

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

MASON'S HELPER

Exam No. 1116

WHEN TO APPLY: From: August 5, 2020

To: August 25, 2020

APPLICATION FEE: \$85.00

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.

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

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Mason's Helpers, under direct supervision, assist bricklayers and cement masons in the preparation and finishing of cement, concrete, brick, tile and other masonry work to grade and contour. They serve mortar, stone, tile, refractory concrete and other materials to bricklayers or cement masons; lay out tools and equipment for starting jobs; clean working areas, machines, tools, scaffolds and other related equipment; mix cement, concrete and mortar; operate power driven machines and tools; and operate a motor vehicle to transport tools, materials, and personnel to construction sites. All Mason's Helpers perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Mason's Helpers and environmental conditions experienced are: working in extreme temperature conditions (hot or cold); working in wet ground areas; carrying heavy tools and refractory materials; and working in the vicinity of biohazards.

(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 \$40.29 per hour, for a 35-hour work week. 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.

You will **not** receive credit for education which you obtain after January 31, 2021 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (August 25, 2020).

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Three years of full-time satisfactory experience as a Mason's Helper, or
2. At least one and one-half years of experience as described in "1" above plus sufficient training of a relevant nature acquired in a trade school, technical school, or vocational high school, to make up the equivalent of three years of acceptable experience. Six months of acceptable experience will be credited for each year of approved trade school, technical school, or vocational high school.

The education requirement must be met by January 31, 2021. The experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (August 25, 2020).

The trade school, 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. For more information see the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide in the Required Information section.

During the Education and Experience Exam (EEE), you may answer questions about your experience. If your experience was on a part-time basis working less than 35 hours per week, you will need to convert your part-time experience to full-time experience using the formula below. Once you have determined your full-time experience equivalent, use this amount to answer questions about your experience.

(number of hours worked per week/35) x (number of months worked)

For example, if you worked at a job for 21 hours per week for 12 months, you would make the following calculation: $21/35 \times 12 = 7.2$ months.

You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (August 25, 2020) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience and Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in the Online Application System (OASys). Once you Final Submit

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your Education and Experience Exam in OASys, you will not be permitted to submit new or additional information on your Education and Experience Exam online.

If you do not Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (August 25, 2020), your examination will be considered incomplete, you will not be entitled to the appeals process, you will not receive a score, you will not be invited to subsequent portions of this examination (if applicable), and your application fee will not be refunded. An incomplete examination will not be entitled to the appeals process.

You will not receive credit for education which you obtain after January 31, 2021 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (August 25, 2020).

Driver License Requirement:

By the time you are appointed to this position, you must have a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York. 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.

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, 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>. **Effective January 2020, the Online Application System is no longer supported on Windows 7 or earlier versions of Windows operating systems.**

Special Circumstances Guide: This guide is located on the DCAS website at https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/pdf_c_special_circumstances_guide.pdf.

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 Exam:** Follow the instructions displayed on screen to answer the questions. You will have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (August 25, 2020) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Exam and Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in the Online Application System (OASys).
Once you Final Submit your Education and Experience in OASys, you will not be permitted to submit new or additional information on your Education and Experience Exam online. If you do not Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (August 25, 2020), your examination will be considered incomplete, you will not be entitled to the appeals process, you will not receive a score, and your application fee will not be refunded.
- 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 <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/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 the last day of the Application Period (August 25, 2020).

THE TEST:

Your score will be determined by an Education and Experience Exam. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the education and experience 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 as a Mason's Helper for:	You will receive Up to:
At least 1 year but less than 2 years	10 points
At least 2 years but less than 3 years	20 points
3 or more years	30 points

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(number of hours worked per week/35) x (number of months worked)

For example, if you worked at a job for 21 hours per week for 12 months, you would make the following calculation: $21/35 \times 12 = 7.2$ months.

Experience used to meet the minimum requirements cannot be used to gain additional credit.

You will not receive credit for experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (August 25, 2020).

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 Self-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 by email at OASys@dcas.nyc.gov, by fax (646) 500-7199, or by regular mail: DCAS, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. 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 Education and Experience Exam, 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>.

If you believe that your test part was rated incorrectly, you may submit an appeal of your score to DCAS, Committee on Manifest Errors, through the Online Application System (OASys). Your appeal must give specific reasons why your score should be higher. Your appeal may result in a higher or lower rating.

To access the appeal portal of OASys, please log into your OASys account at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs and use the following steps:

1. Navigate to the Dashboard for the Appeals tab.
2. Click the NEW APPEAL button to create and submit your appeal.
3. Select the exam from the Exam drop-down list, and
4. Select the exam part from the Exam Part drop-down list.
5. Select the reason for your appeal from the Appeal Reason drop-down list (if applicable).
6. Enter the details of your appeal by providing specific reasons why your score should be higher.

Note: You may attach up to 5 documents to support your appeal by using the attachment functionality.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Selective Certification for Commercial Driver License (CDL) (for the Department of Transportation only): All appointments to positions in the Department of Transportation require a Class B Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York. Such license must have no restrictions which would preclude the performance of Mason's Helper work. If you have either: (1) a Class B Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York with no such restrictions, or (2) a motor vehicle Driver License in the State of New York and a learner's permit for a Class B Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York with no such restrictions, you may be considered for appointment to positions at the Department of Transportation through a process called Selective Certification. If you wish to apply for this Selective Certification, follow the onscreen instructions when completing the Education and Experience Exam your interest in such Selective Certification and Final Submit it in the Online Application System (OASys). If you qualify under (2) above, you will be appointed subject to the receipt of a Class B Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York with no restrictions within ninety days of appointment. **If you are appointed**

through Selective Certification, you must maintain your Class B Commercial Driver License for the duration of your employment.

Drug Screening Requirement for Selective Certification for Commercial Driver License (for appointment to the Department of Transportation Only): You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed through Selective Certification, and if appointed, you will be subject to random drug and alcohol tests for the duration of your employment. Additionally, if you have tested positive on a drug or alcohol test or had a refusal to test during preemployment or while employed by a Federal DOT-regulated employer during the applicable period, you must have completed the Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) process required by federal law in order to be appointed to this position.

Selective Certification for United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Certification in Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP): If you possess a USEPA Certification in Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP), then 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. Your USEPA Certification will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment. If you are appointed through Selective Certification, you must maintain your USEPA Certification in Renovation, Repair, and Painting 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 this 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 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, 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 appointment, 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.

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