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# NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

<b>REQUIRED FORMS</b>
APPLICATION FORM
EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE TEST PAPER
FOREIGN EDUCATION FACT SHEET (IF APPLICABLE)

**SECRETARY (HHC)**  
**Exam. No. 8024**  
**(For The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation Only)**  
**AMENDED NOTICE - OCTOBER 24, 2007**

**WHEN TO APPLY:** From: October 3, 2007  
To: November 7, 2007

**APPLICATION FEE: \$30.00**  
**Payable by mail by money order to DCAS (EXAMS) or payable online by credit card, bank card, or debit card.**

**THE TEST DATE:** The multiple-choice test is expected to be held on **Saturday, January 5, 2008.**

**The Notice of Examination has been amended to extend filing to November 7, 2007.**

Candidates who filed previously need not file again.

**WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:** In the Health and Hospitals Corporation, Secretaries (HHC), under supervision, perform responsible typing, secretarial and related office work with some latitude for independent judgment; perform responsible typing and word processing work, such as typing routine letters, varying details to suit circumstances, and copy typing from rough or clear drafts, typing statistical tables, and typing transcription from tapes and varityping; may instruct a small group engaged in the performance of typing, word processing and office operations; perform secretarial work including scheduling of appointments and other general office work; perform basic word processing assignments using a personal computer, word processing equipment, or other automated office equipment; may perform basic entry functions; review and correct typed material to ensure correct spelling, syllabification, punctuation, and proper format; may respond to routine telephone calls; refer calls and visitors to appropriate staff. All Secretaries (HHC) perform related work.

(This is a brief description of what you might do in this position and does not include all the duties of this position.)

**Special Working Conditions:** Secretaries (HHC) may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

**THE SALARY:** The current minimum salary is \$25,608 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are four assignment levels within this class of positions. Appointments will be made to Assignment Level IIa. After appointment, employees may be assigned to the higher assignment levels at the discretion of the Corporation.

**HOW TO APPLY:** If you believe that you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, there are two ways to apply for this examination:

1. **Online at the DCAS Website:** If you wish to apply online, go to the DCAS Online Application System (OASys) at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs) and follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment, and completing any required forms. The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or prepaid debit card which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets.
2. **By mail:** Refer to the "Required Forms" section below for the form(s) that you must fill out. Return all completed form(s) and the application fee to DCAS Applications Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007.

DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.

## HOW TO QUALIFY:

**Education and Experience Requirements:** By the **last day of the Application Period** you must have:

A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization; and six months of full-time satisfactory experience performing secretarial functions.

You may be given the test before we check your qualifications. You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the qualification requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If you are marked "Not Qualified," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

**Skills Requirement:** You will be required to meet the typing skills requirement demonstrating the ability to type accurately on a personal computer at a minimum speed of 35 words per minute after errors are deducted. You must meet this requirement in order to be appointed.

**English Requirement:** You must be able to understand and be understood in English.

**Medical Requirement:** In accordance with applicable Federal, state and local laws and regulations, the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation has established medical standards for this position. Accordingly, all eligibles will be required to undergo and pass a medical examination prior to the date of appointment to ensure that those medical standards have been met. Additionally, eligibles will be subject to a drug screening test prior to the date of appointment.

**Residency Requirement (HHC):** In accordance with N.Y.C. Health and Hospitals Corporation Corporate Operating Procedure 20-48, persons appointed to the HHC after January 1, 1987 must be City residents on their effective date of appointment, or must establish City residency within 90 days following their effective date of appointment, and must thereafter maintain City residency as a continuing condition of employment.

**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 the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

**REQUIRED FORM(S):**

- 1. Application for Examination:** Make sure that you follow all instructions included with your application form, including payment of fee. Save a copy of the instructions for future reference.
- 2. Education and Experience Test Paper:** Write your social security number in the box at the top right side of the cover page, and the examination title and number in the box provided. **Fill out Sections A.1 (if applicable), A.2, and Section B.** This form must be filled out completely and in detail for you to receive your proper rating. Keep a copy of your completed Education and Experience Test Paper for your records.
- 3. Foreign Education Fact Sheet (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 Fact Sheet included with your application packet. 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 date for applying for this examination.

**THE TEST:** You will be given a multiple-choice test. Your score on this test will be used to determine your place on an eligible list. You must achieve a score of at least 70% to pass the test. The multiple-choice test may include questions on English language usage; reading comprehension; number facility; alphabetical and numerical filing; clerical accuracy, including proofreading and matching; standards of proper employee ethical conduct; and other related areas.

You will also be given a qualifying practical typing test to determine if you meet the typing skills requirement. In order to pass this test you must be able to type accurately on a personal computer at a minimum speed of 35 words per minute after errors are deducted.

**ADMISSION CARD:** You should receive an Admission Card in the mail about 10 days before the date of the test. If you do not receive an Admission Card at least 4 days before the test date, you must go to the Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, Manhattan, to obtain a duplicate card.

**THE TEST RESULTS:** If you meet the education and experience requirements and pass both the multiple-choice test and the qualifying practical typing test, your name will be placed in final score order on an HHC eligible list and you will be given a list number. You will be notified by mail of your test results. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment when your name is reached on the eligible list.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Selective Certification for Stenographic Skills:** If you can take dictation at a minimum speed of 80 words per minute, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring stenographic skills through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this ability. Follow the instructions given to you in the multiple-choice test booklet on the day of the test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification.

**Selective Certification for Foreign Language:** If you can speak a foreign language, you may be considered for appointment 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 in the multiple-choice test booklet on the day of the test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification.

If you will meet the Selective Certification requirement **at some future date**, please submit documentation by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations - GEEG, 1 Centre Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number and your social security number on your correspondence.

**Re-employment of public service retirees:** HHC has promulgated rules regarding the re-employment of persons who have already retired from public service. Any such retired person is advised to consult with HHC Human Resources Management, Office of Certification and Examinations at (212) 788-3568 to determine whether he or she would be eligible for appointment from an eligible list established for this examination.

This examination is for positions with Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) only. If you would like to apply for Secretary in City agencies you must submit a separate application and fee for Exam. No. 8023 from October 3, 2007 through November 7, 2007.

**SPECIAL TEST ACCOMMODATIONS:** If you plan to request special testing accommodations due to disability or an alternate test date due to your religious belief and you are applying

- (1) **online**, follow the onscreen instructions, or
- (2) **by mail**, follow the instructions included with the "Application for Examination."

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**The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted and copies are available in the Applications Center of the Division of Citywide Personnel Services, 18 Washington Street, NY, NY.**

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
Title Code No. 102720; Stenographer/Secretary Occupational Group.

**For information about other exams call 212-669-1357.  
Internet: [nyc.gov/dcas](http://nyc.gov/dcas)**