



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
APPLICATION UNIT  
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NEW YORK, NY 10007

<b>REQUIRED FORMS</b>
APPLICATION FORM

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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

**POLICE OFFICER**  
**Exam. No. 0140**

**WHEN TO APPLY:** From: September 2, 2009      **APPLICATION FEE:** There is no filing fee for Exam. No. 0140  
To: January 29, 2010

**THE TEST DATES:** The multiple-choice test is expected to be held at locations throughout New York City on **Saturday, March 13, 2010**. Seating is not limited for this regular test session.

The alternate test sessions are expected to be held at one location in New York City on **Friday evening, March 12, 2010; Thursday evening, March 18, 2010; and Sunday morning or afternoon, March 21, 2010**. You may select one of the alternate test sessions by checking the space on the application. Seating for the alternate test sessions, however, may be limited. If more candidates select an alternate test session than can be accommodated at the location, you may be selected randomly for that session from all candidates requesting that session. Candidates not randomly selected for an alternate test session and candidates who do not indicate a test date preference, will be called to the Saturday test session. All test dates are subject to change.

You may take Police Officer Examination No. 0140 on only one of the above test dates. If you take the examination on more than one date, only your first examination will be rated.

**WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:** Police Officers perform general police duties and related work in the New York City Police Department. They patrol an assigned area on foot or in a vehicle; apprehend crime suspects; intervene in various situations involving crimes in progress, aided cases, complaints, emotionally disturbed persons, etc.; respond to and investigate vehicular accidents; investigate specific offenses; interact with prisoners; operate and maintain patrol vehicles; issue summonses; obtain information regarding incidents by interviewing witnesses, victims, and/or complainants; safeguard and voucher found, seized or recovered property; provide information to the public; handle situations involving maltreated, abused, or missing children; interact with juveniles; prepare forms and reports; testify in court; and perform related work.

You will be required to work Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, nights and to work rotating tours, change tours or work overtime when ordered, as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Some of the physical activities performed by Police Officers and environmental conditions experienced are: working outdoors in all kinds of weather; walking and/or standing in an assigned area during a tour; driving or sitting in a patrol car during a tour while remaining alert; running after a fleeing suspect; climbing up stairs; carrying an injured adult with assistance; gripping persons to prevent escape; restraining a suspect by use of handcuffs; detecting odors such as those caused by smoke or gas leaks; engaging in hand to hand struggles to subdue a suspect resisting arrest; being physically active for prolonged periods of time; understanding verbal communication over the radio with background noise; reading and writing under low light conditions; carrying or wearing heavy equipment; and wearing a bullet-resistant vest.

(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 starting salary is \$41,975 per annum. Incumbents will receive salary increments reaching \$76,488 per annum at the completion of five and one half years employment. This rate is subject to change. In addition, there is an annual uniform allowance, holiday pay, and contributions by the City to Welfare and Annuity Funds and City-paid health insurance.

**HOW TO APPLY:** If you believe that you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, you must fill out an **Application for Examination** form and return the completed form to DCAS Application Unit, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007 **by mail only**. DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

**Special Circumstances Form:** This form is included in the application package. This form 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 form that pertain to you when completing your Application for Examination.

You may be given the test before we review your qualifications. You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the qualification requirements for the examination prior to submitting your application.

## **HOW TO QUALIFY:**

**Education and Experience Requirements:** By the **date of appointment**, you must have either:

1. successfully completed 60 college semester credits at an accredited college or university with at least a 2.0 cumulative index or its equivalent, or
2. a four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent **and** have completed two years of honorable full-time U.S. military service.

High School education must be approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization. College education must be from an accredited college or university, 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 at your own expense to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. You will receive instructions from the Police Department during the pre-employment screening process regarding the approved evaluation services that you may use for foreign education.

**Age Requirements:** You must be at least 17 ½ years of age by the last date of the application period to be permitted to take the examination. You must have attained age 21 to be appointed as a Police Officer. If you are too young for appointment on the date the eligible list is terminated, you will have no further opportunity for appointment from the list. Only persons who are less than 35 years of age on the first date of the application period for the examination may be appointed as a Police Officer. Thus, you must not have reached your 35<sup>th</sup> birthday by September 2, 2009 to be appointed as a Police Officer from Exam. No. 0140.

**Exception to Age Requirements:** If you were engaged in military duty as defined in Section 243 of the New York Military Law, you may deduct from your actual age the length of time spent in such military duty, provided the total deduction for military duty does not exceed six years.

**Citizenship Requirement:** United States citizenship is required at the time of appointment as a Police Officer.

**Character and Background:** Proof of good character and satisfactory background will be absolute prerequisites to appointment. The following are among the factors which would ordinarily be cause for disqualification: (a) conviction of an offense, the nature of which indicates lack of good moral character or disposition towards violence or disorder; (b) repeated convictions of an offense, where such convictions indicate a disrespect for the law; (c) discharge from employment, where such discharge indicates poor behavior or an inability to adjust to discipline; (d) dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces; and (e) conviction of petit larceny. In accordance with provisions of law, persons convicted of a felony or domestic violence misdemeanor are not eligible for appointment to the title of Police Officer.

**Medical and Psychological Assessment:** Medical and psychological guidelines have been established for the position of Police Officer. You will be examined to determine whether you can perform the essential functions of a Police Officer. Additionally, you will be expected to continue to perform the essential functions of a Police Officer throughout your career, and may, therefore, be medically and psychologically tested periodically throughout your career. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to take these medical and psychological examinations, and/or to perform the essential functions of the job.

**Physical Testing:** Physical standards have been established for the position of Police Officer. You will be required to pass a qualifying physical test, and may be required to undergo periodic physical testing throughout your career.

**Drug Testing:** You must pass a drug screening prior to appointment as part of a pre-employment screening process, and you will be subject to drug testing during Police Academy Training and as part of the medical examination at the end of probation. You may again be drug tested on a random basis after your probationary period is completed or as a prerequisite for assignment or promotion. Any member of the NYC Police Department found in possession of or using illegal drugs, or who fails, refuses, or attempts to evade a drug test, will be terminated. The NYC Police Department has a strict zero tolerance policy concerning illegal drug use. Individuals who are considering applying for positions in the NYC Police Department are expected to conform their behavior to this policy well before they begin the application process.

**License Requirement:** On the date of appointment as a Police Officer, you must possess a valid unrestricted New York State Driver License. You must maintain this license for the duration of your employment.

**Residency Requirement:** The New York State Public Officers Law requires that any person employed as a Police Officer in the New York City Police Department must be a resident of the City of New York or of Nassau, Westchester, Suffolk, Orange, Rockland or Putnam counties.

**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:** You will be given a multiple-choice test. You must achieve a score of at least 70% to pass the test. Your score on this test will be used to determine your place on an eligible list. The multiple-choice test will include questions which may require the use of any of the following abilities:

**Written Comprehension:** understanding written sentences and paragraphs.

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

**Memorization:** remembering information, such as words, numbers, pictures and procedures. Pieces of information can be remembered by themselves or with other pieces of information.

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

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

**Inductive Reasoning:** combining separate pieces of information, or specific answers to problems, to form general rules or conclusions. It involves the ability to think of possible reasons for why things go together.

**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.

**Spatial Orientation:** determining where you are in relation to the location of some object or where the object is in relation to you.

**Visualization:** imagining how something would look when it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged. It requires the forming of mental images of how patterns or objects would look after certain changes, such as unfolding or rotation. One has to predict how an object, set of objects, or pattern will appear after the changes have been carried out.

**Note:** You are not permitted to enter the test site with cellular phones, beepers, pagers, or other electronic devices. 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 using these devices, you may be disqualified.

**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.

**NEW YORK CITY RESIDENCY CREDIT:** Five points will be added to the multiple-choice test score of those candidates who qualify for the New York City Residency Credit. To be eligible for the residency credit, you must have achieved a passing score on the multiple-choice test and must maintain a continuous period of residency in New York City from the date of the multiple-choice test through the date the eligible list is established. You must apply by following the instructions in the test booklet on the date of the multiple-choice test; merely supplying a New York City address on the Application Form for this examination does not serve as a request for residency credit. Requests for residency credit cannot be accepted after the eligible list is established.

Eligibility for the residency credit will be investigated. As in the case of any intentional misrepresentation of a material fact on an employment application, candidates who claim residency credit and who are determined to have intentionally misrepresented facts concerning City residency shall be disqualified and their names shall be removed from the eligible list, and they may be subject to criminal sanctions.

**SELECTIVE CERTIFICATION FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE:** If you possess the ability to speak a foreign language, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this ability 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. 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 - USEG, 1 Centre Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number and your social security number on your correspondence.

**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:**

**Promotion Opportunities:** Police Officers are accorded the opportunity to be promoted to the title of Sergeant after passing a civil service examination, and are also accorded an opportunity to be designated Detective.

Currently, educational requirements for promotion to successive ranks are: (1) Sergeant - satisfactory completion of two years (64 credits) of course work or an associates degree at an accredited college or university; (2) Lieutenant - satisfactory completion of three years (96 credits) of course work at an accredited college or university; (3) Captain - attainment of a Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. College credits which are earned as a result of satisfactorily completing the Police Academy curriculum can be used towards meeting the educational requirements. Education requirements for promotion are subject to change.

**Investigation:** You will be investigated prior to appointment and must pay a \$75 fee for fingerprint screening. At the time of investigation and at the time of appointment, you must present originals or certified copies of all required documents and proof, including but not limited to proof of date and place of birth by transcript of record of the Bureau of Vital Statistics or other satisfactory evidence, naturalization papers if necessary, proof of any military service, and proof of meeting educational requirements. Any willful misstatement will be cause for disqualification, and failure to present any documents required for investigation will be cause for discontinuance of the investigation process.

**Firearms Qualification:** You must qualify and remain qualified for firearms usage and possession as a condition of employment for the duration of your career. The ability to qualify, and remain qualified, in the use of firearms is essential for all uniformed positions, including Police Officer. Firearms qualification tests will be administered annually. Failure to qualify and remain qualified for firearms usage and possession may result in termination.

**Probationary Period:** The probationary period for this title is 24 months. Among other requirements, you will be required to pass the Police Academy firearms, academic, physical performance, and driving tests, and meet disciplinary and performance standards throughout the probationary period. The probationary period may be extended pursuant to New York Civil Service Law and the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of New York.

**Promotion Test:** Promotion examinations for this title are regularly held for eligible New York City Police Department employees. The names appearing on any existing promotion list will be considered first in filling vacancies. However, it is expected that there will be sufficient positions available for use of the eligible list resulting from this examination.

**Police Academy Physical Assessment:** Candidates who enter the Police Academy will be required to complete a physical test prior to graduating the academy. The physical test may include tests such as completing a 1½ mile run in a specified period of time.

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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, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, NY, NY 10007.

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