy

## Related Industry Certifications

- Associate Environmental Professional
- Certified Collection Systems Professional
- Certified Composting Technical Associate
- Certified Landfill Inspector
- Certified Recycling Manager

## Related Careers

- Biological Scientists
- Conservation Scientists
- Environmental Scientists
- Foresters and Forestry Technicians
- Park Rangers
- Public Interest Lawyers

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