# Notice of Examination

**EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY CONTROL SPECIALIST**  
Exam No. 8015

**When to Apply:** From: October 4, 2017  
To: October 24, 2017  
**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:** Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

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**What the Job Involves:** At Assignment Level I: Evidence and Property Control Specialists, under supervision, perform responsible work involving security, courier and storage functions for the transport, inspection, storage and delivery of legal and illegal substances and property such as firearms, narcotics, cash, jewelry, etc., being held in evidence by the New York City Police Department or the Office of Chief Medical Examiner; operate a motor vehicle and perform related work.

**Special Working Conditions:** Evidence and Property Control Specialists may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Evidence and Property Control Specialists and environmental conditions experienced are: loading and unloading vehicles, lifting materials weighing up to 60 pounds, working outdoors in all kinds of weather and driving a motor vehicle.

(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 $47,796 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. After appointment, employees may be assigned to the higher assignment level at the discretion of the agency.

**How to Apply:** If you believe you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, 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 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](https://a856-eeexams.nyc.gov/OLEE/oasys/FAQFeeWaiver.aspx).

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.

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**Read Carefully and Save for Future Reference**
The centers will be open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM:

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The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers will be closed on Saturday, October 7, 2017 and on Monday, October 9, 2017.

Special Circumstances Guide: This guide is located on the DCAS website at www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/pdf_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."

HOW TO QUALIFY: 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.

Education and Experience Requirements:
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 the areas of security, law enforcement and/or active military duty.

The education requirement must be met by January 31, 2018. The experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (October 24, 2017).

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. This is required only if you need credit for your foreign education in this examination.

You must clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Test and submit it by the end of the Application Period. If you are currently employed by the City of New York, do not assume that persons reviewing your Education and Experience Test will know information which you do not provide on your Education and Experience Test, including information about your current job. If you have applied for a previous examination, do not assume that persons reviewing your Education and Experience Test will know about information you provided on a previous Education and Experience Test.

You will not receive credit for education which you obtain after January 31, 2018 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period.

Special Patrolman Requirement: By the time of appointment, you must meet the following qualifications for Special Patrolman status (a status given by the New York City Police Department as governed by Administrative Code Section 14-106 and Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the Rules of the City of New York):

- be twenty-one years of age or older,
- be a citizen of the United States,
- be a resident of New York City, unless exempted by law,
- if discharged from military service, the discharge must not have been dishonorable,
- be of good moral character, and
- have no record of conviction for any felony or serious offense as enumerated in section 265.00 (17) of the New York State Penal Law. An applicant with any conviction who has a Certificate of Good Conduct providing relief from that conviction may be eligible for appointment. An applicant with a misdemeanor conviction or violation for a serious offense enumerated in Penal Law section 265.00 (17), who has a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities providing relief from that conviction, may also be eligible for appointment.

All candidates will undergo a background check conducted by the New York City Police Department to verify the above qualifications, including character. This background check will commence prior to appointment. At the time of investigation and at the time of appointment, you must present originals or certified copies of all required documents and proof, including, but not limited to, proof of date and place of birth by transcript or record of the Bureau of Vital Statistics or other satisfactory evidence, naturalization papers if necessary, proof of any military service, and proof of meeting educational requirements. You must pay a $75.00 fee for fingerprint screening. Any willful misstatement or failure to present any required documents will be cause for disqualification. Further, any individual who fails to successfully pass this background check will not be appointed or will be terminated from the position.

You must maintain the above qualifications for the duration of your employment except for your New York City residency. After two years of continuous employment (in which residency must be maintained in New York City), residency may be allowed in Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Orange, Rockland, or Putnam county.

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.
Medical Assessment: Medical guidelines have been established for the position of Evidence and Property Control Specialist. You will be examined to determine whether you can perform the essential functions of the position of Evidence and Property Control Specialist. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to take the examination, and/or to perform the essential functions of the job.

Psychological Assessment: Candidates considered for appointment to the New York City Police Department will be subject to a psychological assessment.

Drug Screening Requirement: You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed.

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 INFORMATION:

1. Application for Examination: Follow the online instructions, including those relating to the payment of fee and, if applicable, those found in the Special Circumstances Guide.

2. Education and Experience Test: Fill out Sections A.1 (if applicable), A.2, B, and C. This test must be filled out completely and in detail for you to receive your proper rating. Follow the online instructions.

3. Foreign Education Evaluation Guide (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 Evaluation Guide located on the DCAS website at www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/foreigneducation.pdf. 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.

Your score on the competitive multiple-choice test will determine 60% of your overall score while your rated education and experience test will determine the remaining 40% of your overall score.

Competitive Multiple-Choice Test:
The multiple-choice test is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of an Evidence and Property Control Specialist.

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

Written Comprehension: understanding written sentences and paragraphs. Example: An Evidence and Property Control Specialist might use this ability when reviewing an invoice or a voucher.

Written Expression: using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. Example: An Evidence and Property Control Specialist might use this ability when recording daily logs.

Memorization: remembering information, such as words, numbers, pictures and procedures. Pieces of information can be remembered by themselves or with other pieces of information. Example: An Evidence and Property Control Specialist might use this ability when recalling details on an invoice or voucher.

Problem Sensitivity: being able to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It includes being able to identify the whole problem as well as elements of the problem. Example: An Evidence and Property Control Specialist might use this ability when releasing evidence or property to the public.

Number Facility: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing quickly and correctly. Example: An Evidence and Property Control Specialist might use this ability when checking money or several pieces of evidence or property.

Information Ordering: following correctly a rule or set of rules or actions in a certain order. The rule or set of rules used must be given. The things or actions to be put in order can include numbers, letters, words, pictures, procedures, sentences, and mathematical or logical operations. Example: An Evidence and Property Control Specialist might use this ability when packaging evidence or property to be sent to other facilities.

Spatial Orientation: is the ability to tell where you are in relation to the location of some object or to tell where the object is in relation to you. Example: An Evidence and Property Control Specialist might use this ability when storing evidence or property in their assigned locations.
Matching: The degree to which one can compare letters, numbers, objects, pictures or patterns accurately. It includes the ability to detect errors, make the appropriate corrections, and recognize similarities in stock materials. Example: An Evidence and Property Control Specialist might use this ability when comparing information from several documents.

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, smart watches, 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, IDNYC, 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.

Rated Education and Experience Test:

You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the education and experience requirements listed on page 2. After these requirements are met, you will receive additional credit up to a maximum of 100 points on the following basis:

If you have satisfactory full-time experience in maintaining the chain of custody of evidence and/or property for a government law enforcement agency within the United States, for:

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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.

You must clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Test and submit it by the end of the Application Period. You will not receive credit for education which you obtain after January 31, 2018 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period. Education must be obtained by January 31, 2018 and experience must be obtained by the last day of the Application Period (October 24, 2017).

ADMISSION NOTICE: You should receive an Admission Notice in the mail about 10 days before the date on which testing is expected to begin. If you do not receive an Admission Notice at least 4 days before the date on which testing is expected to begin, 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 meet the education and experience requirements and pass the multiple-choice 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.
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 Foreign Language (for The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (OCME) Only): If you can speak a foreign language, you may be considered for appointment 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 a request by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations - Exam Development Group, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number, your social security number, and the specific foreign language(s) on your correspondence.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

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 appointment, and may result in criminal prosecution.