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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

REQUIRED FORM

APPLICATION FORM

PROMOTION TO TOWER OPERATOR

Exam. No. 7523

New York City Transit Authority

WHEN TO APPLY: From: December 5, 2007 **APPLICATION FEE:** \$40.00
To: December 26, 2007 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, March 15, 2008.**

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Tower Operators, under supervision, operate all-electric, electro-pneumatic, all-relay, centralized traffic control and mechanical interlocking machines; monitor train movements; are responsible for the safe passage and proper routing of trains over tracks and switches in assigned territory; operate station public address systems and starting lights; maintain records and prepare reports; and perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Tower Operators and environmental conditions experienced are: ascending/descending ladders and stairways to/from towers; descending from trains and/or catwalks to roadbeds, ascending from roadbeds to trains and/or catwalks; responding to audible signals such as alarm bells, train whistles, horns and radioed requests for routes; operating levers requiring hand and finger dexterity; and following train movements represented by colored moving lights on model boards.

Special Working Conditions: Tower Operators may be required to work rotating shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

(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 \$18.9375 per hour for a 40 hour week. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO APPLY: If you believe you are eligible to take this examination, there are two ways to apply for this examination:

1. **Online at the DCAS WEBSITE:** If you wish to apply online, go to the Online application System (OASys) at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs and follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application 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:** refer to the "Required Form" section below for the form that you must fill out. Return the completed form and the application fee to DCAS Applications Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007.

DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.

ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION: This examination is open to each employee of the New York City Transit Authority who **on the date of the multiple-choice test:**

- (1) holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment in or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of Conductor, Station Agent, or Transit Electrical Helper assigned to the Signal Group of the Electrical Department in the Maintenance of Way Division; and
- (2) is not otherwise ineligible.

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(Note: A "Preferred List" is a civil service list which is only for certain former permanent incumbents of the eligible title who have rehiring rights.)

If you do not know if you are eligible, check with **your department's Human Resources representative**. You may be given the test before we verify your eligibility. You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the eligibility requirements for this examination prior to submitting the application. If you are marked "Not Eligible," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

ELIGIBILITY TO BE PROMOTED: In order to be eligible for promotion, you must have completed your probationary period in an eligible title as indicated in the above "Eligibility To Take Examination" section, and you must be permanently employed in an eligible title or your name must appear on a Preferred List for an eligible title at the time of promotion.

REQUIRED FORM:

Application for Examination: Make sure that you follow all instructions included with your application form, including payment of fee. Save a copy of the instructions for future reference.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE PROMOTED:

Medical Requirement: Medical guidelines have been established for the position of Tower Operator. You will be examined to determine whether you can perform the essential functions of the position of Tower Operator. 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 promoted.

THE TEST: You will be given a multiple-choice test. A score of at least 70% is required to pass this test. Your score on this test will determine 85% of your final score. Your seniority will determine the remaining 15%. You must pass the multiple-choice test to have your seniority credited. Your seniority score will be 70 plus 1/2 point for each three months of completed, permanent, continuous service with an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services in competitive class titles. Your service will be credited through the date of the test, up to a maximum of 15 years. Time served prior to a break in service of more than one year will not be credited.

The multiple-choice test may include questions on operating the various types of interlocking machines and related railroad equipment; safe effective and efficient operating procedures under normal and emergency conditions; Transit Authority Rules and Regulations; operating procedures of Tower Operators; the interpretation of operating schedules; following written instructions; and other related areas.

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 pass the multiple-choice test and are marked eligible, 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 promotion when your name is reached on the eligible list.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Late Filing: Consult **your department's Human Resources representative** to determine the procedure for filing a late application if you meet one or more of the following conditions:

- (1) You are absent from work for at least one-half of the application period and cannot apply for reasons such as vacation, sick leave or military duty; or
- (2) You become eligible after the above application period but on or before the date of the multiple-choice test.

Special Test Accommodations: If you plan to request special testing accommodations due to disability or an alternate test date due to your religious belief, and are applying:

- (1) **online**, follow the onscreen instructions; or
- (2) **by mail**, follow the instructions included with the "Application for Examination."

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

- (1) compulsory attendance before a public body;
- (2) on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment;
- (3) absence for one week following the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner;
- (4) absence due to ordered military duty; or
- (5) a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible.

To request a make-up test, contact the Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007, in person or by certified mail as soon as possible and provide documentation of the special circumstances.

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 Applications Center of the Division of Citywide Personnel Services, 18 Washington Street, NY, NY.

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**For information about other exams, and your exam or list status, call 212-669-1357.
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