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 APPLICATION UNIT
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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

REQUIRED FORMS
APPLICATION FORM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE TEST PAPER

PROMOTION TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT Exam No. 8554

WHEN TO APPLY: From: September 3, 2008 To: September 23, 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.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: At Assignment Level I, Landscape Architects, under general supervision, perform responsible supervisory work, or difficult and responsible work, in landscape architecture such as the following:

As head of a major landscape architectural section, or the equivalent, plan, assign and review the work of subordinates, prepare progress reports, and may represent an agency in relations with other governmental agencies and departments, contractors and their representatives, consultants, and the general public; perform highly skilled technical work in the preparation of important and complex landscape architectural plans and designs, or in the review and examination of large-scale landscape architectural projects; prepare reports and make recommendations regarding landscaping features, problems of alternative sites and proposed spatial organizations or utilizations; advise on the development of landscaping maps and data for existing conditions and for new or proposed additions or changes; supervise the preparation of contract drawings, specifications, and estimates of quantities; supervise the inspection of grading, planting and other landscaping operations to secure compliance with contracts and for conformity with acceptable techniques and established standards of landscape architectural practice; may sign and seal landscape architectural and other official documents, when assigned in writing; may operate a motor vehicle; and all Landscape Architects perform related work.

Special Working Conditions: Landscape Architects may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Landscape Architects and environmental conditions experienced are: Walking to and from inspection sites and during the course of inspections; climbing and descending ladders or stairs to get to areas to be inspected; standing for an extended period of time; bending and stooping during inspections; working in confined areas; distinguishing colors; wearing hard hat; climbing over and around various objects; walking in areas that may be damp or dark; 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 \$52,818 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are three assignment levels within this class of positions. Promotions will generally be made to Assignment Level I. Employees may be assigned to the higher assignment levels at the discretion of the agency.

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 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 forms that you must fill out. Return all completed forms and the application fee to DCAS Application Unit, 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 last day of the application period:**

- (1) holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of Assistant Landscape Architect; and
- (2) is not otherwise ineligible.

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(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.)

If you do not know if you are eligible, check with **your agency's personnel office**. 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.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT: A valid New York State Registration as a Landscape Architect is required by the last day of the application period. Current New York State Registration as a Landscape Architect must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

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

REQUIRED FORMS:

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: Fill out Sections B, C and D (if applicable).** 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. **If you are applying by mail**, 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. **If you are applying online**, follow the online instructions.

THE TEST: You will be given a registration and experience test. Your score on this test will be used to determine your place on an eligible list. On the experience test you will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the eligibility requirements listed above. After these requirements are met, you will receive credit up to a maximum of 100 points on the following basis:

Additional Credit:

For full-time satisfactory landscape architectural work experience, **subsequent to receiving a valid New York State Registration as a Landscape Architect**, you will receive:

- A) 5 points for at least 1 year but less than 3 years of experience; or
- B) 15 points for at least 3 years but less than 5 years of experience; or
- C) 25 points for at least 5 years but less than 6 years of experience; or
- D) 30 points for at least 6 or more years of experience.

You will receive a maximum of one year of experience credit for each year you worked. If you have any of the above experience on a part-time basis, it will be credited according to the equivalent percent of full-time experience.

Registration and experience must be obtained by **the last day of the application period**.

THE TEST RESULTS: If you meet the registration requirement 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: You may be considered for promotion to positions which require the special requirements described below through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions with these special requirements. This requirement may be met at any time during the duration of the list. If you meet this requirement at some future date, please submit documentation by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations - TELEG, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number and your social security number on your correspondence.

Selective Certification for Driver License: If you have a motor vehicle Driver License that is valid in the State of New York and wish to be considered for Selective Certification, state "**Driver License**" in Section D on page 4 of the Education and Experience Test Paper. If you are promoted through this Selective Certification, you must maintain your motor vehicle Driver License for the duration of your employment.

Application Receipt: If you applied online, you will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, contact this agency at OASys@dcas.nyc.gov. Include your social security number and the examination number and title in your email. If you applied by mail, you will be mailed a receipt within three months of the last date of the application period. If you do not receive this item, write to this agency, Attention: Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007 to request verification that your application was received. Include your social security number and the examination number and title in your request.

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

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Title Code No. 21315; Landscape Architect Occupational Group.

For information about other exams, and your exam or list status, call 212-669-1357.
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