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DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES **BUREAU OF EXAMINATIONS**

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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

INSPECTOR (CONSTRUCTION) Exam No. 2024

WHEN TO APPLY: From: October 6, 2021 **APPLICATION FEE: \$68.00**

> October 29, 2021 To:

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

fee is nonrefundable.

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 ensure conformance with building codes, standards, plans and specifications and issue summonses for non-compliance. They visit work locations and inspect structures under construction, alteration or repair, including structural components of one and two family dwellings to ensure compliance with laws, ordinances and approved plans and specifications; perform field surveys and sweeps of work sites and structures to check for conformance to codes, rules, laws, plans or specifications; using specified guidelines and standards, inspects structures under construction, alteration or repair for conformance to codes, rules, laws, plans or specifications; studies architectural and engineering drawings of buildings and structures to obtain details for inspection; inspect and issue violations for unsafe conditions found in buildings damaged by fires or accidents and in buildings prior to be offer being moved; inspect manhales, trulk lines, and trapsformer youtle during construction, inspect to be 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 complaints of violations of building codes and assist in prosecution of cases; issue violations and summonses; testify in court; explain and interpret building codes and regulations; prepare reports of inspections; 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 \$48,574 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

This salary is for Level I. There are four assignment levels in this title.

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.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- 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
- 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, 2022. The experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (October 29, 2021). The license requirement must be met by October 29, 2021.

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 <u>only</u> 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: $21/35 \times 12 = 7.2 \text{ months}$.

You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (October 29, 2021) 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 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 (October 29, 2021), your examination will be considered incomplete, 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.

You will not receive credit for education which you obtain after January 31, 2022 or experience or licenses which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (October 29, 2021).

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.

Vaccination Requirement: As of August 2, 2021, all new hires must be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, unless they have been granted a reasonable accommodation for religion or disability. If you are offered city employment, this requirement must be met by your date of hire, unless a reasonable accommodation for exemption is received and approved by the hiring agency.

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

The Online Application System (OASys) Website will be temporarily unavailable due to maintenance from Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6:00 AM to Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 11:59 PM. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers to apply for this examination online. However, you must schedule a customer service appointment prior to your visit. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DCAS no longer permits walk-ins at DCAS sites.

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135 Canal Street 3rd Floor Staten Island, NY 10304 Bronx 1932 Arthur Avenue 2nd Floor

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The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers will be closed on Saturday, October 9, 2021 and Monday, October 11, 2021.

To schedule a customer service appointment through OASys for an exam-related or eligible list-related inquiry, find **Exam #1889**, click **Apply**, and follow the instructions provided to reserve your appointment location, date, and time.

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 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.
- Education and Experience Exam: 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 (October 29, 2021) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Exam and submit it in the Online Application System (OASys). 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 (October 29, 2021), your examination will be considered incomplete, 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.
 Foreign Education Evaluation Guide (Required only if you need credit for your foreign)
- 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 "course-by-course" 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 (October 29, 2021).

THE TEST:

Your score will be determined by an Education and Experience Exam. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the qualification requirements **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 satisfactory full-time experience working in the construction trades as a carpenter, mason, ironworker, plasterer, architect, engineer, building construction superintendent, or inspector of building construction for:

You will receive up to:

At least 6 months but less than 1 year 10 points
At least 1 year but less than 1 year and 6 months 14 points

At least 1 year and 6 months but less than 2 years 18 points

3 years or more 30 points

If you have credits completed at an accredited college or university in civil engineering, engineering technology, architecture, architectural technology, construction managemement, or a closely related field, for:

At least 2 years but less than 2 years and 6 months

At least 2 years and 6 months but less than 3 years

You will receive up to:

22 points

26 points

3-8 semester credits

3 points

9-14 semester credits 6 points

15-20 semester credits 9 points

21-26 semester credits 12 points

27 or more semester credits 15 points

You will receive up to:

If you have completed a 30-Hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Outreach Training Program for the Construction Industry

5 points

If you have completed a Safety, Scaffold, or Site Safety training course by a course provider approved by the NYC Department of Buildings, (up to 10 courses).

1 point for each

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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.

Education and experience used to meet the minimum requirements cannot be used to gain additional credit.

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Education must be obtained by January 31, 2022, and experience must be obtained by the last day of the Application Period (October 29, 2021).

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 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 and you will be given a list number. You will be notified by mail of your test results. The eligible list determined 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 tabs.
- 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If you have the certification and/or experience listed in one or more of the areas below, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring the certification and/or experience through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this certification and/or experience. If you wish to apply for Selective Certification, follow the onscreen instructions when completing the Education and Experience Exam to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification and Submit it in the Online Application System (OASys). Your certification and experience will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.

Selective Certification for Positions Requiring NYC Construction Codes Experience (CCE): At least two (2) years of full-time, satisfactory experience in the inspection of construction in accordance with the NYC Construction Codes.

Selective Certification for Experience in Energy Conservation and Efficiency (ECE): At least one (1) year of full-time, satisfactory experience in New York City Energy Conservation Code (NYCECC), analysis of property's energy usage, and/or building energy audits.

Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Energy Management (Foundational) (EMF):
Possession of a valid Certified Energy Manager ("CEM") certification from the Association of Energy Engineers ("AEE").

Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Energy Management (Extensive) (EMX):

Possession of a valid Certified Energy Manager ("CEM") certification from the Association of Energy Engineers ("AEE") and at least one of the following valid certifications from AEE: Certified Energy Auditor ("CEA"), Certified Building Commissioning Professional ("CBCP"), or Certified Measurement and Verification Professional ("CMVP").

Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Energy Auditing (ENA): Possession of at least one of the following valid certifications: Certified Energy Manager ("CEM") certification from the Association of Energy Engineers ("AEE"), Certified Energy Auditor ("CEA") certification from AEE, High Performance Building Design Professional ("HBDP") certification from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers ("ASHRAE"), Building Energy Assessment Professional ("BEAP") certification from ASHRAE, or Multi-Family Building Analyst ("MFBA") certification from the Building Performance Institute ("BPI").

Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Building Commissioning (BDC): Possession of at least one of the following valid certifications: Existing Building Commissioning Professional ("EBCP") certification from the Association of Energy Engineers ("AEE"), Certified Building Commissioning Professional ("CBCP") certification from AEE, or Certified Commissioning Authority ("CxA") certification from AABC Commissioning Group ("ACG").

Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Sustainability (SUS): Possession of at least one of the following valid credentials: LEED Green Associate ("LEED GA") accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council ("USGBC"), LEED Accredited Professional accreditation from the USGBC with specialization in Building Design + Construction or Operations + Maintenance ("LEED AP BD+C" or "LEED AP O+M"), or Environmental Sustainability Professionals ("ENV SP") certification from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure.

Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Energy Management (Foundational) and Sustainability (EFS): Possession of a valid Certified Energy Manager ("CEM") certification from the Association of Energy Engineers ("AEE") and at least one of the following valid credentials: LEED Green Associate ("LEED GA") accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council ("USGBC"), LEED Accredited Professional accreditation from the USGBC with specialization in Building Design + Construction or Operations + Maintenance ("LEED AP BD+C" or "LEED AP O+M"), or Environmental Sustainability Professionals ("ENVSP") certification from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure ("ISI").

Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Greenhouse Gas Emissions Analysis Experience (GHG): At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience conducting analysis, inventories, and/or verification of greenhouse gas emissions.

Selective Certification for Special Patrolman (SPP): 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.

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. **Selective Certification for Assignment Level II positions (CM2):** 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.

Requirements: You must have:

- 1. Å 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

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 specific selective certification on your correspondence.

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.

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 and copies are available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers.