NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST (BUILDING REPAIRS)
Exam. No. 0166

WHEN TO APPLY: From: June 2, 2010
To: June 22, 2010
APPLICATION FEE: $40.00
Payable by mail by money order to DCAS (EXAMS) or payable online by credit card, bank card, or debit card.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Quality Assurance Specialists (Building Repairs), under supervision, with varying degrees of difficulty, determine acceptability of building alterations and repairs as well as of various supplies and materials to ensure compliance with purchase orders and/or contract specifications, and operate a motor vehicle to travel to sites. All Quality Assurance Specialists (Building Repairs) perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Quality Assurance Specialists (Building Repairs) and environmental conditions experienced are: working at field sites in all kinds of weather, in all areas of the city; standing for up to seven hours daily; climbing stairs; and hoisting and climbing ladders.

(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 $36,595 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

There are two assignment levels within this class of positions. Appointments will generally be made to Assignment Level I. Employees may be assigned to the higher assignment level at the discretion of the agency.

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 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 Application Unit, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007.

DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.

If you do not know if you are eligible, check with your agency’s personnel office. You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the eligibility requirements for this examination prior to submitting the application. If you are marked "Not Qualified," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

**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.”
HOW TO QUALIFY:

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

1. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent approved by a State’s Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization, and three years of full-time satisfactory experience in:
   (a) the building trades as a journeyman or helper, or as a maintenance mechanic performing repairs to building hardware and equipment; or
   (b) the inspection of repairs to buildings; or
   (c) monitoring contractors performing building repairs for compliance with contract specifications; 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), and two years of full-time 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), and one year of full-time satisfactory experience as described in “1” above; or

4. A satisfactory combination of education and/or experience equivalent to “1”, “2” or “3” above. College credits obtained 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) may be substituted for experience on the basis of 60 college semester credits for one year of full-time experience. However, all candidates must have at least a four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent and one year of full-time satisfactory experience as described in “1” above.

Driver License Requirement: By the time you are appointed to this position, you must have a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York. If you have moving violations, license suspension(s) or an accident record, you may be disqualified. This license must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

Drug Screening Requirement: You must 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.2, A.4 (if applicable), and B. 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 and experience requirements): 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 “document-by-document” (general) 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:

For full-time satisfactory work in the building trades working on new construction; in repairs or alterations to buildings; in the inspection of new building construction; in the inspection of repairs or alterations made by contractors to buildings; or in monitoring the quality and/or quantity of building materials used by contractors in building repairs or construction, you will receive an additional:

a. 10 points for at least one year but less than two years of experience; or
b. 20 points for at least two years but less than three years of experience; or
c. 30 points for three or more years of experience.

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. 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:

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@dcs.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.