



Citywide Administrative Services

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# NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

## PLAN EXAMINER (BUILDINGS)

Exam No. 0118

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

**APPLICATION FEE:** \$82.00

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.**

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

### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Plan Examiners (Buildings), under general supervision, perform responsible supervisory work, or difficult and responsible work, in the engineering or architectural analysis of structures and building equipment systems, and the examination of plans for the construction, alteration or repair of buildings and equipment systems in New York City to enforce codes and regulations under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings. They complete reports and interpret building codes, rules, and zoning regulations; when needed, conduct field inspections of buildings and make recommendations and reports on findings. All Plan Examiners (Buildings) perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Plan Examiners (Buildings) and environmental conditions experienced when conducting field inspections are: walking to and from inspection sites; climbing and descending from ladders or stairs to get to areas to be inspected; standing on scaffolds to inspect work; standing for an extended period of time; bending and stooping during inspections; working in confined areas; distinguishing colors; wearing hard hats; climbing around and over various objects; walking in areas that may be damp, dark, smoky or acrid 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 \$68,292 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

### HOW TO QUALIFY:

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.

### LICENSE OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT AND EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

You must have a valid New York State Professional Engineer's License or a valid New York State Registration as an Architect; and either:

1. Four (4) years of full-time, satisfactory experience in architecture or civil engineering performing work in building design, building construction, or building equipment systems design, of which two (2) years must be in building design or building equipment systems design; **or**
2. A Masters degree or higher in civil engineering, or a five-year Bachelor of Architecture or a Master of Architecture from an accredited college or university, **and** three (3) years of full-time, satisfactory experience in architecture or civil engineering performing work in building design, building construction, or building equipment systems design, of which two (2) years must be in building design or building equipment systems design.

Current New York State registration as a Professional Engineer or Architect must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

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

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

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

**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 which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (August, 27, 2019).**

**Residency Requirement/Advisory:**

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.

**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:

**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

**Bronx**

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 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 **"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 January 31, 2020.

**THE TEST:**

Your score will be determined by a license or registration, education and experience test. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the education, experience, license or registration requirements listed in the "How to Qualify Section." After these requirements are met, you will receive additional credit up to a maximum of 100 points on the following basis:

**If you have full-time, satisfactory experience in architecture or civil engineering performing work in building design, building construction, or building equipment systems design after receiving a New York State Professional Engineer's License or Registration as an Architect for:** **You will receive:**

At least 1 year, but less than 2 years	6 points
At least 2 years, but less than 3 years	12 points
At least 3 years, but less than 4 years	18 points
At least 4 years, but less than 5 years	24 points
At least 5 years	30 points

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 your license or registration and 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, 2020, or license, registration and experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (August 27, 2019).**

#### **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 pass the license or registration, 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: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page>.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

##### **Selective Certification For Special Experience:**

**Selective Certification for Building Code, Zoning or Assessment Experience (ARC):** If you have (2) two years of full-time satisfactory architectural or civil engineering work experience in any of the following specialties: 1) NYC Building Code, 2) NYC Zoning Resolution Interpretation, or 3) International Building Code, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring 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. If you wish to apply for this Selective Certification, select "**ARC**" on your Education and Experience Test and submit it in the Online Application System (OASys).

**Selective Certification for Building Equipment Systems Experience (BES):** If you have (1) one year of full-time satisfactory experience in design or examination of plans for construction, alteration or repair of building equipment systems, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring 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. If you wish to apply for this Selective Certification, select "**BES**" on your Education and Experience Test and submit it in the Online Application System (OASys).

**Selective Certification for Flood Zone Experience (FZE):** If you have (1) one year of full-time satisfactory experience in design or examination of plans for construction, alteration or repair of building equipment systems in flood zones, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this experience. If you wish to apply for this Selective Certification, select "**FZE**" on your Education and Experience Test and submit it in the Online Application System (OASys).

**The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at any time during the duration of the list.** If you meet the Selective Certification requirement(s) 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" folders for the primary email linked to your Online Application

System (OASys) account. If you are unable to locate the email, you can view a summary of the notification email to you on your OASys Dashboard, under the Notifications tab. 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.

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

**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)**