NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

PHOTOGRAPHER

Exam. No. 0137

WHEN TO APPLY: From: April 7, 2010 To: April 27, 2010
APPLICATION FEE: $40.00 Payable by money order to DCAS (EXAMS) or payable online by credit card, bank card, or debit card.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Photographers, under supervision, perform work of ordinary technical difficulty and responsibility in the field of still photography. Photographers prepare photographic reproductions of various subjects such as public officials, prisoners, evidence seized in investigations, fingerprints, surgical and autopsy specimens, buildings and engineering projects under construction, sketches and plans drawn by architects, official documents, unsafe buildings and structures, unsanitary conditions in living quarters, restaurants, and food markets; take photographs for publicity and educational purposes for special City drives, programs and projects, and for the purpose of illustrating pamphlets and other publications produced and/or distributed by City agencies; secure and present evidence and information based on photographs; maintain photographic equipment, and may prepare requisitions for photographic supplies and equipment; perform simple lettering and copy work; keep records; may develop, print, enlarge, and mount pictures and slides; digitally record, file, and index photographs and negatives; may mix chemicals necessary for processing negatives and photographs; and may operate motor vehicles or equipment in the performance of assigned duties. All Photographers perform related work.

Special Working Conditions: Photographers may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

(This is a brief description of what you might do in this position and does not include all the duties of this position.)

THE SALARY: The current minimum salary is $37,519 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO APPLY: If you believe that you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, there are two ways to apply for this examination:

1. **Online at the DCAS Website:** If you wish to apply online, go to the DCAS Online Application System (OASys) at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs) and follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment, and completing any required forms. The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or prepaid debit card which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets.

2. **By Mail:** Refer to the "Required Forms" section below for the forms that you must fill out. Return all completed forms and the application fee to DCAS Applications Unit, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007.

DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.

Special Circumstances Form: This form is included in the application package and located online at the above DCAS website. This form gives important information about claiming Veterans or Legacy credit, and notifying DCAS of a change in your mailing address. Follow all instructions on the Special Circumstances form that pertain to you when you complete your "Application for Examination."

You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the qualification requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If you are marked “Not Qualified,” your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.
**HOW TO QUALIFY:**

**Education and Experience Requirements:** By the last day of the Application Period you must have:

1. Three years of full-time paid satisfactory experience acquired within the last ten years as a professional photographer; or

2. An associate degree from an accredited college or university, accredited by regional, national, professional, or specialized agencies recognized as accrediting bodies by the U.S. Secretary of Education and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), including or supplemented by 12 credits in photography, and two years of full-time paid satisfactory experience as described in "1" above; or

3. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, accredited by regional, national, professional, or specialized agencies recognized as accrediting bodies by the U.S. Secretary of Education and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), including or supplemented by 24 credits in photography, and one year of full-time paid satisfactory experience as described in "1" above.

**Note:** Experience in film and camera sales is not acceptable. Experience as an amateur photographer such as that acquired in a hobby or leisure time activity is not acceptable.

**Medical Requirement:** Medical guidelines have been established for the position of Photographer. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to perform the essential functions of the job.

**Drug Screening Requirement:** You may need to pass a drug screening in order to be appointed.

**Residency Requirement Advisory:** Under New York City Administrative Code Section 12-120, you might need to be a resident of the City of New York within 90 days of the date you are appointed to this position. Since residency requirements vary by title, appointing agency, and length of service, consult the appointing agency's personnel office at the time of the appointment interview to find out if City residency is required.

**English Requirement:** You must be able to understand and be understood in English.

**Proof of Identity:** Under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, you must be able to prove your identity and your right to obtain employment in the United States prior to employment with the City of New York.

**REQUIRED FORMS:**

1. **Application for Examination:** Make sure that you follow all instructions included with your application form, including payment of fee. Save a copy of the instructions for future reference.

2. **Education and Experience Test Paper:** Fill out Sections A.1 (if applicable), A.4 (if applicable), A.5 (if applicable), A.6 (if applicable), B, C (if applicable), and D (if applicable). This form must be filled out completely and in detail for you to receive your proper rating. Keep a copy of your completed Education and Experience Test Paper for your records. If you are applying by mail, write your social security number in the box at the top right side of the cover page, and the examination title and number in the box provided. If you are applying online, follow the online instructions.

3. **Foreign Education Fact Sheet (Required only if you need credit for your foreign education to meet the education requirement):** If you were educated outside the United States, you must have your foreign education evaluated to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. The services that are approved to make this evaluation are listed on the Foreign Education Fact Sheet included with your application packet. When you contact the evaluation service, ask for a "course-by-course" evaluation (which includes a "document-by-document" evaluation) of your foreign education. You must have one of these services submit its evaluation of your foreign education directly to the Department of Citywide Administrative Services no later than eight weeks from the last date for applying for this examination.

**THE TEST:** Your score will be determined by an education and experience test. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the education and experience requirements listed above. After these requirements are met, you will receive credit up to a maximum of 100 points on the following basis:

**Additional Credit:**

1. For full-time paid satisfactory experience in a professional institution or agency photographing people, locations, and newsworthy events, or photographing scientific procedures:
   - (A) 10 points for at least 1 year but less than 3 years of experience; or
   - (B) 20 points for at least 3 years but less than 5 years of experience; or
   - (C) 30 points for 5 or more years of experience.
(2) For full-time paid satisfactory experience in a portrait studio, private or retail business, or freelance setting, photographing candid shots of customers or patrons:

(A) 5 points for at least 1 year but less than 3 years of experience; or
(B) 10 points for at least 3 years but less than 5 years of experience; or
(C) 15 points for 5 or more years of experience.

(3) For graduate credits completed at an accredited college or university, accredited by regional, national, professional, or specialized agencies recognized as accrediting bodies by the U.S. Secretary of Education and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), in photography or other visual art related field, you will receive an additional:

(A) 1 point for between 1 and 10 graduate credits; or
(B) 2 points for between 11 and 20 graduate credits; or
(C) 3 points for 21 or more graduate credits

You will receive a maximum of one year of experience credit for each year you worked. If you have any of the above experience on a part-time basis, it will be credited according to the equivalent percent of full-time experience. Each year of experience will be credited under only one category which will be the highest appropriate category. **Experience used to meet the minimum requirements cannot be used to gain additional credit.**

Education and experience must be obtained by the last day of the application period.

**THE TEST RESULTS:** If you pass the education and experience test, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list and you will be given a list number. You will be notified by mail of your test results. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment when your name is reached on the eligible list.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Selective Certification for Driver License:** If you have a motor vehicle Driver License that is valid in the State of New York, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this license through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this license. Follow the instructions in Section D on page 4 of the Education and Experience Test Paper to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. If you are appointed through Selective Certification, you must maintain your New York State Driver License for the duration of your employment. This requirement may be met at any time during the duration of the list. If you meet this requirement at some future date, please submit documentation by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations - GEG, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number and your social security number on your correspondence.

**Application Receipt:** If you applied online, you will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, contact this agency at OASys@dcas.nyc.gov. Include your social security number and the examination number and title in your email. If you applied by mail, you will be mailed a receipt within three months of the last date of the application period. If you do not receive this item, write to this agency, Attention: Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007, to request verification that your application was received. Include your social security number and the examination number and title in your request.