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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPLICATION UNIT
1 CENTRE STREET, 14th FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

# NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

#### **REQUIRED FORMS**

APPLICATION FORM

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE TEST PAPER

### **BRIDGE PAINTER**

Exam. No. 1001

WHEN TO APPLY: From: January 18, 2011 APPLICATION FEE: \$91.00

To: February 28, 2011 If you pay online by credit card, bank card or

debit card, you will receive a \$5.00 discount.

THE TEST DATE: The practical test is expected to begin on Monday, April 11, 2011

**AMENDED NOTICE (February 16, 2011)** 

The Notice of Examination is amended to extend the end of the filing period from February 17, 2011 to February 28, 2011.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Under supervision, Bridge Painters prepare and paint iron and steel members in bridges and all other elevated structures. They chip, wirebrush, clean and prepare iron work and steel components of bridges and elevated structures for painting or repainting; rig lines and tackle for boatswain chairs, work platforms and scaffolds; paint and repaint bridges, towers, tanks and other elevated structures; mix colors and paints; clean, maintain and store tools, materials and equipment; keep work records; drive trucks and other motor vehicles. All Bridge Painters perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Bridge Painters and environmental conditions experienced are: working outdoors in all kinds of weather; working on elevated structures; walking on bridge cables; working on ladders and scaffolds; working in various field locations; using arm strength and upper body strength to climb bridge structures to heights exceeding 60 feet and to lift and carry heavy tools and equipment, including paint pails weighing up to 100 pounds; and other related activities.

(This is a brief description of what you might do in this position and does not include all the duties of this position.)

**Special Working Conditions**: Bridge Painters may be required to work Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

**THE SALARY**: The current minimum salary is \$44.00 per hour for a 35-hour week. This rate is subject to change.

**HOW TO APPLY**: If you believe that you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, you must submit an application using one of the following options:

- 1. **Online at the DCAS Website**: Go to the Online Application System (OASys) at <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs">www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs</a> 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. If you pay online by credit card, bank card or debit card, you will receive a \$5.00 discount.
- 2. **By mail**: Refer to the "Required Forms" section below for the forms that you must fill out. All completed forms and the application fee, payable by money order to DCAS (EXAMS), should be returned to DCAS Application Unit, 1 Centre Street, 14<sup>th</sup> 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."

You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the qualification requirements for this examination prior to submitting the application. If you are marked "Not Qualified," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

### **HOW TO QUALIFY:**

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

Five years of full-time satisfactory experience performing structural steel painting, which is defined as painting bridges, towers, aerials, tanks, or other elevated steel structures using rigging and scaffolding. At least three (3) years of this experience must have been at the journeyman/journeywoman level (i.e., a fully trained, knowledgeable, experienced, proficient and competent elevated steel structures painter).

For the journey level experience to be credited, it must have been preceded by at least two (2) years of full-time satisfactory experience performing structural steel painting described above as a bridge painter's helper, apprentice, trainee, support, other development roles, or as a journeyman/journeywoman.

You will receive one (1) year of credit for the completion of nine (9) to twelve (12) months of structural steel painting work experience within a twelve (12) month period. If you have less than nine (9) months of structural steel painting experience within a twelve (12) month period, your experience will be pro-rated according to a full nine (9) month period of time. 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 work experience.

You may be given the test before we verify 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. Serious moving violations, license suspension or accident record may disqualify. You will be appointed subject to the receipt of a New York State Class B Commercial Driver License with no restrictions, within the probationary period. This New York State Class B Commercial 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 FORMS:**

- **1. 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.
- 2. Education and Experience Test Paper: Fill out Sections B and C. This form must be completely and in detail for you to receive a proper rating. Keep a copy of your completed Education and Experience Test Paper for your records. If you are applying by mail, write your social security number in the box at the top right side of the cover page, and the examination title and number in the box provided. Be sure to write your examination number and social security number on each of the remaining pages of this form. If you are applying on-line, follow the online instructions.
- **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, 14<sup>th</sup> floor, New York, NY 10007, to obtain a duplicate card.
- **THE TEST**: You will be given a two part practical test. One part of the test will be a competitive rigging test. The other part of the test will be a qualifying climbing/strength test. A score of 70% is required to pass each test. Your score on the competitive rigging test will be used to determine your place on an eligible list.

The competitive rigging practical test will require candidates to demonstrate their ability to rig a scaffold on their own. Candidates will be asked to rig up a cable between two columns; and display their ability to set up a block and fall for hoisting a scaffold and to make various knots, hitches, splices, and other related areas.

The qualifying climbing/strength test will require candidates to climb a bridge tower to a height of at least 50 feet in order to reach a scaffold suspended between this tower and another one, to walk across the scaffold and descend the other tower and to hoist and lower an approximately 20 pound bucket from a position of about 50 feet high on the bridge. Safety precautions will be observed. Also candidates will be required to lift two cans, of about 65 pounds each in succession, from ground level to a platform approximately 2 feet above ground level and then return the two cans back to the ground.

**THE TEST RESULTS:** If you meet the experience requirements, pass the qualifying climbing/strength test, and pass the competitive rigging 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.

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 Unit of the Division of Citywide Personnel Services, 1 Centre Street 14th Floor, NY, NY. 10007

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