NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SPECIALIST - EMT (FIRE)

Exam No. 9014

WHEN TO APPLY: From: September 5, 2018 To: September 25, 2018

APPLICATION FEE: $54.00

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS ENTIRE NOTICE BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Emergency Medical Specialist - EMTs, under general supervision, perform tasks such as the following: provide timely, professional pre-hospital emergency medical care/Basic Life Support (BLS) to anyone who requests/requires it; provide transportation to the appropriate medical facility; operate department vehicles; receive, prioritize and dispatch calls for emergency medical assistance; and provide patient care under the authorization of the Medical Director. All work is performed in accordance with FDNY policies and procedures and as legislatively prescribed in the requisite curriculum and allowed by Federal/New York State/Regional BLS Protocols and in accordance with the level of training, New York State designated scope of practice and New York State and Regional BLS Protocols. Emergency Medical Specialist - EMTs also prepare and submit reports as required, and may be assigned to work in any FDNY facility, as needed.

All Emergency Medical Specialist - EMTs perform related work.

Special Working Conditions:

Emergency Medical Specialist - EMTs may be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Emergency Medical Specialist - EMTs and environmental conditions experienced are: working outdoors in all kinds of weather; climbing stairs; using such devices as stair chair or ambulance stretcher; treating patients who may have infectious and communicable diseases; working for extended periods during the day or night in ambulances; driving an ambulance in all kinds of weather; working in confined spaces such as under vehicles, trains, and buildings; working at hazardous material scenes such as a chemical spill or an industrial fire or accident; treating patients at heights such as rooftops, bridges or elevated highways; and reading a Mobile Data Terminal for call information and instructions in varying light conditions.

(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 $35,254 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO QUALIFY:

You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the qualification requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If you are found “Not Qualified,” your application fee will not be refunded and you may not receive a score.

Education and Certificate Requirements:

By the last day of the Application Period, you must have:

A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent; and

(1) a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Basic Certification; or
(2) a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Paramedic Certification

The education and certificate requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (September 25, 2018).

The high school diploma or its educational equivalent must be approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization.

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. For more information see the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide in the Required Information section.

You must also possess the above certificates at the time of your appointment, and they must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

You must clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and certificate(s) on your Education and Experience Test and submit it by the end of the Application Period. If you are currently employed...

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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 or certificate(s) which you obtain after the end of the Application Period.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE APPOINTED:

Certificate Requirements:
As stated in the "HOW TO QUALIFY" section above, you must possess a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Basic Certification or a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Paramedic Certification by the end of the hiring period. You must also possess a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Basic Certification or a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Paramedic Certification at the time you are appointed to this position and must maintain them for the duration of your employment. You will be responsible for payment of any fees associated with the maintenance of certifications.

Driver License Requirement:
You must have a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York at the time of appointment. 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.

Respirator Equipment Requirement:
Because you must be able to wear a NIOSH-certified respirator, you are not permitted to have facial hair that interferes with the sealing surface of the respirator and the face or interferes with the valve function of the respirator.

Medical and Psychological Assessment:
Medical and psychological guidelines have been established for the position of Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT. You will be examined to determine whether you can perform the essential functions of an Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT. Additionally, you will be expected to continue to perform the essential functions of an Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT throughout your career, and may, therefore, be medically and psychologically tested periodically throughout your career. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to take these medical and psychological examinations, and/or to perform the essential functions of the job.

Character and Background:
In accordance with the provisions of the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Code - Part 800, candidates for EMS certification or recertification must not have been convicted of certain misdemeanors or felonies. The New York State Department of Health (DOH) will review all criminal convictions from any federal, military or state and/or local jurisdiction to determine if such convictions fall within the scope of those specified in Part 800, and if the applicant represents an unreasonable risk to property or the safety or welfare of patients or the public at large. For more information contact the DOH website at www.health.state.ny.us/nyshd/ems/mail.htm or telephone at (212) 417-4455. In addition to this provision of the State Emergency Medical Services Code, candidates for this position are advised that good character and satisfactory background are absolute prerequisites to appointment.

Residency:
City residency is not required for this position.

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 an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services.

Drug Screening Requirement:
You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed. Random drug screening may be conducted for the duration of your Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT career.

Qualifying Physical Test:
Physical standards have been established for the position of Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT. You will be required to pass a qualifying physical test, and may be required to undergo periodic physical testing throughout your career.

Note: If you are presently serving as a Provisional Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT with the FDNY and have previously taken and passed the qualifying physical test, you will not be required to take it again to qualify for appointment.

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. 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 file 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 two (2) business days 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.
You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers to file 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  
Brooklyn  
210 Lafayette Street  
210 Joralemon Street  
17th Floor  
4th Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Queens  
Staten Island  
118-35 Queens Boulevard  
135 Canal Street  
5th Floor  
3rd Floor  
New York, NY 11375  
Staten Island, NY 10304

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 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.”

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. Affirmation Form: The Affirmation Form, which is found online, must be printed, signed, dated and sent by mail to the address on the form. If DCAS does not receive your completed Affirmation Form, your application will not be considered complete, and your name will not appear on the eligible list for this examination.

3. Education and Experience Test: Fill out Sections A.1 (if applicable), A.2, A.6 (if applicable), B (if applicable), and C (if applicable). This test must be filled out completely and in detail for you to receive your proper rating. Follow the online instructions.

   Note: You must list the title of EMT certificates you hold, the issuing organization, date issued, certificate number and expiration date of your EMT certificates in “Section C - Licenses and Certificates” on your Education and Experience Test.

4. Foreign Education Evaluation Guide: (Required only if you need credit for your foreign education in this examination): 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 Department of Citywide Administrative Services (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 DCAS no later than eight weeks from the last day of the application period.

THE TEST:

Your score will be determined by an education and experience test. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the education and certificate requirements listed above. 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 the NYC 911 system performing emergency medical service duties after obtaining, and while holding, a valid NYS Department of Health EMT-Basic certification or a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Paramedic certification for:  

You will receive:

- At least 3 months, but less than 6 months  
- At least 6 months, but less than 1 year  
- At least 1 year, but less than 2 years  
- 2 or more years

If you have satisfactory full-time experience with a government-run ambulance system or with a volunteer or private ambulance company outside of the NYC 911 system performing emergency medical service duties after obtaining, and while holding, a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Basic certification or a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Paramedic certification for:

You will receive:

- 1 or more years

For successful completion, within the last 5 years, of:  

You will receive:

- Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC), consistent with the 1995 National Standard Curriculum  
- 24 hours of HazMat Operations Level Training, consistent with the federal OSHA regulations at 29 CFR 1910.120(q)(6)(ii)

EVOC and/or HazMat Training must be successfully completed by the last day of the application period. HazMat Training must be on the Operations Level; you will not receive credit for entry-level training.

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. Each year of experience will be credited under only one category which will be the highest appropriate category.

You must clearly specify in detail all of your relevant training and experience on your Education and Experience Test and submit it by the end of the Application Period. You will not receive credit for training and experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period.

Training and experience must be obtained by the last day of the Application Period.
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. If we do not have your correct mailing and/or email address, you will not receive information about your exam(s), consideration for appointment and/or important information that may require a response by a specified deadline. Change of mailing and/or email address requests submitted to any agency other than DCAS, such as 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 the change request by mail or in person. Your request must include your full name, social security number, exam title(s), exam number(s), previous 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. The following link will provide you with the DCAS Data Correction Form: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/dp148a.pdf.

THE TEST RESULTS:

If you pass the education and experience test, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list, you will be given a list number and you will be notified by mail of your test results. The eligible list determines the order by which candidates will be considered for appointment. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment if your name is reached on the eligible list. Once a list has been established, it will typically remain active for four years. To learn more about the civil service system go to: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/work/civilservice_1.shtml.

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To update your mailing and/or email address with DCAS, you must submit the change request by mail or in person. Your request must include your full name, social security number, exam title(s), exam number(s), previous 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. The following link will provide you with the DCAS Data Correction Form: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/dp148a.pdf.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Investigation:

The position is subject to investigation before appointment. At the time of investigation, you will be required to pay an $87 fee for fingerprint screening. 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 of record from a Bureau of Vital Statistics or other satisfactory evidence, naturalization papers if necessary, proof of any military service, and proof of meeting educational requirements, if applicable. You may be disqualified if your statements are found to be false, exaggerated, or misleading or if you fail to provide required documents. Investigation must be completed prior to appointment.

Application Receipt:

You will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, contact DCAS at OASys@dcas.nyc.gov. Include the last four digits of your social security number or the OASys confirmation number and the examination number and title in your email.

Probationary Period:

The probationary period is 12 months. As part of the probationary period, probationers will be required to successfully complete a prescribed training course. Probationers who fail to successfully complete the training course may be terminated by the agency head. Also, you must successfully complete the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) prior to the completion of one year in title.

EMS Academy Assessment:

As a condition of completing EMS Academy training, you must pass multiple choice exams, quizzes, scenarios and New York State written and practical exams.

Note: If you are presently serving as a Provisional Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT with the FDNY and have previously taken and passed the written and practical tests, you will not be required to complete the EMS Academy Assessment again.

PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:

Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after appointment, and may result in criminal prosecution.