PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE INSPECTOR (ELECTRICAL)

Exam No. 6529

WHEN TO APPLY: From: March 2, 2016
To: March 22, 2016

APPLICATION FEE: $68.00
If you choose to pay the application fee with a credit/debit/gift card, you will be charged a fee of 2.49% of the payment amount. This fee is nonrefundable.

THE TEST DATE: The multiple-choice test is expected to be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS NOTICE IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Under direction, Associate Inspectors (Electrical) supervise technical work in the inspection of electrical installations, repair or make alterations to insure conformance to codes, standards, plans or specifications. They perform the most difficult and responsible work in the conduct of complex and intensive electrical inspections involving responsibility for inspecting and approving plans for electrical installations of a unique and highly specialized nature, such as fire alarm circuits, or for inspecting major electrical installations or inspecting and attesting to the satisfactory completion of major electrical contracts or of the electrical portions of contracts for the construction or general alteration of major projects; supervise and train a unit or serve as area supervisor assigning and reviewing work of Inspectors (Electrical) and Apprentice Inspectors (Electrical), advising and counseling on the solution of problems encountered and the conduct of inspections; resolve differences with contractors or misunderstandings with the public; give final approval of the work before contractors receive compensation from the City; and report on recommendations for final approval of the work. All Associate Inspectors (Electrical) perform related work.

Special Working Conditions: Associate Inspectors (Electrical) may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Associate Inspectors (Electrical) and environmental conditions experienced are: driving vehicles to and from inspection sites; walking to and from inspection sites and during inspections; climbing and descending ladders and stairs to get to areas that must be inspected; standing for extended periods of time; maintaining balance while walking over narrow walkways or areas that are elevated; climbing around and over various objects; and working in areas that may be damp, dusty, dark, smoky or acrid.

(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 $50,463 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are two 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 level at the discretion of the agency.

HOW TO APPLY: If you believe you are eligible to take this examination, 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 information. A unique and valid email address is required to apply online. Several internet service providers, including but not limited to Google, Yahoo!, AOL, Outlook.com, and Mail.com offer free email addresses. All new OASys accounts require verification before a candidate can submit an application to ensure the accuracy of candidate information. Verification is instantaneous for most accounts, but some accounts may require up to 24 hours to be reviewed by a staff member and resolved. Email notification will be sent to those creating accounts that require additional documentation before they can be resolved. Please keep this information and the application period deadline in mind when creating your account. The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or a prepaid debit card with a credit card logo which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets.

If you are receiving or participating in certain forms of public assistance/benefits/programs, or are a veteran, you may qualify to have the application fee waived. For more information on eligibility for a fee waiver and documentation requirements, visit the Fee Waiver FAQ on the Online Application System at https://a856-eeexams.nyc.gov/OLEE/oasys/FAQFeeWaiver.aspx.

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE
You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers to apply for this examination online and submit a money order payable to DCAS (Exams) or to submit documentation for a fee waiver.

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

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**Special Circumstances Guide:** This guide is located on the DCAS website at [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/pdf_c_special_circumstances_guide.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/pdf_c_special_circumstances_guide.pdf) and available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers. 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."4

**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 Inspector (Electrical); 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.)

This examination is also open to employees who were appointed to an 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 it is determined prior to the test date that you are not eligible to participate in this examination, you will not receive an Admission Notice to take the multiple-choice test, you will not be permitted into the test site, and your application fee will not be refunded. If it is determined after the test date that you are not eligible to participate in this examination, 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.

**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 the multiple-choice test. Your score on the multiple-choice 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 is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain knowledge and abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of an Associate Inspector (Electrical). Task areas to be tested are as follows: managing personnel; inspection responsibilities; technical expertise; and administrative duties.

The test may include questions on electrical principles and terminology; fire protection principles and terminology; fire alarm and suppression systems; materials, tools and equipment used in the electrical trade; pertinent parts of the NYC Electrical Code, NYC Fire Code, National Electric Code, National Fire Code, NYC Construction Codes, and Rules of the City of New York; reading and interpreting blueprints, drawings, plans, schematics and specifications; safe work practices; standards of proper 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:

**Judgment and Decision Making:** reviewing information to develop and evaluate the relative costs and benefits of potential solutions to problems and choosing the most appropriate one; implementing a course of action determined by thinking analytically. Example: An Associate Inspector (Electrical) may use this ability when reviewing electrical plans and then making a decision on any necessary adjustments.

**Planning and Organizing:** establishing a method of execution to accomplish a specific goal over an extended period of time; determining appropriate assignments and allocation of resources. Example: An Associate Inspector (Electrical) may use this ability when scheduling Inspectors (Electrical) to work on special assignments within the various boroughs.

**Management of Personnel Resources:** motivating, developing and directing people as they work; identifying the best people for the job; managing employees needed to accomplish tasks. Example: An Associate Inspector (Electrical) may use this ability when training a new employee how to conduct inspections.
Time Management: managing one’s own time and the time of others in order to promote effective use of work hours. Example: An Associate Inspector (Electrical) may use this ability when preparing route sheets for Inspectors (Electrical).

Number Facility: the degree to which adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing can be done quickly and correctly. This can be steps in other operations like finding percentages. Example: An Associate Inspector (Electrical) may use this ability when calculating voltage.

Written Comprehension: understanding the information and ideas presented in written sentences and paragraphs in work-related documents. Example: An Associate Inspector (Electrical) may use this ability when reviewing various documents and electrical plans before they are given approval.

Written Expression: appropriately communicating information and ideas in written words and sentences so intended audiences will understand. Example: An Associate Inspector (Electrical) may use this ability when completing a daily inspection report.

Attention to Detail: the ability to be careful about detail and thorough in completing work tasks. Example: An Associate Inspector (Electrical) may use this ability when examining blueprints, drawings, plans and schematics of buildings.

Updating and Using Relevant Knowledge: keeping up-to-date technically and applying new knowledge to the job. Example: An Associate Inspector (Electrical) may use this ability when working on new multi-dwelling units.

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.

Warning: You are not permitted to enter the test site with cellular phones, beepers, pagers, cameras, portable media players, or other electronic devices. Calculators are permitted; however, they must be hand-held, battery or solar powered, numeric only. Calculators with functions other than addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are prohibited. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you use any of these devices in the building at any time before, during, or after the test, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

You may not have any other person, including children, present with you while you are being processed for or taking the test, and no one may wait for you inside of the test site while you are taking the test.

Required Identification: You are required to bring one (1) form of valid (non-expired) signature and photo bearing identification to the test site. The name that was used to apply for the exam must match the first and last name on the photo ID. A list of acceptable identification documents is provided below. If you do not have an acceptable ID, you may be denied testing. Acceptable forms of identification (bring one) are as follows: State issued driver’s license, State issued identification card, US Government issued Passport, US Government issued Military Identification Card, US Government issued Alien Registration Card, Employer ID with photo, or Student ID with photo.

Leaving: 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 Administration, Customer and Exam Support, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, Manhattan, to obtain a duplicate notice. Test site assignments will take your address into consideration, but proximity cannot be guaranteed.

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.

CHANGE OF MAILING AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS: It is critical that you promptly notify DCAS of any change to your mailing address and/or email address. You may miss important information about your exam(s) or consideration for appointment, including important information that may require a response by a specified deadline, if we do not have your correct mailing and/or email address. Change of mailing and/or email address requests submitted to any place other than DCAS, such as your Agency or to the United States Postal Service will NOT update your records with DCAS. To update your mailing and/or email address with DCAS, you must submit a change request by mail or in person. Your request must include your full name, social security number, exam title(s), exam number(s), old mailing and/or email address, and your new mailing and/or email address. Your request can be mailed to DCAS Records Room, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007 or brought in person to the same address Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Selective Certification for Special Patrolman: If you meet the following qualifications, you may request preferred consideration for promotion to positions requiring Special Patrolman status (a status given by the New York City Police Department pursuant to Title 38, Chapter 13 of the Rules of the City of New York) through a process called Selective Certification:

- Be twenty-one years of age or older,
- Be a citizen of the United States,
- Be a resident of New York City,
• Have no record of convictions for any felony or for any serious offence against public safety (as defined in the New York State Penal Law),
• If discharged from military service, the discharge must not have been dishonorable, and
• Be of good moral character.

All candidates who are promoted through Selective Certification for Special Patrolman will undergo a background check conducted by the New York City Police Department to verify the above qualifications, including character. Any individual promoted through Selective Certification who fails to pass this background check will be terminated from the position. Additionally, if you are promoted through the Special Patrolman Selective Certification, you must maintain your Special Patrolman status (including your New York City residency) for the duration of employment. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification.

Selective Certification for Driver License (For the Fire Department of New York City Only): If you have a motor vehicle Driver License that is valid in the State of New York, you may be considered for promotion 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 given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your Driver License will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of promotion. If you are promoted through Selective Certification, you must maintain your motor vehicle Driver License for the duration of your employment.

The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at anytime during the duration of the list. If you meet this requirement at some future date, please submit a request by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations-Exam Development Group, 1 Centre, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please indicate the examination title and number, your social security number, and the Selective Certification you are requesting 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:

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(s) for any of the following reasons:

1. compulsory attendance before a public body;
2. on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City;
3. absence from the test within one week after the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner where you are an officer or employee of the City;
4. absence due to ordered military duty;
5. a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible; or
6. a temporary disability, pregnancy-related, or child-birth-related condition preventing you from taking the test.

To request a make-up test, contact Administration, Customer and Exam Support in person or by mail at 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007, as soon as possible and provide documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test.

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