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# DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU OF EXAMINATIONS

# NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

# PROMOTION TO RECREATION SUPERVISOR Exam No. 8550 AMENDED NOTICE - April 25, 2018

WHEN TO APPLY: From: April 4, 2018 APPLICATION FEE: \$68.00

To: April 24, 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, August 7, 2018.

The Notice of Examination is amended to update the description of the written test in "The Test" section.

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

#### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Recreation Supervisors, under general supervision, develop, plan, and implement recreation activities in a community recreation center, institution (or similar organization), preschool, park, or playground; determine recreation needs of targeted groups or communities; evaluate program effectiveness and serve as an integral part of the recreation team; may act as Center Director at Neighborhood Centers and other large recreation facilities. All Recreation Supervisors perform related work.

# **Special Working Conditions:**

Recreation Supervisors may be required to work 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 \$47,977 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

# **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 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 Recreation Director; and
- (2) is not otherwise ineligible.

(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.

### **Assignment of Duties:**

Section 424-a of the NYS Social Services Law requires an authorized agency to inquire whether a candidate selected for employment who will have regular and substantial contact with children is, or has been, the subject of an indicated child abuse and maltreatment report on file with the Statewide Central

Register for child abuse and maltreatment. Statewide Central Register checks will be obtained as part of the background screening process for selected candidates. Candidates who have been the subject of an indicated child abuse and maltreatment report may not be hired or assigned to any position that requires regular and substantial contact with children.

#### The Protection of People with Special Needs Act:

Article 20 of the NYS Executive Law and Article 11 of the NYS Social Services Law require an authorized agency to inquire whether a candidate selected for employment to a position with the potential for regular and substantial contact with vulnerable persons with special needs has been found responsible for serious or repeated acts of abuse and neglect through a check of the Staff Exclusion List maintained by the NYS Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs. Candidates who have substantiated/indicated cases on file with the Staff Exclusion List will not be hired or assigned to such a position.

#### **Residency Requirement:**

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 promoted to this position. Since residency requirements vary by title, promoting agency and length of service, consult the promoting agency's personnel office at the time of the promotion interview to find out if City residency is required.

#### **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 <a href="https://a856-eeexams.nyc.gov/OLEE/oasys/FAQFeeWaiver.aspx">https://a856-eeexams.nyc.gov/OLEE/oasys/FAQFeeWaiver.aspx</a>.

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:

ManhattanBrooklynQueensStaten Island2 Lafayette Street210 Joralemon Street118-35 Queens Boulevard135 Canal Street17th Floor4th Floor5th Floor3rd FloorNew York, NY 10007Brooklyn, NY 11201Forest Hills, NY 11375Staten 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 may be given at a computer terminal or in a paper and pencil format. You will be informed of the format on your Admission Notice. 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 requiring the use of any of the following abilities:

**Written Expression:** using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. Example: A Recreation Supervisor might use this ability when preparing an equipment report.

**Planning and Organizing:** establishing a method of execution to accomplish a specific goal over an extended period of time; determining appropriate assignments and allocation of resources. Example: A Recreation Supervisor might use this ability when planning and assigning work to subordinates/personnel.

**Delegation:** utilizing subordinates effectively; allocating decision making and other responsibilities to the appropriate subordinates. Example: A Recreation Supervisor might use this ability when assigning the appropriate number of staff to a project.

**Management of Material Resources:** Obtaining and seeing to the appropriate use of equipment, facilities and materials needed to do certain work; managing the things needed for work to be accomplished. Example: A Recreation Supervisor might use this ability when determining whether purchased materials are sufficient to meet the activity needs.

**Analytical Thinking:** analyzing information and using logic to address specific work-related issues and problems; involves the identification of problems, not implementation of solutions. Example: A Recreation Supervisor might use this ability when identifying the insufficient amount of staff to complete the duties of the day.

**Judgement and Decision-Making:** reviewing information to develop and evaluate the relative costs and benefits of potential solutions to problems and choosing the most appropriate one; implementing a course of action determined by thinking analytically. While similar to Planning and Organizing, Judgement and Decision Making are typically applied over a shorter time frame. Example: A Recreation Supervisor might use this ability when creating an activity schedule.

**Deductive Reasoning:** applying general rules to specific problems and coming up with logical answers. It involves deciding if an answer makes sense. Example: A Recreation Supervisor might use this ability when determining the proper course of action to take when identifying and reporting an incident.

**Management of Personnel Resources:** motivating, developing people as they work, identifying the best people for the job; managing employees needed to accomplish tasks. Example: A Recreation Supervisor might use this ability when determining the most skilled employee to complete a certain task.

**Problem Sensitivity:** being able to tell when something is wrong or likely to go wrong. It includes being able to identify the whole problem as well as elements of the problem. Example: A Recreation Supervisor might use this ability when assessing the public needs to develop programs.

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

<u>Warning</u>: 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: <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/dp148a.pdf">http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/dp148a.pdf</a>.

#### 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, you will be given a list number and 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 if 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: <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/work/civilservice\_1.shtml">http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/work/civilservice\_1.shtml</a>.

# **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 multiple-choice 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:**

#### Investigation:

The position is subject to investigation before appointment. At the time of investigation, you will be required to pay a \$87.00 fee for fingerprint screening. At the time of investigation and at the time of appointment, you must present originals or certified copies of all required documents and proof, including but not limited to proof of a high school diploma or equivalent, date and place of birth by transcript of record of the Bureau of Vital Statistics or other satisfactory evidence, naturalization papers if necessary, and proof of any military service. Any willful misstatement or failure to present any required documents will be cause for disqualification. Investigation must be completed prior to appointment.

## 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.