



Citywide Administrative Services

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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

### INSPECTOR (CONSTRUCTION)

Exam No. 0115

AMENDED NOTICE - AUGUST 14, 2019

**WHEN TO APPLY:** From: August 7, 2019

**APPLICATION FEE:** \$68.00

To: August 27, 2019

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 **Saturday, October 26, 2019.**

The Notice of Examination is amended to update the test section and add a Selective Certification

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

#### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Inspectors (Construction), under general supervision, perform technical work in the inspection of construction, repair or alteration of structures to insure conformance with building codes, standards, plans and specifications and issue summonses for non-compliance. They perform field surveys and sweeps of work sites and structures to check for conformance to codes, rules, laws, plans, or specifications. They study architectural and engineering drawings of buildings and other structures to obtain details for inspections; visit work locations and inspect structures under construction, alteration or repair, including structural components of one and two family dwellings to insure compliance with laws, ordinances and approved plans and specifications; inspect and issue violations for unsafe conditions found in buildings damaged by fires or accidents and in buildings prior to or after being moved; inspect manholes, trunk lines, and transformer vaults during construction; inspect job sites for compliance with zoning and labor laws; inspect demolition of structures; inspect theaters, hotels, hospitals, halls, amusement park structures and other places of assembly as to conditions of safety; check all material used as to quality, grade marks and identifying marks; investigate and report on accidents, incidents and complaints of violations of building codes and assist in prosecution of cases; issue violations, summonses, and stop work orders; testify in court; explain and interpret building codes and regulations; prepare reports of inspections; verify licenses of onsite workers; may supervise and train Apprentice Inspectors (Construction); and operate a motor vehicle in the performance of assigned duties. All Inspectors (Construction) perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Inspectors (Construction) and environmental conditions experienced are: walking to and from inspection sites and, during the course of inspections, climbing and descending ladders and stairs to get to areas to be inspected; standing on scaffolds to inspect work; standing for extended periods of time; working in confined areas; wearing hard hats; bending and stooping during inspections; climbing over and around various objects; walking in areas that may be damp, dark, dusty, smoky or acrid; and working outdoors in all kinds of weather.

#### Special Working Conditions:

Inspectors (Construction) 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 \$53,563 per annum. 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 will not receive a score.

#### EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Two years of full-time satisfactory experience working in the construction trades as a carpenter, mason, ironworker, plasterer, architect, engineer, building construction superintendent, or inspector of building construction, or in related work; **or**
2. A license as a professional engineer or registered architect issued pursuant to the New York State Education Law or a license as a Site Safety Manager issued by the NYC Department of Buildings; **or**
3. Sixty semester credits towards a degree in civil engineering, engineering technology, architecture, architectural technology, construction management, or a closely related field from an accredited college or university; **or**
4. One year of experience as described in "1" above and one year of formal training or education in an acceptable construction program given in an accredited college or university, technical school or trade school; **or**

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5. Completion of an apprentice program, a minimum of two years in length, in a construction trade or building inspection; **or**
6. Education and/or experience which is equivalent to "1," "3," "4," or "5" above.

Experience not considered acceptable: working as a home-improvement contractor (e.g., doing siding, roofing and painting), sheet metal worker, shipbuilder, metal lather, Sheetrock taper, glazier, insulation installer.

**The education requirement must be met by January 31, 2020. The experience and license requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (August 27, 2019).**

The trade or technical school or vocational high school must be approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization. The college or university must be accredited by regional, national, professional, or specialized agencies recognized as accrediting bodies by the U.S. Secretary of Education and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

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 have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (August 27, 2019) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Test and submit it in the Online Application System (OASys). Once you submit your Education and Experience Test in OASys, you will not be permitted to submit new or additional information about your education and/or experience online.**

**You will not receive credit for education which you obtain after January 31, 2020 or experience or licenses which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (August 27, 2019).**

**Driver License Requirement:** A Motor Vehicle Driver License valid in the State of New York may be required for certain assignments. This license must be maintained for the duration of the assignment.

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

**Residency:** City residency is not required for this position, unless you accept an appointment after selective certification for Special Patrolman (see below).

**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, apply using 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 apply to ensure the accuracy of candidate information. Verification is instantaneous for most accounts and you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to activate your account. For any account creation issues, you will receive onscreen prompts to contact DCAS. This review may require up to two (2) business days to be reviewed and 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-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/Home/Faq>

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers to apply for this examination online. The centers will be open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM:

<b>Manhattan</b>	<b>Brooklyn</b>	<b>Queens</b>
2 Lafayette Street 17th Floor New York, NY 10007	210 Joralemon Street 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201	118-35 Queens Boulevard 5th Floor Forest Hills, NY 11375
<b>Staten Island</b>		<b>Bronx</b>
135 Canal Street 3rd Floor Staten Island, NY 10304		1932 Arthur Avenue 2nd Floor Bronx, NY 10457

**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](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."

**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 all the required sections displayed onscreen (if applicable). You will have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (August 27, 2019) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Test and submit it in the Online Application System (OASys).
3. **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 which is located on the DCAS website at [www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/foreigneducation.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/foreigneducation.pdf). When you contact the evaluation service, ask for a **course-by-course** evaluation (which includes a "document-by-document" 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 January 31, 2020.

#### THE TEST:

The multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. Your score on this test will be used to determine your place 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 knowledge and abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of an Inspector (Construction). Task areas to be tested are as follows:

Inspection Procedures  
Communication and Education  
Administrative Duties

The test may include questions on construction materials; construction, alterations and repairs done on structures by carpenters, masons, plasterers and iron workers; i construction plans and specifications; and other related areas. The test may also include questions requiring the use of any of the following abilities:

**Written Comprehension:** Understanding English words and sentences. Example: An Inspector (Construction) reads and understands work orders pertaining to the NYC Building Code.

**Written Expression:** Using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. Example: An Inspector (Construction) writes reports free of grammatical errors.

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.

#### EXAM SITE ADMISSION:

You will be sent an Admission Notice in the mail 14 days before the date on which testing is expected to begin. Your Admission Notice will also be available on your Dashboard in the Online Application System (OASys) account 7 days before the date on which testing is expected to begin. If you access the Admission Notice from your Dashboard in OASys, you must print it out and bring it with you to the test site; displaying your Admission Notice using any of the prohibited electronic devices referenced in the "Warning" section below will not be permitted. You can also obtain a duplicate Admission Notice in person Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. 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, 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.

#### CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER:

It is critical that you promptly notify DCAS of any change to your mailing address, email address and/or phone number. If we do not have your correct mailing address, email address and/or phone number, 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. If you need to update your Mailing Address, Email Address, and/or Telephone Number, read below:

- City Employees - update this information in NYCAPS Employee Service (ESS) at [www.nyc.gov/ess](http://www.nyc.gov/ess)
- All Others - update this information on your Profile page in the Online Application System (OASys) by logging into your OASys account and navigating to your Dashboard, then your Profile tab at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs)
- Submit a written request in-person or by mail: DCAS, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007 or brought in person to the same address Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM. Your written 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

#### CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

Use the Data Correction Form and follow all instructions for changing your name and/or social security number with DCAS. The following link will provide you with the DCAS Data Correction Form: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/dp148a.pdf>.

### 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, 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: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page>.

### 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:

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring NYC Construction Codes Experience:** If you have two years of full-time, satisfactory experience in the inspection of construction in accordance with the NYC Construction Codes, you may be considered for appointment to positions in the Department of Buildings which require this experience through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this experience. Your NYC Construction Codes experience will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment. 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 Special Patrolman:** If you meet the following qualifications, you may request preferred consideration for appointment 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:

- must be twenty-one years of age or older,
- a citizen of the United States,
- a resident of New York City,
- have no record of convictions for any felony or serious offense as enumerated in §265.00 (17) of the New York 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 §265.00 (17), who has a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities providing relief from that conviction, may also be eligible for appointment,
- if discharged from military service, the discharge must not have been dishonorable, and
- be of good moral character.

**Selective Certification for Assignment Level II positions:** If you meet one of the following requirements, you may be considered for appointment to Assignment Level II positions requiring these qualifications through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring these qualifications.

**Requirements:** In addition to meeting the above requirements for Inspector (Construction), you must have:

1. A license as a professional engineer or registered architect issued pursuant to the New York State Education law; **or**
2. A license as a Site Safety Manager issued by the NYC Department of Buildings; **or**
3. In addition to meeting the minimum education and experience requirements on page 1 and 2 for Inspector (Construction), you must have either (a) at least three additional years of experience as described in "1" in the minimum education and experience requirements on page 1 and 2 or (b) a baccalaureate degree in civil engineering, engineering technology, architecture, architectural technology, construction management, or a closely related field from an accredited college or university and at least one year of experience as described in "1" in the minimum education and experience requirements

All candidates who are appointed through this Selective Certification will undergo a background check conducted by the New York City Police Department to verify the above qualifications, including character. Any individual appointed through this Selective Certification who fails to successfully pass this background check will be terminated from the position. Additionally, if you are appointed through this 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.

**The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at anytime during the duration of the list.** If you meet any of the above 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.

**Application Receipt:**

You will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, check "Junk", "Trash", or "Spam" folder for the primary email linked to your Online Application System (OASys) account. If you are still unable to find the email, please email DCAS via the Contact feature available in OASys with a description of the issue and include the exam number and your profile number located on your Profile page. While on your Profile page, check that the email addresses you provided are correct and/or updated.

**Investigation:**

The position is subject to investigation before appointment. At the time of investigation, you will be required to pay an \$88.25 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.

**PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:**

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

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The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted at [nyc.gov/dcas](http://nyc.gov/dcas) and copies are available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers.

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**For information about other exams, and your exam or list status, call 212-669-1357.  
Internet: [nyc.gov/dcas](http://nyc.gov/dcas)**