

Job Overview: U.S. Border Patrol Agent



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Border Patrol Agents are part of the Customs and Border Protection Agency which is one of the largest organizations within the Department of Homeland Security.

Do you desire to protect American interests and secure our Nation while building a meaningful and rewarding career? If so, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is calling. DHS Components work collectively to prevent terrorism, secure borders, enforce and administer immigration laws, safeguard cyberspace and ensure resilience to disasters. The vitality and magnitude of this mission is achieved by a diverse workforce spanning hundreds of occupations.

Discover a challenging and rewarding career with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the sole organization responsible for securing the nation's borders. CBP employees protect our Nation's borders from terrorism, human and drug smuggling, illegal migration, and agricultural pests while simultaneously facilitating the flow of legitimate travel and trade.

Duties

Apply to this exciting opportunity to strengthen the Department's and our partners' ability to perform their homeland security functions by doing the following:

- Patrol international land borders and coastal waters
- Detect and prevent the illegal entry and smuggling of aliens into the United States
- Detect and prevent terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering into the United States
- Prevent the illegal trafficking of people, narcotics and contraband into the United States

Being a Border Patrol Agent makes you a valuable member of the Federal Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) profession. Typical assignments include:

- Detecting, preventing, and apprehending undocumented aliens and smugglers of aliens at or near the land borders by maintaining surveillance from covert positions
- Responding to electronic sensor alarms
- Interpreting and following tracks, marks and other physical evidence
- Using infrared scopes during night operations
- Responding to aircraft sighting and other anti-smuggling activities
- Performing farm and ranch checks, traffic checks, city patrols, and transportation checks

Travel Required

- Occasional Travel
- Travel may be required

Job Requirements

Key Requirements

- You must successfully pass a polygraph exam
- You must be a U.S. citizen to apply for this position
- Referred for selection prior to your 40th birthday (waiver for Veterans)
- You must have resided in the U.S. for at least 3 of the last 5 years
- You must successfully pass a background investigation
- Convictions of misdemeanor crime of domestic violence are disqualifying
- You will be required to carry a firearm
- You will be required to work regular and recurring shift work
- You must meet job-related medical, fitness and drug-testing standards
- You must have a valid driver's license