NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

PLASTERER
Exam No. 9025
(For Agencies Under the Jurisdiction of the Commissioner, DCAS Only)

WHEN TO APPLY: From: November 7, 2018
To: November 27, 2018
APPLICATION FEE: $96.00

If you choose to pay the application fee with a credit/debit/gift card, you will be charged a fee of 2.00% of the payment amount. This fee is nonrefundable.

THE TEST DATE: Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

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

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:
Plasterers, under supervision, prepare and direct the mixing of plastering materials; apply plastering materials to walls, ceilings, piers and columns, using a hawk and trowel; plaster partition walls and patch plaster walls with limited areas of damage; tape sheet rock and repair damaged sheet rock walls; set up and work on scaffolds; do work in accordance with plans and specifications; keep records; supervise assigned personnel; and may operate a motor vehicle. All Plasterers perform related work.
Some of the physical activities performed by Plasterers and environmental conditions experienced are: walking to and from job sites and material storage areas; standing for extended periods of time; standing upright with neck and head extended backward when applying plaster to ceilings; working from scaffolds as high as ten feet; communicating orally with helpers; walking over surfaces littered with fallen plaster and debris; working in areas that have plaster dust in the air; and lifting bags weighing up to 80 pounds. All Plasterers perform related work.

Special Working Conditions:
Plasterers may be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.
(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 $44.82 per hour for a 40 hour work week. This rate is subject to change.

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 education and experience 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 an Admission Notice or score. (For more information see Exam Site Admission section.)

You will not receive credit for education which you obtain after January 31, 2019 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (November 27, 2018).

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Five years of full-time satisfactory experience as a plasterer; or
2. At least three years of full-time satisfactory experience as a plasterer, plus sufficient full-time experience as a plasterer's apprentice or training of a relevant nature acquired in an approved technical, trade or vocational high school, to make up the equivalent of five years of acceptable experience. Six months of acceptable experience will be credited for each year of apprentice experience or approved technical, trade or vocational high school training.

The education requirement must be met by January 31, 2019. The experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (November 27, 2018).
The technical, trade or vocational high school 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 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. Do not assume that persons

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reviewing your Education and Experience Test will have information not included on your test. You will not receive credit for education which you obtain after January 31, 2019 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period.

Residency Requirement Advisory: Under New York City Administrative Code Section 12-120, you might need to be a resident of the City of New York within 90 days of the date you are appointed to this position. Since residency requirements vary by title, appointing agency and length of service, consult the appointing agency's personnel office at the time of the appointment interview to find out if City residency is required.

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.

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 setting up 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
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
Staten Island
135 Canal Street
3rd Floor
Staten Island, NY 10304

The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers will be closed on Saturday, November 10, Monday, November 12, 2018, and Thursday, November 22, 2018.

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.”

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.3 (if applicable), and B. 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 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 January 31, 2019.

THE TEST:
The multiple-choice test may be given at a computer terminal or in paper and pencil format. You will be informed of the format on your Admission Notice. Your score on this test will be used to determine your placement on an eligible list. You must achieve a score of at least 70% to pass the 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 a Plasterer. Task areas to be tested are as follows: work preparation and layout; plastering; tiling; reporting and record keeping; work site safety; and supervision of staff.

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

Written Comprehension: understanding written sentences and paragraphs. Example: A Plasterer might use this ability when reviewing written work orders.

Written Expression: using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. Example: A Plasterer might use this ability when describing work completed.
Number Facility: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing quickly and correctly. Example: A Plasterer might use this ability when determining the length and width of a wall in order to lay tiles.

Information Ordering: correctly following a rule or set of rules or actions in a certain order. The rule or set of rules or actions is given. The things or actions to be put in order can include numbers, letters, words, pictures, procedures, sentences, and mathematical or logical operations. Example: A Plasterer might use this ability when following specific procedures when repairing or replacing a damaged wall.

Problem Sensitivity: being able to tell when something is wrong or likely to go wrong. Example: A Plasterer might use this ability when assigned to repair or replace part of a wall and sees that the entire wall must be replaced.

Manual Dexterity: being able to make skillful coordinated movements of one hand, a hand together with its arm, or two hands to grasp, place, move or assemble objects, such as hand tools or blocks. Example: A Plasterer might use this ability when assigned to mix plaster or apply plaster to a wall.

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.

There will also be a qualifying practical test that will assess the candidate’s ability to prepare plastering materials and apply such materials to interior and exterior surfaces. Only those candidates who pass the multiple-choice test and meet the education and experience requirements will be scheduled to take the practical test. A score of at least 70% is required to pass the qualifying practical test.

EXAM SITE ADMISSION:

You will be sent 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 an Admission Notice. Test site assignments will take your address into consideration, but nearness to your address cannot be guaranteed.

Warning: You are not permitted to enter the test site with electronic devices including, but not limited to, cellular phones, smart watches, recording devices, beepers, pagers, cameras, or portable media players. You are not permitted to use any type of headphones or ear buds. Calculators are permitted; however, they must be hand-held, battery or solar powered, and 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 anywhere at any test site, whether in the testing area, restroom, hallway, or other location, at any time before, during or after the test or Protest Review Session, your test score will be nullified, you will be disqualified from taking any civil service tests for up to five years, 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 a Computer-based Testing & Applications Center 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. City or State issued identification card, DNVC, 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.

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 you 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 meet the education and experience requirements, pass the multiple-choice test and pass the qualifying practical 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. 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.
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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Promotion Test: A promotion examination for this title is being held for eligible City employees. The names appearing on the promotion list will be considered first in filling vacancies.

Selective Certification for Driver License:
If you have a motor vehicle Driver License that is valid in the State of New York, you may be considered for appointment 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 appointment. If you are appointed through Selective Certification, you must maintain your Driver License for the duration of your employment.

Selective Certification for RRP Training and Certification: (New York Housing Authority only) If you have valid Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Training and Certification issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this certification. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your certification will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment. If you are appointed through Selective Certification, you must maintain your RRP certification 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 the Selective Certification requirements 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 Selective Certification you are requesting on your correspondence.

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