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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

PLAN EXAMINER (BUILDINGS) Exam No. 2037

WHEN TO APPLY: From: January 5, 2022

APPLICATION FEE: \$85.00

To: January 25, 2022

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:

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 \$70,341 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, 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, 2022. The license or registration and experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (January 25, 2022).

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).

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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.

$(\text{number of hours worked per week}/35) \times (\text{number of months worked})$

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 (January 25, 2022) 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 (January 25, 2022), 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, license, or registration which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (January 25, 2022).

Residency:

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.

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.

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.**

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 COVID19 pandemic, DCAS no longer permits walk-ins at DCAS sites. 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

The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers will be closed on Saturday, January 15 and Monday, January 17, 2022.

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.

You must complete the entire examination by midnight, Eastern Time, of the last day of the application period. If you have questions about applying for this examination, you may contact DCAS at OASys@dcas.nyc.gov.

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 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:** 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 (January 25, 2022) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education, license, registration, 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 (January 25, 2022), 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.
- 3. Foreign Education Evaluation Guide (Required only if you need credit for your foreign education to meet the education and experience requirements):** 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 by the last day of the Application Period (January 25, 2022).

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, 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 satisfactory, full-time 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 up to:
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

During the Education and Experience Exam, you may answer 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.

$(\text{number of hours worked per week}/35) \times (\text{number of months worked})$

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

You will receive a maximum of one year of experience credit for each year you worked. **Experience used to meet the minimum requirements cannot be used to gain additional credit.**

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Experience must be obtained by the last day of the Application Period (January 25, 2022).

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 at (646) 500-7190, 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 email 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If you have the experience and/or certifications listed in one or more of the areas below, 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 and/or certification. If you wish to apply for Selective Certification, follow the on-screen instructions when completing the Education and Experience Exam to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification and Final Submit it in the Online Application System (OASys). Your experience and/or certification will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.

Building Code, Zoning or Assessment Experience (ARC): At least two (2) 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.

Positions Requiring Buildings 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").

Building Equipment Systems Experience (BES): At least two (2) years of full-time satisfactory experience in design or examination of plans for construction, alteration, or repair of building equipment systems.

Experience in Energy Conservation and Efficiency (ECE): At least two (2) years of full-time, satisfactory experience in New York City Energy Conservation Code ("NYCECC"), analysis of property's energy usage, and/or building energy audits.

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").

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

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 certification from AEE: Certified Energy Auditor ("CEA"), Certified Building Commissioning Professional ("CBCP"), or Certified Measurement and Verification Professional ("CMVP").

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").

Flood Zone Experience (FZE): At least two (2) years of full-time satisfactory experience in design or examination of plans for construction, alteration, or repair of building equipment systems in flood zones.

Positions Requiring Greenhouse Gas Emissions Analysis Experience (GHG): At least two (2) years of full-time satisfactory experience conducting analysis, inventories, and/or verification of greenhouse gas emissions.

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 Environment Sustainability Professional ("ENV SP") certification from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure.

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, 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.

Investigation:

The position is subject to investigation before appointment. At the time of investigation, you will be required to pay a **\$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 a high school diploma or equivalent, date and place of birth by transcript of record of the Bureau of Vital Statistics or other satisfactory evidence, naturalization papers if necessary, and proof of military service. Any willful misstatement of failure to present any required documents will be cause for disqualification. 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 summary of the notification email to you on your 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.

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**