



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
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REQUIRED FORMS

APPLICATION FORM

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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

PROMOTION TO SECRETARY
Exam. No. 8519
(For Agencies Under the Jurisdiction of the Commissioner, DCAS Only)

WHEN TO APPLY: From: October 3, 2007
To: October 23, 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.**

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Secretaries, under supervision, perform typing, secretarial and related office work with limited latitude for independent judgment; perform typing work including copy typing from rough or clear drafts, typing statistical tables, and typing transcription from tapes and varityping; perform secretarial work, including scheduling 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 data 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 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.)

THE SALARY: The current minimum salary is \$22,983 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are four assignment levels within this class of positions. Promotions will be made to Assignment Level I. After promotion, employees may be assigned to the higher assignment levels at the discretion of the agency.

HOW TO APPLY: If you believe that you are eligible to take this examination, 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 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.

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

- 1) is permanently (not provisionally) employed in or appears on a preferred list for the title of Clerical Aide; and
- (2) is not otherwise ineligible.

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 your permanent title or whether you are on a preferred list, 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 the application. If you are marked "Not Eligible," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

Skills Requirement: You will also be given a qualifying practical typing test to determine if you meet the typing skill 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. You must meet this requirement in order to be promoted.

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 an eligible title at the time of promotion. Additionally, you must have served permanently in the eligible title for at least one year.

REQUIRED FORM(S):

Application for Examination: Make sure that you follow all instructions included with your application form,

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including payment of fee. Save a copy of the instructions for future reference.

THE TEST: You will be given a multiple-choice test. 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 and the qualifying practical typing 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 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, including the provisions of Mayor's Executive Order No. 16 of 1978, as amended; and other related areas.

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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 pass the multiple-choice test and the qualifying practical typing 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. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for promotion 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 promotion 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 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 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, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number and your social security number on your correspondence.

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 of the multiple-choice test.

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."

Make-up Test: You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the test on the regular test date for any of the following reasons:

- (1) compulsory attendance before a public body;
- (2) on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment;
- (3) absence for one week following the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner;
- (4) absence due to ordered military duty; or
- (5) a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible.

To request a make-up test, contact the Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007, in person or by certified mail as soon as possible and provide documentation of the special circumstances.

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.

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**For information about other exams, and your exam or list status, call 212-669-1357.
Internet: nyc.gov/dcas**