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AUTO MECHANIC
Exam No. 8006
(For Agencies Under the Jurisdiction of the Commissioner, DCAS only)

WHEN TO APPLY: From: September 6, 2017 To: September 26, 2017
APPLICATION FEE: $82.00
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 Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

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

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Auto Mechanics, under supervision, overhaul, repair and maintain engines, motors and motor-powered equipment, component assemblies, and component systems used in automotive, construction and special-purpose equipment powered by internal combustion engines. They act as “troubleshooters” in determining mechanical and electrical defects; overhaul, maintain and repair internal combustion engines, motors and motor-powered equipment, including brake systems, transmissions, ignition systems, rear ends, differential assemblies, fuel systems, hydraulic systems, electronic systems, and other related components and systems; align wheels and repair steering equipment; refine and adjust brakes and clutches; make minor repairs and adjustments in the field so that a vehicle may be returned to the garage or repair shop under its own power; may transmit orders to other journeymen as directed; may supervise machinist helpers, automotive service workers, and other personnel as directed; train assigned machinist helpers, automotive service workers, or other related personnel in the performance of various maintenance and/or repair tasks; may make minor auto body repairs; may prepare reports and orders, and maintain records and inventories of parts, components, supplies and materials; operate and test motor vehicles and equipment in the performance of assigned duties. All Auto Mechanics perform related work.

Special Working Conditions: Auto Mechanics may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Auto Mechanics and environmental conditions experienced are: working in a non-temperature controlled environment; climbing ladders; moving heavy automotive parts; carrying heavy tool boxes; crawling and working in narrow spaces; working in the vicinity of hazardous, flammable materials and solvents and engine exhaust fumes.

(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 $31.37 per hour for a 40-hour work week. This rate is subject to change.

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.

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE
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://o8/eeexam/ny.gov/OL/EE/exams/FAQFeeWaiver.aspx.

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
Queens: 118-35 Queens Boulevard 5th Floor Forest Hills, NY 11375

Special Circumstances Guide: This guide is located on the DCAS website at www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/exam_special_circumstances.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. Five years of full-time satisfactory experience as an auto mechanic; or
2. Not less than two and one-half years of full-time satisfactory experience as an auto mechanic, plus sufficient helper or apprentice experience or relevant education acquired in a college, university, technical school, trade school or vocational high school to make up the equivalent of five years of acceptable experience. Six months of acceptable experience will be credited for each year of helper or apprentice experience, or relevant education. Less than a full year of helper or apprentice experience, or relevant education will receive prorated credit.

The education requirement must be met by January 31, 2018. The experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (September 26, 2017).

The technical school, trade school or vocational high school 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 January 31, 2018 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period.

Driver License Requirement: At the time of appointment, you must possess either:

1. A Class B Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York; or

If you qualify under “2” above, your appointment will be subject to the receipt of a Class B Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York within six months of appointment.

For all appointments, if you have serious moving violations, license suspension or accident record, you may be disqualified. The Class B Commercial Driver License with no restrictions must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

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.

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

1. Application for Examination: Follow the online instructions, including those relating to the payment of fees and, if applicable, those found in the Special Circumstances Guide.

2. Education and Experience Test: Fill out Sections A.1 (if applicable), A.3 (if applicable), A.4 (if applicable), 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.

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 in 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 multiple-choice test.

The multiple-choice test is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain knowledge and abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of an Auto Mechanic. Task areas to be tested are as follows: repair work; basic principles and research; diagnostics; safety and ethics; reports; supervision /training; driving; and other related areas.

The multiple-choice test may include questions on operating principles of internal combustion engines and automotive components; electrical and electronic principles and systems; repair, maintenance and troubleshooting of transmissions, steering and suspension, brakes, cooling and heating, ignition, fuel, hydraulic and other automotive systems; proper selection and use of tools and equipment (shop and diagnostic); proper safety practices; automotive inspections and emissions testing; New York State Department of Motor Vehicle operating rules; standards of proper employee ethical conduct; and other related areas.

The multiple-choice test may include questions which may require the use of any of the following abilities:

Deductive Reasoning: applying general rules to specific problems to come up with logical answers. Example: An Auto Mechanic may use this ability when testing to prove failure of a system.

Inductive Reasoning: combining separate pieces of information, or specific answers to problems, to form general rules or conclusions. Example: An Auto Mechanic may use this ability when drawing conclusions about a gasoline "no start."

Information Ordering: following correctly a rule or set of rules or actions in a certain order. Example: An Auto Mechanic may use this ability when conducting "pin point" tests.

Mathematical Reasoning: understanding and organizing a problem and then selecting a mathematical method or formula to solve the problem. Example: An Auto Mechanic may use this ability when determining values of older vehicles.

Number Facility: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing quickly and correctly. Example: An Auto Mechanic may use this ability when completing timekeeping records.

Problem Sensitivity: being able to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. Example: An Auto Mechanic may use this ability when determining whether to replace or repair.

Written Comprehension: understanding written sentences and paragraphs. Example: An Auto Mechanic may use this ability when researching vehicle histories.

Written Expression: using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. Example: An Auto Mechanic may use this ability when maintaining records of daily work activities.

Certain questions may need to be answered on the basis of documents or other information supplied to the candidates on the date of the multiple-choice exam.

There will also be a qualifying practical test. Candidates who pass the multiple-choice test and meet the education and experience requirements will be scheduled to take the qualifying practical test.

The qualifying practical test may assess your ability to: troubleshoot, adjust, diagnose, repair and replace faulty automotive components; use automotive test equipment; and perform other related tasks. A score of at least 70% is required to pass the qualifying practical test.
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 permitted; however, they must be hand-held, battery or solar powered, numeric only. Calculators with functions other than addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are prohibited. 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, IDNYC, US Government issued Passport, US Government issued Military Identification Card, 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, New York, NY 10007, 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 the multiple-choice 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.

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 New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector: The eligible list resulting from this examination may be selectively certified to fill positions which require, at the time of appointment, either:

1. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Light Vehicles, Group 1 (ILV); or
2. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Heavy Vehicles, Group 2 (IHV); or
3. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Motorcycles, Group 3 (IMO); or
4. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Light Vehicles, Group 1 and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Emissions, Group D (ILE); or
5. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Heavy Vehicles, Group 2, and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Emissions, Group D (IHE); or
6. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Light Vehicles, Group 1, and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Heavy Vehicles, Group 2, and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Emissions, Group D (IVE); or
7. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Light Vehicles, Group 1, and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Heavy Vehicles, Group 2, and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Motorcycles, Group 3, and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Emissions, Group D (IME).

If you have a New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector for any of the aforementioned groups, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification through a process called Selective Certification. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your certification(s) will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment. If you are appointed through Selective Certification, you must maintain your Motor Vehicle Inspector Certificate for the duration of your employment.
Selective Certification for Class A Commercial Driver License with Towing Endorsement (for the Department of Transportation Only): If you have a Class A Commercial Driver License with Towing Endorsement that is valid in the State of New York, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this license through a process called Selective Certification. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your Driver License will be checked by the Department of Transportation at the time of appointment. If you are appointed through Selective Certification, you must maintain your Class A Commercial Driver License with Towing Endorsement for the duration of your employment.

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 a request by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations - Exam Development Group, 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.

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.

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.