



Citywide Administrative Services

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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN

Exam No. 0514

WHEN TO APPLY: From: September 5, 2019

APPLICATION FEE: \$68.00

To: September 25, 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 **Monday, December 23, 2019.**

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

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Associate Public Health Sanitarians, under general supervision, as the supervisors of a minor segment, or as principal assistants to the supervisor of a moderately-sized segment, assist in directing an inspection program to improve food, drug, general environmental conditions, safety and health standards, and to assure compliance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations governing these areas of activity. Associate Public Health Sanitarians assign, supervise, counsel and evaluate the work of subordinate staff; direct programs to enforce the Health Code, OSHA regulations, other environmental, health and safety (EHS) rules, and assist in planning and executing special projects and surveys; prepare reports; review reports of inspections, make recommendations on future actions, and follow up on disposition of reported complaints and violations. Associate Public Health Sanitarians conduct in-service training programs and give technical guidance to subordinate staff in more difficult inspections; check and instruct private inspectors employed by licensed and/or permitted facilities, such as food plants, to carry out the self-inspection program; study and evaluate protests from the public and owners of licensed and/or permitted facilities, such as food plants, make special inspections and investigate unusual conditions; interpret Health Code, OSHA regulations, other EHS rules and requirements and departmental regulations to industry and the public in their application to proposed methods, processes and equipment; inspect construction of licensed and/or permitted facilities, such as food plants, and other establishments for conformance with environmental conditions regulations and with approved plans and specifications; participate in office hearings on violations and advise subordinate staff in drawing up and presenting cases in court; act as liaison with other units of the Department and with other governmental agencies; and in the temporary absence of the supervisor, may perform the duties of that position. All Associate Public Health Sanitarians perform related work.

Special Working Conditions:

Associate Public Health Sanitarians may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities that may be performed by Associate Public Health Sanitarians and environmental conditions experienced are: stooping, climbing and lifting actions in order to view pertinent areas or obtain samples from premises being inspected. Some inspections require the Associate Public Health Sanitarian to work with instruments that operate with a sealed radioactive source; other inspections require protective equipment be worn, i.e., face masks, respirators, coveralls, gloves, etc. Associate Public Health Sanitarians carry their own equipment, which may be bulky, and normally travel from site to site by public transportation.

(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 \$58,677 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are three assignment levels within this class of positions. Promotions will generally be made to Assignment Level I. After promotion, employees may be assigned to the higher assignment levels at the discretion of the agency.

ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION:

This examination is open to each employee of an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services who **on the first date of the multiple-choice test:**

1. holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of Public Health Sanitarian; and
2. is not otherwise ineligible.

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(Note: A "Preferred List" is a civil service list which is only for certain former permanent employees of the eligible title who have rehiring rights.)

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.

ELIGIBILITY TO BE PROMOTED:

In order to be eligible for promotion, you must have completed your probationary period in the eligible title as indicated in the above "Eligibility To Take Examination" section, and you must be permanently employed in the eligible title or your name must appear on a Preferred List for the eligible title at the time of promotion. Additionally, you must have served permanently in the eligible title for at least one year, unless your probationary period in that eligible title has been waived pursuant to Rule 5.2.4 of the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of New York. Furthermore, pursuant to section 11.112 of the New York State Sanitary Code, you must have two years of experience as a Public Health Sanitarian in order to be eligible for promotion to a supervisory level.

HOW TO APPLY:

If you believe you are eligible to take this examination, apply using 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 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 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:

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.

THE TEST:

The multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. 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, permanent, continuous service with an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services in competitive 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.

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 Associate Public Health Sanitarian. Task areas to be tested are as follows: Coordinating, guiding, and assisting in various food, drug, animal, and human services inspections; assigning work and evaluating work for compliance; reviewing and interpreting technical health reports and findings and resolving and addressing various complaints and violations cited during inspections in the field.

The test may include questions on knowledge pertaining to New York City Health Code and State Sanitary Code and other pertinent rules and regulations; departmental health policies and procedures; scientific principles relating to the different areas of environmental sanitation and health; risk assessment and management; standards of proper employee ethical conduct, including the provisions of Mayor's Executive Order No. 16 of 1978 as amended; and other related areas.

The test may also 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. Associate Public Health Sanitarians may use this ability to analyze the results of inspections and the severity of violations.

Quantitative Analysis & Interpretation - Analyzing, interpreting and understanding the underlying principles and meaning of numerical data; recognizing inconsistencies and errors in reports containing numerical data. May involve making projections. Associate Public Health Sanitarians may use this ability to review the number of completed inspections per week, month, or year and determine if the percentage completed meets the minimum expected goal.

Written Expression - Appropriately communicating information and ideas in written words and sentences so the intended audience will understand. Associate Public Health Sanitarians may use this ability when proposing revisions to reports or written instructions.

Written Comprehension - Understanding the information and ideas presented in written sentences and paragraphs in work-related documents. Associate Public Health Sanitarians may use this ability when reading and understanding health codes and research reports providing updates in the field.

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 determined by thinking analytically. Associate Public Health Sanitarians may use this ability to help inspectors resolve critical issues that arise in the field.

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. Associate Public Health Sanitarians may use this ability to help coordinate and implement special projects and/or pilot programs.

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. Associate Public Health Sanitarians may use this ability to properly schedule weekly activities and competing priorities for staff.

Monitoring - Monitoring/assessing performance of oneself, other individuals or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action; overseeing the quality of performance. Associate Public Health Sanitarians may use this ability when guiding, assisting with, and overseeing the work of a minor or moderately sized unit.

Integrity - Acting in an honest and ethical manner. Associate Public Health Sanitarians use this ability on a daily basis when guiding, assisting with, and overseeing the work of a minor or moderately sized unit.

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
- 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

- 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 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. The eligible list determines the order by which candidates will be considered for promotion. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for promotion 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:

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;
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, or by email at testingaccomodations@dcas.nyc.gov as soon as possible and include documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Selective Certification for Foreign Language and/or American Sign Language: If you can speak Albanian (ALB), Arabic (ARA), Bengali (BEN), Bosnian/Serbo-Croatian (BOS), Chinese (Cantonese) (CAN), Chinese (Mandarin) (MAN), French (FRE), Greek (GRE), Haitian/Creole (CRE), Hindi (HIN), Italian (ITA), Japanese (JAP), Korean (KOR), Portuguese (POR), Polish (POL), Russian (RUS), Spanish (SPA), Tibetan (TIB), Urdu (URD), Vietnamese (VIE), West African Languages (e.g., Ibo, Swahili, Yoruba) (WAL), Yiddish (YID) and/or you know American Sign Language (ASL), you may be considered for promotion to positions requiring this ability through a process called Selective Certification. If you pass a qualifying test, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this ability. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification.

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 the specific language(s) 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 unable to locate the email, you can view a summary of the notification email to you on your OASys Dashboard, then Notifications. 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.

PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:

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

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 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**