

Experience Requirements: By the last day of the Application Period you must have:

Six months of satisfactory, full-time experience as a climber and pruner or arborist performing all types of tree work required for the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees and large shrubs including climbing, pruning, bracing, cutting and felling trees and large shrubs and operating manual, power driven, and motorized equipment required for the performance of these duties.

Experience as a groundskeeper, such as groundskeeper, gardener, or lawn services/landscape worker, is not acceptable towards meeting this requirement.

You must clearly specify in detail all of your relevant experience on your Education and Experience Test and submit it by the end of the application period. You will not receive credit for experience which you obtain after the end of the application period, nor will you be permitted to submit new or additional information about your experience once the application period has ended.

You may be given the qualifying practical test before we check your qualifications.

Driver License Requirement: At the time of appointment, you must possess a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York, and a Class B Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York within one year of being appointed to this position. Serious moving violations, license suspension or accident record may disqualify you. This Class B Commercial Driver License must be maintained for the duration of your employment. Such license may not include any restrictions which would preclude the performance of Climber and Pruner work.

Drug Screening Requirement: You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed and you may be drug tested on a random basis after you are appointed.

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 online instructions, including those relating to the payment of fee and, if applicable, those found in the Special Circumstances Guide.
- 2. Education and Experience Test:** Fill out **Sections B and C (if applicable)**. This test must be filled out completely and in detail for you to receive your proper rating. Follow the online instructions. **For each of your employments, be sure to list the types of arboricultural work you performed and the types of manual, power driven, and motorized equipment you used in the performance of your duties.**

THE TEST: Your score will be determined by an experience test. In addition, there will be a qualifying practical test. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the experience requirements listed above. After these requirements are met, you will receive additional credit up to a maximum of 100 points on the following basis:

If you have satisfactory full-time experience with a Municipal, State, or Federal park or forest service within the last five years performing climbing and pruning duties as described in the Experience Requirements section for:

	You will receive:
At least 2 years but less than 3 years	10 points
At least 3 years but less than 5 years	20 points
5 years	30 points

If you have satisfactory full-time experience with a non-government tree company, park, or forestry company, or utility within the last five years performing climbing and pruning duties as described in the Experience Requirements section for:

	You will receive:
At least 2 years but less than 3 years	5 points
At least 3 years but less than 5 years	10 points
5 years	15 points

For current certification as a Certified Arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture, you will receive 5 points.

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. Each year of experience will be credited under only one category which will be the highest appropriate category. **Experience used to meet the minimum requirements cannot be used to gain additional credit.**

Experience must be obtained by **the last day of the application period.**

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You must pass the Experience Test to be called for the Qualifying Practical Test. The Qualifying Practical Test will consist of two subtests. Candidates who do not satisfactorily complete both of the subtests will be given a failing rating on the entire examination. In the first subtest: each candidate will be required to tie into a clip using an accepted safety knot; properly attach the clip to the safety saddle; tie a tautline hitch, or Blake's hitch (use of a secured foot lock is acceptable) and demonstrate its use; climb a tree, using the above equipment, and crotch in at a designated spot; move through the tree to designated spots; and descend to the ground. In the second subtest: each candidate will be required to demonstrate how to safely operate an aerial lift device, use a chainsaw to prune and remove limbs, and safely operate a wood chipper.

THE TEST RESULTS: If you pass the experience test and the qualifying practical 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:

Application Receipt: 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. You will also be mailed an acknowledgment letter within three months of the last date of the application period. If you do not receive an acknowledgment letter, write to this agency, Attention: Exam Support Group, 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.

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 Computerized Testing & Applications Centers.

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