



Citywide Administrative Services

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DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
BUREAU OF EXAMINATIONS

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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

PROMOTION TO ACCOUNTANT

Exam No. 8540

(For Agencies Under the Jurisdiction of the Commissioner, DCAS Only)

WHEN TO APPLY: From: June 6, 2018

APPLICATION FEE: \$68.00

To: June 26, 2018

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, September 11, 2018.**

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS ENTIRE NOTICE BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Accountants, under supervision, perform professional accounting work of moderate difficulty and responsibility internally in City agencies or in conducting field audits and investigations; work independently or with others in executing responsible accounting assignments following prescribed rules of procedure. All Accountants perform related work.

(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 \$46,747 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are two assignment levels within this class of positions. Promotions will be made to Assignment Level I. After promotion, employees may be assigned to the higher assignment level at the discretion of the agency.

ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION:

This examination is open to each employee of an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services who **on the first date of the multiple-choice test:**

1. holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of **Bookkeeper** or **Assistant Accountant***; and
2. is not otherwise ineligible.

* For present permanent incumbents only.

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

This examination is also open to employees who were appointed to an eligible title pursuant to New York State Civil Service Law, section 55-a, and who meet all other eligibility requirements.

If you do not know if you are eligible, check with **your agency's personnel office**. 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 your application. If it is determined prior to the test date that you are not eligible to participate in this examination, you will not receive an Admission Notice to take the multiple-choice test, you will not be permitted into the test site, and your application fee will not be refunded. If it is determined after the test date that you are not eligible to participate in this examination, 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 the eligible title as indicated in the above "Eligibility To Take Examination" section, and you must be permanently employed in the eligible title or your name must appear on a Preferred List for the eligible title at the time of promotion. Additionally, you must have served permanently in the eligible title for at least one year unless your probationary period in that eligible title has been waived pursuant to Rule 5.2.4 of the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of New York.

REQUIREMENT(S) TO BE PROMOTED:

At the time of promotion, eligible candidates in the title of **Bookkeeper** must meet the following qualification requirement(s):

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, including or supplemented by 24 semester credits in accounting, including one course each in "Advanced Accounting" and "Auditing"; **or**
2. A valid New York State Certified Public Accountant license.

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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 and you are using your foreign education to meet the Minimum Qualification Requirements, then you must have your foreign education evaluated at your own expense to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. For more information see the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide in the Required Information section.

These requirements may be met at any time during the duration of the list. When you have met the education requirement, please submit documentation by mail to Administration, Customer, and Exam Support in person or by mail at 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number on your correspondence.

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.4 (if applicable), A.6 (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. 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 did 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.
3. **Foreign Education Evaluation Guide (Required only if you need credit for your foreign education in this examination):** 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 Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) website at www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/foreigneducation.pdf. When you contact the evaluation service, ask for a **"course-by-course"** evaluation (which includes a "document-by-document" evaluation) of your foreign education. You must have one of these services submit its evaluation of your foreign education directly to DCAS no later than eight weeks from the last day of the application period.

HOW TO APPLY:

If you believe you are eligible to take this examination, 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 file 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 two (2) business days 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>.

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers to file 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 | Brooklyn | Queens | Staten Island |
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| 2 Lafayette Street 17th Floor New York, NY 10007 | 210 Joralemon Street 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201 | 118-35 Queens Boulevard 5th Floor Forest Hills, NY 11375 | 135 Canal Street 3rd Floor Staten Island, NY 10304 |

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."

THE TEST:

The multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. Your score on this multiple-choice 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. Your score on this multiple-choice 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 permanent competitive class titles. Your service will be credited through the date of the multiple-choice 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 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 Accountant. It may include questions on generally accepted accounting principles; generally accepted auditing standards; arithmetic computations; reading comprehension; written communication, including report writing; standards of proper employee ethical conduct, including the provisions of Mayor's Executive Order No. 16 of 1978 as amended; and other related areas.

EXAM SITE ADMISSION:

You will be sent 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 an Admission Notice. Test site assignments will take your address into consideration, but nearness to your address cannot be guaranteed.

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, your prohibited device(s) may be confiscated and your application fee will not be refunded. You may not have any other people, 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, City or 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.

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. If we do not have your correct mailing and/or email address, you will not receive information about your exam(s), consideration for appointment and/or important information that may require a response by a specified deadline. Change of mailing and/or email address requests submitted to any agency other than DCAS, such as 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 the change request by mail or in person. Your request must include your full name, social security number, exam title(s), exam number(s), previous 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. The following link will provide you with the DCAS Data Correction Form: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/dp148a.pdf>.

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. The eligible list determines the order by which candidates will be considered for promotion. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for promotion when your name is reached on the eligible list. Once a list has been established, it will typically remain active for four years. To learn more about the civil service system, go to: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/work/civilservice_1.shtml.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Late Filing:

Consult **your agency's personnel office** 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 on which testing is expected to begin.

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This is a promotional examination for all City agencies. If you would like to apply for the open-competitive Accountant exam for all City agencies, you must submit a separate application and fee for Examination No. 8050 from June 6, 2018 through June 26, 2018.

Application Receipt:

You will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, contact DCAS at OASys@dcas.nyc.gov. Include the last four digits of your social security number or the OASys confirmation number and the examination number and title in your email.

PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:

Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after promotion, and may result in criminal prosecution.

The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted at nyc.gov/dcas and copies are available 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**