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Frequently Asked Questions: *Process Server Individual Exam*

Under New York City law, individuals must pass an exam to get or to renew a Process Server Individual license.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Where do I take the Process Server Individual exam?

New applicants for the Process Server Individual license take the exam at the DCA Licensing Center or NYC Small Business Support Center (addresses above). After you submit your license application (online or in person), go to either location to take the exam. The exam is given between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Renewing Process Server Individual licensees must contact Pearson VUE to register to take the exam at a Pearson VUE test site. See details below.

REGISTERING FOR THE EXAM (RENEWING LICENSEES ONLY)

Why is Pearson VUE administering DCA's Process Server Individual exam to renewing licensees?

Through DCA's partnership with Pearson VUE, we are able to offer more dates (including weekends), times, and secure locations throughout New York City convenient to test takers. When you register, you can find out the schedule of the test site most convenient to you.

How do I register to take the exam?

You can register to take the exam in ONE of two ways:

1. Online at pearsonvue.com/ny/dca
2. By phone: (888) 365-0588 (Customer service is available 7 days a week.)

Note: To register online, you need to create a web account. It is a quick 3-step process.

How soon can I register to take the exam?

You can register to take the exam 72 hours *after* DCA has processed your completed License Renewal Application, which includes required documents and renewal and exam fees. *You cannot register to take the exam until DCA has received and processed required documents and payments.* Once DCA has processed your renewal application, it takes 72 hours for your information to appear in Pearson VUE's system.

Important: You have 30 days to take and pass the exam from the moment your information appears in Pearson VUE's system. DCA does *not* deduct from your 30 days to take the exam the 72 hours that you must wait to register to take the exam. You have two (2) total attempts to pass the exam.

What should I do if I need to change my name during the renewal process?

You must notify DCA if you change your name. Call 311 (212-NEW-YORK outside NYC) and ask to be transferred to DCA with a question about your Process Server Individual license. DCA needs this information both to review your renewal application and to provide Pearson VUE with your information so that you can register for the exam.

I have a disability and would like to request a test accommodation. Whom should I contact?

Pearson VUE complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please refer to Pearson's Handbook for information about ADA Accommodations and the steps to request a test accommodation.

What do I do if I have to reschedule the exam?

If you have to reschedule, you must:

- Call Pearson VUE at (888) 365-0588 at least 48 hours before the day of the exam to ask for a new exam date.

Reminder: You must pass the exam within 30 days from the date you submitted your application or your application will be denied.

I missed my scheduled exam due to an emergency. Whom should I contact?

If you miss a scheduled exam, you automatically fail, and Pearson VUE will report the "Fail" Grade to DCA. **Contact Pearson VUE within two (2) business days following the day of the exam that you missed to request an excused absence.** The Pearson Handbook, available at pearsonvue.com/ny/dca, includes information about Pearson's Absence Policy and instructions to request an excused absence.

PEARSON VUE TEST SITE (RENEWING LICENSEES ONLY)

What do I need to bring to the Pearson VUE test site?

You must bring one (1) form of current (unexpired) government-issued photo identification with your signature. Acceptable forms include:

- Your DCA Process Server Individual license
- Driver's license
- Passport
- Military ID
- Alien Registration Card
- Municipal ID Card (IDNYC)

Will Pearson VUE give me anything after the exam?

Pearson VUE will give you a Score Report that includes your Score and Grade, i.e., Pass or Fail. Note: You do not need to submit your score report to DCA. Pearson VUE will notify DCA of your exam results directly.

I passed the exam. What happens next?

Upon approval of your application, DCA will mail you a renewed license.

What do I do if I fail the exam?

You have two (2) attempts to pass the exam. If you fail the exam on your first attempt, contact Pearson VUE toll-free at (888) 365-0588 or pearsonvue.com/ny/dca to retake the exam. *You must wait 24 hours from your failed exam before registering to retake the exam.*

If you fail the exam two times, you must apply for a new Process Server Individual license and pay the license and exam fees again.

Can I still take the exam at the DCA Licensing Center?

No. Renewing licensees must take the Process Server Individual exam at a Pearson VUE test site.

GENERAL EXAM QUESTIONS

What does the exam cover?

The exam covers City and State laws and rules that you must know in order to serve process legally and properly. Questions test your understanding of how these requirements are applied in your everyday experience. See below for a sample question. Also see the section “Preparing for the Exam.”

What’s the format of the exam?

The exam consists of 30 multiple choice questions. Here is a sample question:

You are required to keep a record of your services in a bound and paginated volume, also known as a log book. Which of the following would constitute an acceptable log book under DCA Rules?

- a) A spiral notebook with printed page numbers.
- b) Work orders from a process serving agency that have been stapled and duct-taped together, and that have printed page numbers.
- c) A book where the binding is glued together and the pages are numbered at the time of purchase.
- d) All of the above.

The correct answer is (c). See 6 RCNY § 2-233(b).

What’s a passing grade?

To pass the exam, you must answer at least 21 questions correctly.

PREPARING FOR THE EXAM

DCA prepared Educational Materials for Process Servers that include New York City Laws and Rules; New York General Business Law; New York Civil Practice Law and Rules; New York Domestic Relations Law; New York Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law; and New York Business Corporation Law.

Important: *These materials include relevant City and State laws and rules you need to know to serve process properly. They are not a “study guide” exclusively for the exam. You can download materials from the DCA website at nyc.gov/processservers or call 311 and request the Process Server Individual license application packet, which includes these educational materials.*

Are DCA’s Educational Materials for Process Servers the only materials I need to study before the exam?

No. Although these materials will help as you prepare for the exam, you should consult other resources, which may include:

- Attorneys and agencies for whom you work
- Relevant professional associations (to obtain training and other materials)
- New York State Unified Court System Public Access Law Libraries:
<http://www.nycourts.gov/lawlibraries/publicaccess.shtml>
- New York Civil Practice and Landlord-Tenant Practice:
 - McKinney's New York Civil Practice Law and Rules
 - New York Practice by David D. Siegel
 - New York Practice Series - Landlord and Tenant Practice in New York
- New York Jurisprudence, 2nd Edition
- *New York City Marshals Handbook of Regulations*, in particular Chapter IV, Section 2-2 and Section 5