# NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

## PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN

**Exam No. 3542**

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**THE TEST DATE:** The multiple-choice test is expected to be held on **Saturday, June 29, 2013**.

**WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:** Associate Public Health Sanitarians, under general supervision, as the supervisor of a minor segment, or as a principal assistant to the supervisor of a moderately-sized segment, assist in directing an inspection program to improve food, drug, general environmental conditions, safety and health standards, and to assure compliance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations governing these areas of activity. All Associate Public Health Sanitarians perform related work.

(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 $50,805 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are three assignment levels within this class of positions. Promotions will generally be made to Assignment Level I. After promotion, employees may be assigned to the higher assignment levels at the discretion of the agency.

**HOW TO APPLY:** If you believe you are eligible to take this examination, you may submit an application on the Online Application System (OASys) at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://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 Guide:** This guide is included in the application package available at the DCAS Computerized Testing Centers and located on the DCAS website at [www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/exam_special_circumstances.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/exam_special_circumstances.pdf). This guide 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 Guide that pertain to you when you complete your "Application for Examination."

**ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION:** This examination is open to each employee of an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services who on the date of the multiple-choice test:

1. holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of Public Health Sanitarian; and
2. is not otherwise ineligible.

(Note: A "Preferred List" is a civil service list which is only for certain former permanent incumbents of the eligible title who have rehiring rights.)

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**
This examination is also open to employees who were appointed to the eligible title pursuant to New York State Civil Service Law, section 55-a, and who meet all other eligibility requirements.

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

**ELIGIBILITY TO BE PROMOTED:** In order to be eligible for promotion, you must have completed your probationary period in the eligible title as indicated in the above "Eligibility To Take Examination" section, and you must be permanently employed in the eligible title or your name must appear on a Preferred List for the eligible title at the time of promotion. Additionally, you must have served permanently in the eligible title for at least one year. Furthermore, pursuant to section 11.112 of the New York State Sanitary Code, you must have two years of experience as a Public Health Sanitarian in order to be eligible for promotion to a supervisory level.

**THE TEST:** The multiple-choice test may be given at a computer terminal or in a paper and pencil format. You will be informed of the format on your Admission Notice. A score of at least 70% is required to pass this test. Your score on this test will determine 85% of your final score. Your seniority will determine the remaining 15%. You must pass the multiple-choice test to have your seniority credited. Your seniority score will be 70 plus 1/2 point for each three months of completed, permanent, continuous service with an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services in competitive class titles. Your service will be credited through the date of the test, up to a maximum of 15 years. Time served prior to a break in service of more than one year will not be credited. The multiple-choice test may include questions on the New York City Health Code and State Sanitary Code and other pertinent rules and regulations; general concepts in all areas of environmental sanitation; departmental and environmental health policies and procedures including inspections; scientific principles relating to environmental sanitation and health; standards of employee ethical conduct, including the provisions of Mayor’s Executive Order No. 16 of 1978 as amended; and other related areas.

The test may also include questions requiring the use of any of the following abilities:

- **Analytical Thinking** - Analyzing information and using logic to address specific work-related issues and problems; involves the identification of problems, not implementation of solutions.
- **Stress Tolerance** - Accepting criticism and dealing calmly and effectively with high stress situations.
- **Written Expression** - Appropriately communicating information and ideas in written words and sentences so intended audience will understand.
- **Integrity** - Acting in an honest and ethical manner.
- **Self-Control** - Maintaining composure, keeping emotions in check, controlling anger and avoiding aggressive behavior, even in very difficult situations.

Certain questions may need to be answered on the basis of documents or other information supplied to the candidates on the date of the multiple-choice exam.

**Note:** You are not permitted to enter the test site with cellular phones, beepers, pagers, cameras, portable media players, or other electronic devices. Calculators are not permitted. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you are found to be in possession of any of these devices, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

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 NOTICE:** You should receive an Admission Notice in the mail about 10 days before the date of the test. If you do not receive an Admission Notice 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 notice.

**THE TEST RESULTS:** If you pass the multiple-choice test and are marked eligible, 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 promotion when your name is reached on the eligible list.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- **Selective Certification for Foreign Language:** If you can speak a foreign language, you may be considered for promotion to positions requiring this ability through a process called Selective Certification. If you pass a qualifying test, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this ability. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. This requirement may be met at any time during the duration of the list. If you meet the Selective Certification 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.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:**

- **Late Filing:** Consult your agency's personnel office to determine the procedure for filing a late application if you meet one or more of the following conditions:
The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted and copies are available at nyc.gov/dcas and at the computerized testing centers.

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Title Code No. 31220; Public Health and Safety Occupational Group.

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

Internet: nyc.gov/dcas

(1) You are absent from work for at least one-half of the application period and cannot apply for reasons such as vacation, sick leave or military duty; or
(2) You become eligible after the above application period but on or before the date of the multiple-choice test.

Make-up Test: You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the test on the regular test date for any of the following reasons:

(1) compulsory attendance before a public body;
(2) on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment;
(3) absence for one week following the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner;
(4) absence due to ordered military duty; or
(5) a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible.

To request a make-up test, contact the Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007, in person or by certified mail as soon as possible and provide documentation of the special circumstances.

PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION: Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after promotion, and may result in criminal prosecution.