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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

### PROMOTION TO CHILD WELFARE SPECIALIST

Exam No. 0524

AMENDED NOTICE – February 5, 2020

**WHEN TO APPLY:** From: December 3, 2019

**APPLICATION FEE: \$68.00**

To: December 23, 2019

If you choose to pay the application fee with a credit/debit/gift card, you will be charged a fee of 2.00% of the payment amount. This fee is nonrefundable.

**THE TEST DATE:** Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

The Notice of Examination is being amended to remove the drug screening requirement.

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

#### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Child Welfare Specialists, under varying degrees of supervision, with varying degrees of latitude for independent action, supervise children in direct foster care, congregate care or in adoptive homes, overseen by the Administration for Children's Services, in accordance with agency policies and procedures. All Child Welfare Specialists 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.)

#### Special Working Conditions:

Child Welfare Specialists may be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

#### THE SALARY:

The current minimum salary is \$47,715 per annum. This class of positions has two assignment levels. Upon satisfactory completion of six months of training and experience at Assignment Level 1, an employee shall be assigned to Assignment Level II at the salary of \$51,999 per annum. After eighteen months of experience in the title and satisfactory completion of probation, an employee will receive a salary of \$55,590 per annum. These rates are subject to change.

#### ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION:

This examination is open to each employee of The Administration for Children's Services 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 Congregate Care Specialist; 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.

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

**HOW TO QUALIFY:****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:**

Under Section 378-a of the Social Services Law and Section 845-b of the Executive Law, the Administration for Children's Services must request that the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs request and receive criminal history information of candidates who will have regular and substantial unsupervised or unrestricted contact with individuals receiving services. Convictions will be reviewed and evaluated to determine if the convictions are directly related to the job or pose an unreasonable risk, considering the factors set forth in Article 23-a of the Correction Law. Executive Law Section 845-b(5) lists the following convictions that constitute presumptive cause for disqualification:

- A felony conviction at any time for a sex offense;
- A felony conviction within the past 10 years involving violence;
- A conviction for abandoning a child and/or endangering the welfare of an incompetent, physically disabled or vulnerable elderly person pursuant to sections 260.00, 260.25, 260.32 or 260.34 of the Penal Law;
- Any similar offense in any other jurisdiction outside of New York State.

If an applicant's criminal history reveals a conviction for any of these types of crimes, he or she cannot be hired unless the Justice Center determines that the health, safety, and welfare of the provider's clients would not be jeopardized.

**The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA):**

Appointment into this title is subject to the Federal Regulations of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). As per 28 C.F.R. Section 115.317, the Administration for Children's Services will not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with residents in juvenile facilities, and who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1997); or who has been convicted or civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged or attempted to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse.

**Residency:** City residency is not required for this position.

**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 an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services.

If you believe you are eligible to take this examination, apply using the Online Application System (OASys) at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://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 apply to ensure the accuracy of candidate information. Verification is instantaneous for most accounts and you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to activate your account. For any account creation issues, you will receive onscreen prompts to contact DCAS. This review may require up to two (2) business days to be reviewed and 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-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/Home/Faq>. **Beginning in January 2020, the Online Application System (OASYS) will no longer be supported on Windows 7 or earlier versions of Windows operating systems.**

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers to apply for this examination online. 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

**Staten Island**

135 Canal Street  
3rd Floor  
Staten Island, NY 10304

**Bronx**

1932 Arthur Avenue  
2nd Floor  
Bronx, NY 10457

**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](http://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."

**REQUIRED INFORMATION:**

**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.

**THE TEST:**

The multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. 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 is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of a Child Welfare Specialist. Task areas to be tested are as follows: Clerical work, Client Casework, and Home Visits.

The test may include questions regarding standards of proper employee ethical conduct, including the provisions of Mayor's Executive Order No. 16 of 1970, as amended, and requiring the use of any of the following abilities:

**Written Expression** - The ability to use English words and sentences in writing. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist may use this ability when writing up case reports or updates for his/her supervisor.

**Written Comprehension** - The ability to understand written English words and sentences. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist may use this ability when reviewing a client case report for the first time.

**Information Ordering** - The ability to follow directions or put things into a given order. The ordered instructions are provided, or the method of organizing is given. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist may use this ability when entering the details of a case into a computer database.

**Inductive Reasoning** - The ability to combine separate pieces of information or "clues" to form a correct conclusion. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist may use this ability when visiting the home of a client and drawing conclusions about the situation based on what he/she sees.

**Deductive Reasoning** - The ability to apply general rules to specific problems to come up with logical answers. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist may use this ability when determining to which unit a new case should be assigned.

**Memorization** - The ability to remember information, such as words, numbers, pictures and procedures. Pieces of information can be remembered by themselves or together with other pieces of information. Example: A Child Welfare Specialist may use this ability to recall important details about cases or clients.

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.

**EXAM SITE ADMISSION:**

You will be sent an Admission Notice in the mail 14 days before the date on which testing is expected to begin. Your Admission Notice will also be available on your Dashboard in the Online Application System (OASys) account 7 days before the date on which testing is expected to begin. If you access the Admission Notice from your Dashboard in OASys, you must print it out and bring it with you to the test site; displaying your Admission Notice using any of the prohibited electronic devices referenced in the "Warning" section below will not be permitted. You can also obtain a duplicate Admission Notice in person Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. 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 electronic devices including, but not limited to, cellular phones, smart watches, recording devices, beepers, pagers, cameras, or portable media players. You are not permitted to use any type of headphones or ear buds. Calculators and electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording abilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are not permitted. If you use any of these devices anywhere at any test site, whether in the testing area, restroom, hallway, or other location, at any time before, during or after the test or Protest Review Session, your test score will be nullified, you will be disqualified from taking any civil service tests for up to five years, 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 a Computer-based Testing & Applications Center 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 ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

It is critical that you promptly notify DCAS of any change to your mailing address, email address and/or phone number. If we do not have your correct mailing address, email address and/or phone number, 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. If you need to update your Mailing Address, Email Address, and/or Telephone Number, read below:

- City Employees - update this information in NYCAPS Employee Self-Service (ESS) at [www.nyc.gov/ess](http://www.nyc.gov/ess)
- All Others - update this information on your Profile page in the Online Application System (OASys) by logging into your OASys account and navigating to your Dashboard, then your Profile tab at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs)

- Submit a written request in-person or by mail: DCAS, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007 or brought in person to the same address Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM. Your written 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

**CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:**

Use the Data Correction Form and follow all instructions for changing your name and/or social security number with DCAS. The following link will provide you with the DCAS Data Correction Form: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/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, 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: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page>.

**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, or by email at [testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov), as soon as possible and include documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Selective Certification For Foreign Language And/Or American Sign Language:** If you can speak Albanian (ALB), Arabic (ARA), Bengali (BEN), Bosnian/Serbo-Croatian (SRC), Chinese (Cantonese) (CAN), Chinese (Mandarin) (MAN), French (FRE), German (GER), Greek (GRE), Haitian/Creole (CRE), Hindi (HIN), Italian (ITA), Japanese (JPN), Korean (KOR), Portuguese (POR), Polish (POL), Russian (RUS), Spanish (SPA), Tibetan (TIB), Urdu (URD), Vietnamese (VIE), West African Languages (e.g., Ibo, Swahili, Yoruba) (WAL), Yiddish (YDD) and/or you know American Sign Language (ASL), you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this ability through a process called Selective Certification. If you pass a qualifying test, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this ability. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification.

**The above Selective Certification requirement may be met at any time during the duration of the list.** If you meet the above Selective Certification 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.

**Investigation:**

The position is subject to investigation before appointment. At the time of investigation, you will be required to pay a \$88.25 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 date and place of birth by transcript of record from a Bureau of Vital Statistics or other satisfactory evidence, naturalization papers if necessary, proof of any military service, and proof of meeting educational requirements, if applicable. You may be disqualified if your statements are found to be false, exaggerated, or misleading or if you fail to provide required documents. Investigation must be completed prior to appointment.

**Application Receipt:**

You will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, check "Junk", "Trash", or "Spam" folders for the primary email linked to your Online Application System (OASys) account. If you are unable to locate the email, you can view a summary of the notification email to you on your OASys Dashboard, then Notifications. If you are still unable to find the email, please email DCAS via the Contact feature available in OASys with a description of the issue and include the exam number and your profile number located on your Profile page. While on your Profile page, check that the email addresses you provided are correct and/or updated.

**PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:**

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

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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](http://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](http://nyc.gov/dcas)**