



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

REQUIRED INFORMATION

APPLICATION
EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE
TEST
FOREIGN EDUCATION
EVALUATION GUIDE
(IF APPLICABLE)

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**NOTICE
OF
EXAMINATION**

CUSTOMER INFORMATION REPRESENTATIVE

Exam No. 7042

WHEN TO APPLY: From: June 7, 2017

APPLICATION FEE: \$47.00

To: June 27, 2017

If you choose to pay the application fee with a credit/debit/gift card, you will be charged a fee of 2.49% of the payment amount. This fee is nonrefundable.

THE TEST DATE: Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on **Saturday, December 2, 2017.**

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS NOTICE IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Customer Information Representatives provide customer service utilizing computer databases and information technology to access information required for responses and overseeing customer service work; record, track, respond to, and resolve telephone, email and/or walk-in inquiries in an agency customer service center, agency help desk, or other agency customer service unit; provide information, record complaints and requests, and conduct research to resolve problems; forward unresolved matters to appropriate staff and offices for further action; enter customer information and inquiries into a computer tracking system; perform related clerical administrative tasks and computer support work. All Customer Information Representatives perform related work.

Special Working Conditions: Customer Information Representatives may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Customer Information Representatives and environmental conditions experienced are: standing for extended periods at an information desk; sitting for extended periods of time with a headset on while monitoring one or two computer screens; typing information into the computer using a computer keyboard; coordinating eye/hand movements while handling calls and operating a console and computer; speaking calmly and clearly in order to elicit information, listening carefully to clearly understand information and give instructions to a continuous flow of callers under stress; making responsible decisions where timing is critical and sitting within hearing distance of other call takers working under similar conditions.

(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 \$34,827 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are three 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 you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, 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 any required information. A unique and valid email address is required to apply online. Several internet service providers, including but not limited to Google, Yahoo!, AOL, Outlook.com, and Mail.com offer free email addresses. **All new OASys accounts require verification before a candidate can submit an application to ensure the accuracy of candidate information. Verification is instantaneous for most accounts, but some accounts may require up to 24 hours to be reviewed by a staff member and resolved. Email notification will be sent to those creating accounts that require additional documentation before they can be resolved. Please keep this information and the application period deadline in mind when creating your account.** The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or a prepaid debit card with a credit card logo which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets.

If you are receiving or participating in certain forms of public assistance/benefits/programs, or are a veteran, you may qualify to have the application fee waived. For more information on eligibility for a fee waiver and documentation requirements, visit the Fee Waiver FAQ on the Online Application System at <https://a856-eeexams.nyc.gov/OLEE/oasys/FAQFeeWaiver.aspx>.

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers to apply for this examination online and submit a money order payable to DCAS (Exams) or to submit documentation for a fee waiver.

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 located on the DCAS website at www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/pdf_c_special_circumstances_guide.pdf and available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers. 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: You may be given the test before we verify your qualifications. 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 a score.

Education and Experience Requirements:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university; or
2. An associate degree from an accredited college or university **and** two years of satisfactory, full-time experience responding to inquiries utilizing computers, databases and information technology systems for researching the answers to questions in a customer service, help desk or public information capacity; or
3. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent **and** four years of satisfactory, full-time experience as described in "2" above; or
4. A satisfactory combination of education and experience. Satisfactory, full-time experience working for a New York City government agency responding to inquiries utilizing computers, databases and information technology systems for researching the answers to questions in a customer service, help desk or public information capacity may be substituted on the basis of one year of NYC government work experience for two years of the experience described in "2" above. College credit may be substituted for the experience in a customer service, help desk or public information capacity on the basis of 30 semester credits for each year of the experience described in "2" above. However, all candidates must possess a four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent.

The education requirement must be met by June 30, 2017. The experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (June 27, 2017).

The high school diploma or its educational equivalent must be approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization. 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).

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. This is required only if you need credit for your foreign education in this examination.

You must clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Test and submit it by the end of the Application Period. If you are currently employed by the City of New York, do not assume that persons reviewing your Education and Experience Test will know information which you do not provide on your Education and Experience Test, including information about your current job. If you have applied for a previous examination, do not assume that persons reviewing your Education and Experience Test will know about information you provided on a previous Education and Experience Test.

You will not receive credit for education which you obtain after June 30, 2017 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period.

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.

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 A.1 (if applicable), A.2, A.4 (if applicable), and B (if applicable).** This test must be filled out completely and in detail for you to receive your proper rating. Follow the online instructions.

3. **Foreign Education Evaluation Guide (Required only if you need credit for your foreign education to meet the education and experience requirements):** 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 on the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide located on the DCAS website at www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/foreigneducation.pdf. 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.

THE TEST: The multiple-choice test may be given at a computer terminal or in paper and pencil format. You will be informed of the format on your Admission Notice. 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 is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of a Customer Information Representative. Task areas to be tested are as follows: Answers telephone, mail, email and in-person inquiries and determines service required; requests customer information needed to respond to inquires; records customer information, inquiries, and resolutions in tracking systems; receives payments and fees, processes and generates payments and adjusts records accordingly; refers complex requests for reply; keeps customers apprised of status and progress on unresolved service requests; answers routine, frequently asked and scripted questions, and provides information about services; prepares written replies using forms and form letters; updates inquiry tracking system to reflect actions taken, responses given and inquiries forwarded for further research and response; updates reference and source data and tables in agency Information Technology systems; uses computer databases and information technology systems to research information needed to respond to and track the progress of responses to telephone, mail, email, and in-person inquiries; enters customer information into databases to update personal records and accounts; aids less experienced Customer Information Representatives in mastering procedures and systems.

The test may include questions requiring the use of any of the following abilities:

Inductive Reasoning - The ability to combine separate pieces of information or specific answers to problems to form general rules or conclusions; to think of possible reasons for why things go together. Example: A Customer Information Representative may use this ability when utilizing databases and information technology to access information when responding to complaints and requests.

Written Comprehension - The ability to understand written sentences and paragraphs. Example: A Customer Information Representative may use this ability when conducting research to resolve customer problems.

Written Expression - The ability to use English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. Example: A Customer Information Representative may use this ability to enter customer information and inquiries into computer tracking systems, or perform related clerical administrative tasks.

After you have completed the multiple-choice test, you will be given a qualifying practical test. This test will assess your proficiency in navigating a computer system using a computer keyboard and mouse. You will be given a call taking scenario and you will be required to navigate a web-based computer application. In order to pass the practical test, you may be required to do the following within a specified period of time, to be announced on the day of the test: identify the nature of the inquiry from the simulated caller, navigate to the correct web page, access the requested information from the web page, and obtain and enter the correct information from the simulated caller into the web page.

Warning: You are not permitted to enter the test site with cellular phones, smart watches, beepers, pagers, cameras, portable media players, or other electronic devices. Calculators are **not** permitted. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you use any of these devices in the building at any time before, during, or after the test, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

You may not have any other person, including children, present with you while you are being processed for or taking the test, and no one may wait for you inside of the test site while you are taking the test.

Required Identification: You are required to bring one (1) form of valid (non-expired) signature and photo bearing identification to the test site. The name that was used to apply for the exam must match the first and last name on the photo ID. A list of acceptable identification documents is provided below. **If you do not have an acceptable ID, you may be denied testing.** Acceptable forms of identification (bring one) are as follows: State issued driver's license, State issued identification card, US Government issued Passport, US Government issued Military Identification Card, NYC ID, US Government issued Alien Registration Card, Employer ID with photo, or Student ID with photo.

Leaving: 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 on which testing is expected to begin. If you do not receive an Admission Notice at least 4 days before the date on which testing is expected to begin, you must go to Administration, Customer and Exam Support, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, Manhattan, to obtain a duplicate notice. Test site assignments will take your address into consideration, but proximity cannot be guaranteed.

THE TEST RESULTS: If you meet the education and experience requirements and pass both the multiple-choice test and 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.

CHANGE OF MAILING AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS: It is critical that you promptly notify DCAS of any change to your mailing address and/or email address. You may miss important information about your exam(s) or consideration for appointment, including important information that may require a response by a specified deadline, if we do not have your correct mailing and/or email address. Change of mailing and/or email address requests submitted to any place other than DCAS, such as your Agency or to the United States Postal Service will NOT update your records with DCAS. To update your mailing and/or email address with DCAS, you must submit a change request by mail or in person. Your request must include your full name, social security number, exam title(s), exam number(s), old mailing and/or email address, and your new mailing and/or email address. Your request can be mailed to DCAS Records Room, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007 or brought in person to the same address Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM.

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

Selective Certification for Certain Information Technology Applications Experience (DOE): If you have six months of satisfactory, full-time experience utilizing one or more of the following information technology applications: NYCAPS, Employee Information System (EIS), Automate the Schools (ATS), APRL (Automated Payroll system), Galaxy and/or DOE ASSIST to research and respond to inquiries in a customer service or public information capacity, you may be considered for positions in the New York City Department of Education requiring this experience. If you possess this experience, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring it. 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.

Selective Certification for Certain Information Technology Applications Experience (NYCHA): If you have six months of satisfactory, full-time experience utilizing one or more of the following information technology applications: SIEBEL; IBM Mainframe; AS 400; NYCAPS; KRONOS; NYCHA HRDB; and/or NYCHA HR STARS "ASK HR" to research and respond to inquiries in a customer service or public information capacity, you may be considered for positions in the New York City Housing Authority requiring this experience. If you possess this experience, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring it. 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.

The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at anytime during the duration of the list. If you meet the above selective certifications at some future date, please submit documentation by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations - Exam Development, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number, your social security number, and the Selective Certification you are requesting on your correspondence.

Probationary Period: You will be required to pass a Customer Information Representative training course. In accordance with the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of New York, probationers who fail to successfully complete such training courses **will be terminated**.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Make-up Test: You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the test on the regular test date(s) for any of the following reasons:

- (1) compulsory attendance before a public body;
- (2) on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City;
- (3) absence from the test within one week after the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner where you are an officer or employee of the City;
- (4) absence due to ordered military duty;
- (5) a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible; or
- (6) a temporary disability, pregnancy-related, or child-birth-related condition preventing you from taking the test.

To request a make-up test, contact Administration, Customer and Exam Support in person or by mail at 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007, as soon as possible and provide documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test.

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 Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers.

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