NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN

Exam. No. 1012

WHEN TO APPLY: From: October 6, 2010 To: October 26, 2010

APPLICATION FEE: $40.00 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 29, 2011.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Public Health Sanitarians, under close supervision, are trained in and perform work in public health inspection and environmental sanitation. All Public Health Sanitarians perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Public Health Sanitarians, and environmental conditions experienced are: stooping, climbing and lifting actions in order to view pertinent areas or obtain samples from premises being inspected. Some inspections require the Sanitarian to work with instruments that operate with a sealed radioactive source; other inspections require protective equipment be worn, i.e. face-mask, respirators, coveralls, gloves, etc. Public Health Sanitarians carry their own equipment, which may be bulky, and normally travel from site to site by public transportation.

(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 $38,436 per annum. This rate is subject to change. Public Health Sanitarian has a two year probationary period. There are two assignment levels within this class of positions. At the end of one year of satisfactory service in Assignment Level I, and completion of any training required under the New York State Health Code, incumbents will be assigned to Assignment Level II subject to an additional one year probationary period.

HOW TO APPLY: If you believe that you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify for Appointment" section, there are two ways to apply for this examination:

1. Online at the DCAS Website: Go to the 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: Fill out an "Application for Examination" form and return the completed form and application fee to DCAS Application Unit, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007.

DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.

Special Circumstances Form: This form is included in the application package and located online at the above DCAS website. 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 you complete your "Application for Examination."

Note: You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the qualification requirements for this examination prior to submitting the application. You will be given the test before your qualifications are reviewed. If you are marked "Not Qualified," your application fee will not be refunded.
THE TEST: You will be given a multiple-choice test. 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 may include questions on knowledge of biological, chemical, and physical factors affecting health and well being, reading comprehension, basic arithmetic, written communication skill; and other related areas.

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, your test score may be nullified, you may not receive your test results, and your application fee will not be returned.

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 meet the education and experience requirements and 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.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR APPOINTMENT:

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

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, with at least 30 semester credits in the biological and/or physical sciences, i.e., biology, botany, chemistry, geology, physics, physiology, and zoology; or

2. An associate degree from an accredited college or university, with 12 semester credits in the biological and/or physical sciences, and 5 years of experience as a public health technician assisting sanitarians and engineers in carrying out the various elements of prevention and control programs affecting the public’s health.

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).

Medical Requirement: Medical guidelines have been established for the position of Public Health Sanitarian. Candidates will be examined to determine whether they can perform the essential functions of the position of Public Health Sanitarian. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to take the examination, and/or to perform the essential functions of the job.

Drug Screening Requirement: You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed.

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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 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 - 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.