



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPLICATION UNIT
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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

SECRETARY
Exam No. 3040
(For Agencies Under the Jurisdiction of the Commissioner, DCAS Only)
AMENDED NOTICE - APRIL 3, 2013

WHEN TO APPLY: From: April 4, 2013

APPLICATION FEE: \$40.00

To: April 12, 2013

**Payable online by credit card, bank card, or
debit card. When you file online you will
receive a \$5.00 discount.**

THE TEST DATE: Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin in early **July, 2013** at DCAS' Computerized Testing Centers.

The Notice of Examination is amended to reopen filing from April 4, 2013 through April 12, 2013. Candidates who filed previously need not file again.

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 \$24,859 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are four assignment levels within this class of positions. Appointments will generally be made to Assignment Level I. After appointment, 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, you may submit an application on the Online Application System (OASys) at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs. Follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment, and completing the online Education and Experience Test. A valid email address is required to file online. Several internet service providers, including but not limited to Google, Yahoo!, Hotmail, and AOL, offer free email addresses. 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. When you pay online by credit card, bank card, or debit card, you will receive a \$5.00 discount.

If you do not have access to a computer, you may file online at one of DCAS' Computerized Testing Centers. The centers will be open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM:

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

Brooklyn
210 Joralemon Street
4th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Special Circumstances Guide: This guide is available at the DCAS Computerized Testing Centers and located on the DCAS website at www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/exam_special_circumstances.pdf. 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: This is a computer-based Qualifying Education and Experience Test. Your education and experience will be evaluated online and you will receive immediate tentative results. 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 an Admission Notice or score.

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

EDUCATION REQUIREMENT: A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization.

The education requirement must be met by June 30, 2013.

You must include all your relevant education when you submit your Online Education and Experience Test. You will not be permitted to submit new or additional information about your education after you have submitted your qualifying Online Education and Experience Test.

Skill Requirement: You will be required to meet the typing skill requirement by 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.

Foreign Education Evaluation Guide: 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 in the Online Application System (OASys) under Foreign Education Evaluation Guide. 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. **This is required only if you need credit for your foreign education to meet the education and experience requirements.**

Residency Requirement Advisory: Under New York City Administrative Code Section 12-120, you might need to be a resident of the City of New York within 90 days of the date you are appointed to this position. Since residency requirements vary by title, appointing agency and length of service, consult the **appointing agency's personnel office** at the time of the appointment interview to find out if City residency is required.

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.

THE TEST: The multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. Your score on this test will be used to determine your place on the eligible list. You must achieve a score of at least 70% to pass the test. The multiple-choice test may include questions on standards of proper employee ethical conduct, and questions which require the use of any of the following abilities:

Deductive Reasoning: The ability to apply general rules to specific problems to come up with logical answers. It involves deciding if an answer makes sense. It is also defined as Alphabetical and Numerical Coding, or the ability to classify or code files, records, correspondence, and forms according to their contents using a standard/prescribed classification system.

Information Ordering: The ability to follow 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. Specifically for Secretary it includes the ability to file items in the proper alphabetical or numerical sequence.

Number Facility: The degree to which adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing can be done quickly and correctly. This can be steps in other operations like finding percentages.

Matching: The degree to which one can compare letters, numbers, objects, pictures or patterns accurately. It includes the ability to detect errors, make the appropriate corrections, and recognize similarities in clerical materials.

Written Expression: The ability to use English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand.

After you have completed the multiple-choice test you will receive a tentative score. If you achieve a passing score, you will then 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 appointed.

Note: 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. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you are found to be in possession of any of these devices, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

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.

ADMISSION NOTICE: You should receive an Admission Notice in the mail about 10 days before the date of the test. If you do not receive an Admission Notice by **June 28, 2013**, you must go to the Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, Manhattan, to obtain a duplicate notice.

THE TEST RESULTS: If you meet the education requirement and pass both the multiple-choice test and the qualifying practical typing 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 final 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 Skill: 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 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.

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 on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification.

Selective Certification for Microsoft Office: If you meet the requirements below, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this experience through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this experience. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your experience will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.

Requirements: Six months of experience using **Microsoft Office**. This includes basic knowledge of Word (including the ability to open, save, print, and re-open a document; change fonts, align paragraphs, and insert graphics), Excel (including basic data entry, number formatting, and simple functions and formulas), and Outlook (including opening, sending, forwarding and responding to email and scheduling appointments).

The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at anytime 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 - 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.

Promotion Test: A promotion examination for this title is being held for eligible City employees. The names appearing on the promotion list will be considered first in filling vacancies.

PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION: Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after appointment, and may result in criminal prosecution.

Special Insert: Guide for Completing the Online Examination

This online examination consists of the following sections:

Application, including the Notice of Examination and payment of fee
Education Level
Survey

There are detailed instructions online for each of these sections, so make sure that you read these instructions before you begin to fill out each section. In addition, the **Overview** and **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**, which are accessible throughout the examination process, contain valuable information about the online examination process and civil service procedures governing examinations. This guide is a brief summary of some of the items found in these instructions.

1. You **must** complete the application and examination by midnight, Eastern time, of the last day of the filing period. If you do **not** complete your application, which includes payment of the filing fee, there will be no record that you applied for the examination.
2. You **must** meet qualification requirements in order to qualify for this examination. If you do **not** meet the qualification requirements, you will be found **Not Qualified** and your application fee will **not** be returned.
3. **Completing the Education Level section:** For each degree you select, you **must** fill out the information requested. If you were educated in a foreign country, you **must** have an evaluation of your education sent directly to DCAS by a DCAS approved foreign education evaluation service no later than eight weeks from the last day of the application period. Your examination will be tentatively scored based on the education level you claim. Your foreign education evaluation will then be reviewed by DCAS examiners. If the evaluation differs from what you claimed, or if you did **not** submit a foreign education evaluation, your examination will be re-scored.

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 Computerized Testing Centers.

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Internet: nyc.gov/dcas