



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPLICATION UNIT
1 CENTRE STREET, 14TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

REQUIRED INFORMATION

APPLICATION
FOREIGN EDUCATION
EVALUATION GUIDE
(IF APPLICABLE)

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Mayor

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NOTICE
OF
EXAMINATION

JOB OPPORTUNITY SPECIALIST
Exam No. 4319
Amended Notice - January 29, 2014

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS NOTICE IN ITS ENTIRETY
BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.

WHEN TO APPLY: On the date of the test.

APPLICATION FEE: \$54.00

Payable only at a Computer-based Testing & Applications Center on the day of the test by credit card, bank card, debit card, or money order payable to DCAS (EXAMS). If you choose to pay the application fee with a credit/debit/gift card, you will be charged a fee of 2.49% of the payment amount. This fee is nonrefundable.

THE TEST SCHEDULE: The multiple-choice test is expected to be held from January 2, 2014 through June 30, 2014. A monthly schedule of the days and times of filing and testing will be available beginning on the 1st day of each month at www.nyc.gov/dcas and at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers.

There will be no testing on Monday, January 20, 2014, Monday, February, 17, 2014, and Monday, May 26, 2014.

DCAS COMPUTER-BASED TESTING & APPLICATIONS CENTERS: This exam will be administered at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers:

Manhattan
2 Lafayette Street
17th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Brooklyn
210 Joralemon Street
4th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Seating is limited. Once the Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers are filled to capacity, no more candidates will be admitted. You are encouraged to take the test earlier in the month since there is generally more seating available at that time.

You may take Exam No. 4319 at either location, but you may only take the test once. If you take Exam No. 4319 more than once, only your first test will be rated and your additional filing fee will not be refunded.

Warning: You are not permitted to enter the test site with cellular phones, beepers, pagers, cameras, portable media players, or other electronic devices. Calculators are permitted; however, they must be hand-held, battery or solar powered, numeric only. Calculators with functions **other than** addition, subtraction, multiplication and division **are prohibited**. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you use any of these devices in the building at any time before, during or after the test, your test score may be nullified, you may not receive your test results, and your application fee will not be refunded.

You may not have any other person, including children, present with you while you are being processed for or taking the test, and no one may wait for you inside of a Computer-based Testing & Applications Center while you are taking the test.

Required Identification: You are required to bring one (1) form of valid (non-expired) signature and photo bearing identification to the test site. The name that was used to apply for the exam must match the first and last name on the photo ID. A list of acceptable identification documents is provided below. **If you do not have an acceptable ID, you may be denied testing.** Acceptable forms of identification (bring one) are as follows: State issued driver's license, State issued identification card, US Government issued Passport, US Government issued Military Identification Card, US Government issued Alien Registration Card, Employer ID with photo, or Student ID with photo.

Leaving: You must leave the test site once you finish the test. If you leave the test site after being fingerprinted but before finishing the test, you will not be permitted to re-enter. If you disregard this instruction and re-enter the test site, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

Test dates and times are subject to change.

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

The Notice of Examination is amended to:

1. **include information about the application fee percentage increase for credit/debit/gift card payments; and**
2. **include information about required identification at test sites, effective February 1, 2014.**

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Job Opportunity Specialists under supervision, with some latitude for independent judgment and decision making and in accordance with agency policies/procedures and federal/state regulations, provide economic support and employment related services to persons in need, to promote individual and family self-sufficiency. All Job Opportunity Specialists perform related work.

Special Working Conditions: Job Opportunity Specialists 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 \$35,740 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO APPLY: You will receive an exam application and filing instructions when you arrive at a DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Center.

The administration of the test is subject to change in the event of an unforeseen occurrence. If you wish to verify the test date and time, you may call the DCAS Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system at (212) 669-1357 two hours before the test session you wish to attend to hear if the test is not being administered at that time. The recorded message will be heard after the "Thank you for calling" greeting. If there is no message regarding testing at the Centers, it means that testing will be administered as scheduled for that day.

Special Circumstances Guide: 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.

HOW TO QUALIFY: You will be given the test before we verify your qualifications. You are responsible for determining whether or not you will 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.

Education and Experience Requirements: By **June 30, 2014**, you must have:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university; or
2. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent **and** four years of full-time satisfactory experience working directly with or for a job opportunity program, providing employment planning/counseling services involving job development, skill assessment and employment placement; or
3. A satisfactory combination of education and/or experience that is equivalent to "1" or "2" above. College credit from an accredited college may be submitted for experience on the basis of 30 semester credits for one year of work experience. However, all candidates must have at least a four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent.

The four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent 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 only if you need credit for your foreign education in this examination.

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 the City of New York.

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

1. **Application for Examination:** Follow the on-screen instructions, including those relating to the payment of fee and, if applicable, those found in the Special Circumstances Guide.
2. **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 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 at a computer terminal. 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 will include questions which may require the use of any of the following abilities:

Deductive Reasoning: applying general rules to specific problems to come up with logical answers. It involves deciding if an answer makes sense.

Information Ordering: following correctly a rule or set of rules or actions in a certain order. The rule or set of rules used must be given. The things or actions to be put in order can include numbers, letters, words, pictures, procedures, sentences and mathematical or logical operations.

Mathematical Ability: performing basic mathematical functions such as adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. This can be in steps in other operations like finding percentages.

Perceptual Speed/Matching: comparing letters, numbers, objects, pictures or patterns, quickly and accurately.

Problem Sensitivity: telling when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It includes being able to identify the whole problem as well as the elements of the problem.

Written Comprehension: understanding and interpreting written sentences and paragraphs.

Written Expression: using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand.

THE TEST RESULTS: If you pass the multiple-choice test, 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 appointment when your name is reached on the eligible list.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Selective Certification for Foreign Language and/or American Sign Language: If you can speak a foreign language and/or know American Sign 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 on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. This requirement may be met at any time during the duration of the list. If you meet the Selective Certification requirement **at some future date**, 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 and your social security number on your correspondence.

SPECIAL TEST ACCOMMODATIONS: If you plan to request special testing accommodations due to disability, you must notify the Test Administration Unit by email at testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov or by fax at (212) 313-3241. Refer to the **Special Circumstances Guide** www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/exam_special_circumstances.pdf for information on what to include in your request. Your request must be received at least fifteen business days before the date of your test.

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 apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted and copies are available at nyc.gov/dcas and 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

