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DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPLICATION UNIT
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NEW YORK, NY 10007

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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PARK SERVICE WORKER
Exam No. 8501
Second Amended Notice - May 23, 2018

WHEN TO APPLY: From: July 5, 2017
To: July 25, 2017
APPLICATION FEE: $61.00
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, November 21, 2017.

The Notice of Examination is amended to remove language in “The Test” section that granted seniority credit to competitive class titles.

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

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Associate Park Service Workers, under supervision, perform, or supervise performance of, work in areas of park maintenance and operations. They may operate vehicles and various other types of motorized equipment incidental in the performance of duties and/or operate heavy-duty motorized equipment on a full-time basis; perform various aspects of landscape and gardening work using power gardening tools and equipment; perform cleaning and repair work on park monuments and park grounds; operate and maintain a chlorination, coagulation and/or filtration plant used in purification and chemical treatment of water; and perform record-keeping and report writing activities related to the above functions of the Department of Parks and Recreation. All Associate Park Service Workers perform related work.

Special Working Conditions: Associate Park Service Workers may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Associate Park Service Workers and environmental conditions experienced are: lifting heavy objects; climbing in and out of heavy-duty motorized vehicles; standing and walking for extensive periods of time; bending and stooping; and working outdoors in all kinds of weather.

(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 $42,292 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

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.

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE
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/oasis/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.

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

**Queens**
- 118-35 Queens Boulevard
- 5th Floor
- Forest Hills, NY 11375

Special Circumstances Guide: This guide is located on the DCAS website at 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.”

**ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION:** This examination is open to each employee of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation who on the first date of the multiple-choice test:

1. is currently employed as an annual, full-time employee in the labor class title of the City Park Worker; and
2. is not otherwise ineligible.

The admission of employees in the Labor Class title of City Park Worker is on a collateral basis pursuant to New York Civil Service Law Section 52 (14).

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.

**REQUIREMENTS TO BE PROMOTED:**

**Driver License Requirement:** At the time of promotion, eligibles must possess a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York. If you have serious moving violations, license suspension or accident record you may be disqualified. Eligibles will be promoted subject to the receipt of a New York State Class B Commercial Driver License, within the probationary period. This New York State Class B Commercial Driver License must be maintained for the duration of your employment. Such license must not include any restrictions which would preclude the performance of work as an Associate Park Service Worker.

**Medical Requirement:** Medical guidelines have been established for the position of Associate Park Service Worker. Candidates will be examined to determine whether they can perform the essential functions of the position of Associate Park Service Worker. 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.

**Drug/Alcohol Screening Requirement:** You must pass a drug/alcohol screening in order to be promoted. If promoted, you will be subject to random drug and alcohol testing for the duration of your employment.

**ELIGIBILITY TO BE PROMOTED:** At the time of promotion from the Labor Class title of City Park Worker, you must have completed your probationary period in that title.

**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, continuous service with an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services in labor 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.

**Written Test Description:** The multiple-choice test may 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. Example: An Associate Park Service Worker might use this ability when scanning a park for potentially dangerous situations that may be brought on by low hanging branches, icy walkways, etc.

Judgment & 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 by thinking analytically. Example: An Associate Park Service Worker might need to decide between two similar tools in order to best complete a task.

Planning & 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 Park Service Worker might use this ability when planning out his/her route in order to complete that day’s tasks in a timely manner.

Management of Material Resources: Obtaining and seeing to the appropriate use of equipment, facilities, and materials needed to do certain work; managing the things needed for work to be accomplished. Example: Associate Park Service Workers are constantly working with various tools and vehicles in order to keep New York parks clean, such as lawn mowers, packer trucks, and weed whackers.

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 Park Service Worker uses this skill when interacting with their coworkers, especially when they need to delegate tasks to Parks Workers throughout the day.

Monitoring: Monitoring/assessing performance of oneself, other individuals or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action; overseeing the quality of performance. Example: Associate Park Service Workers would use this when evaluating themselves and their employees, and subsequently making suggestions on how to improve performance.

Time Management: Managing one’s own time and the time of others in order to promote effective use of work hours. Example: Associate Park Service Workers exhibit this skill when contemplating how to complete all of the tasks for a given day.

Adaptability/Flexibility: Responding to change (positive or negative) in a constructive manner and adapting approach as needed to the situation. Example: An Associate Park Service Worker might use this ability when an emergency situation arises, when a park patron requests a task be performed, or if a coworker does not come into work and he/she needs coverage.

Coaching & Mentoring: Identifying the developmental needs of others and coaching, mentoring, or otherwise helping others to improve their knowledge or skills. Example: An Associate Park Service Worker might use this skill if a coworker has no experience in a particular task and needs to be both taught and motivated.

Teamwork: Developing mutual trust and cooperation while working together toward the accomplishment of a common goal or outcome. Example: Associate Park Service Workers use this skill on a daily basis when they come together to complete separate tasks with the overall goal of cleaning and maintaining their parks.

Attention to Detail: Being careful about detail and thorough in completing work tasks. Example: Associate Park Service Workers use this ability quite often when making sure their parks are spotless, especially when their work is being observed by an inspector.

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 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 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.

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 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 promotion, 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 Possession of Class A Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York: If you possess a Class A Commercial 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. 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. 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 "CLA" on your correspondence. If you are promoted through Selective Certification, you must maintain your motor vehicle Driver License for the duration of your employment.

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 on which testing is expected to begin.

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; absence due to ordered military duty;
(4) a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible; or
(5) 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.