NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

PROMOTION TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SPECIALIST SUPERVISOR

Exam. No. 8556

WHEN TO APPLY: From: October 1, 2008 To: October 21, 2008

APPLICATION FEE: $60.00 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 31, 2009.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Child Protective Specialist Supervisors are involved in the investigation and resolution of allegations of child neglect and/or abuse received by the Administration for Children’s Services, in accordance with agency policies and procedures. All Child Protective Specialist Supervisors perform related work.

Special Working Conditions: Child Protective Specialist Supervisors may be required to work 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 $52,535 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are two assignment levels within this class of positions. Promotions will generally be made to Assignment Level I. Employees may be assigned to the higher assignment level 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. Return all completed form(s) and the application fee to DCAS Applications Unit, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007 by mail only.

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) holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of Child Protective Specialist; and

(2) is not otherwise ineligible.

(Note: A "Preferred List" is a civil service list which is only for certain former permanent incumbents of the eligible title who have rehiring rights.)

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 if you are eligible, 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.

REQUIREMENT(S) TO BE PROMOTED: At the time of promotion, eligibles must have 30 semester credits toward a Masters of Social Work degree or toward a graduate degree in a related field and eighteen months of child protective casework experience. These requirements may be met at any time during the duration of the list. When you have met the education requirement, please submit documentation by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations - GEG, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title
and number on your correspondence.

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 the eligible title at the time of promotion.

REQUIRED FORMS:

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.

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 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 agency rules, regulations, and procedures; State and Federal social service laws, guidelines, and programs; written expression; training and staff development; planning and organizing; delegation; the ability to recognize the feelings, needs, and points of view of others and to modify one’s approach to most effectively meet the needs of a situation; problem recognition and solving; standards of proper employee ethical conduct, including the provisions of Mayor’s Executive Order No. 16 of 1978 as amended; and other related areas.

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 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:

Assignment Information: Section 424-a of the New York Social Services Law requires an authorized agency to inquire whether a candidate for employment with child-care responsibilities is or has been the subject of an indicated child abuse and maltreatment report on file with the statewide central register for child abuse and maltreatment. State Central Register screening will be obtained prior to considering a candidate for employment as a Child Protective Specialist Supervisor. Candidates who have been the subject of an indicated child abuse and maltreatment report will not be assigned to any position which requires child-care responsibilities. Employees who have been the subject of such a report may be reassigned or terminated from employment from their positions as Child Protective Specialist Supervisor.

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 Unit of the Division of Citywide Personnel Services, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, NY, NY 10007.

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