NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

INTERPRETER (SPANISH)

Exam No. 2007

WHEN TO APPLY: From: September 7, 2011 To: September 27, 2011
APPLICATION FEE: $54.00
If you pay online by credit card, bank card or debit card, you will receive a $5.00 discount.

THE TEST DATE: The written test is expected to be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Interpreters (Spanish) clearly and accurately interpret spoken language and translate written materials from Spanish into English and vice versa while maintaining full message content, context and style at various governmental proceedings and activities for New York City agencies; perform clerical work associated with interpreting and translating responsibilities; maintain records of completed interpretations, translations and other assignments as needed; ensure confidential information is protected; may be required to travel to field locations to perform interpretations and/or translations; may be required to be on call for emergency interpreting and/or translating as needed; proofread, edit and revise translated materials. All Interpreters (Spanish) perform related work.

Special Working Conditions: Interpreters (Spanish) may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays; may travel by public transportation and/or by foot to make field visits; may be required to work in detention areas, holding pens, crime scenes, maximum security areas, secured facilities, etc.

(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 $39,266 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, you may submit an application on the Online Application System (OASys) at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs. Follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment, and completing any required forms. A valid email address is required to file online. Several internet service providers, including but not limited to Google, Yahoo!, Hotmail, and AOL, offer free email addresses. The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, prepaid debit card which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets, or money order payable to DCAS (Exams). If you pay online by credit card, bank card, or debit card, you will receive a $5.00 discount. You may come to the DCAS Computerized Testing Centers to file for this examination online, submit a money order, or obtain a paper application for this examination.

The centers will be open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM:

Manhattan
2 Lafayette Street
17th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Brooklyn
210 Joralemon Street
4th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Special Circumstances Form: This form is included in the application package available at the DCAS Computerized Testing Centers and located on the DCAS website at http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/employment/civilservice_exams.shtml#examinationforms. This form gives important information about requesting an alternate test date because of religious observance or a special test accommodation for disability, 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 may be given the test before we verify your qualifications. 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.

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HOW TO QUALIFY:

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

A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent approved by a State’s Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization and two years of full-time paid satisfactory experience, in a professional setting, performing interpreting and translating from Spanish into English and vice versa.

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: If you are applying online, follow the online instructions. If you are applying by mail, make sure that you follow all instructions included with your application, 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 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 online, follow the online instructions. 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. Be sure to write your examination number and social security number on each of the remaining pages of this form.

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: There will be a written test which will make up 40 percent of your final score and an oral test, which will make up 60 percent of your final score. You must achieve a score of at least 70% on each test to pass. If you are found qualified and pass the written test you will be given the oral test at a later date. The written test will be an essay and will measure your ability to translate written Spanish into English and vice versa. The oral test will measure your ability to interpret conversational Spanish into English and vice versa, in a practical setting. Your scores on both tests will be combined to determine your place on the eligible list.

Note: You are not permitted to enter the test site with calculators, cellular phones, beepers, pagers, cameras, portable media players, or other electronic devices. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. You must leave the test site once you finish the test. If you leave the test site after being fingerprinted but before finishing the test, you will not be permitted to re-enter. If you disregard this instruction and re-enter the test site, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified and your application fee will not be refunded.

ADMISSION CARD: You should receive an Admission Card in the mail about 10 days before the date of the test. If you do not receive an Admission Card at least 4 days before the test date, you must go to the Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, Manhattan, to obtain a duplicate card.

THE TEST RESULTS: If you meet the education and experience requirements and pass both the written and oral tests, 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.

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For information about other exams, and your exam or list status, call 212-669-1357.

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