

BILL DE BLASIO Mayor DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
BUREAU OF EXAMINATIONS

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# NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

#### **ASSISTANT CITY ASSESSOR**

**Exam No. 1100** 

WHEN TO APPLY: From: July 8, 2020 APPLICATION FEE: \$68.00

To: July 28, 2020

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.

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

#### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Assistant City Assessors, under direct supervision, are trained in and perform the collection of data and information and assist in determining the value of real properties for tax purposes. Assistant City Assessors assist City Assessors in the physical inspection of real property; take measurements and write descriptions of real property; assist City Assessors in field investigations relating to applications and exemptions; obtain pertinent data regarding property, values, and transactions from owners, lessors and lessees, superintendents or other building representatives, brokers, pertinent publications, other departments of government, etc.; check on the continued use of exempt properties; read maps and building plans, make simple title searches, do computations and perform other related analytical and technical work; and prepare timely reports and maintain detailed records, as required. All Assistant City Assessors perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Assistant City Assessors and environmental conditions experienced are: walking to and from property valuation sites; climbing stairs to get to areas to be valuated; standing for extended periods of time; bending and stooping during inspections; working in confined areas; communicating orally; carrying tablets, notepads, tax maps, calculators, cameras and a measuring wheel; climbing around and over various objects; walking in areas that may be damp, dark, dusty, smoky or acrid; and working outdoors in all kinds of weather.

(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 \$50,848 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are two assignment levels within this class of positions. Appointments will generally be made to Assignment Level I. After appointment, employees may be assigned to the higher assignment level at the discretion of the agency.

## **HOW TO QUALIFY:**

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

You will **not** receive credit for education which you obtain after January 31, 2021 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (July 28, 2020).

## **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. A baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited college or university; or
- 2. An associate degree from an accredited college or university or sixty (60) semester credits from an accredited college or university, **and** one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience in real estate work involving the valuation of real property; **or**
- 3. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent **and** two (2) years of full-time satisfactory experience in real estate work involving the valuation of real property; **or**4. Education and/or experience equivalent to "1" or "2" or "3" above; however, all candidates must have
- 4. Education and/or experience equivalent to "1" or "2" or "3" above; however, all candidates must have a high school diploma or its educational equivalent. College credit listed in "2" above may be substituted for experience on the basis of thirty (30) semester credits from an accredited college or university for six (6) months of the experience described in "2" above.

The education requirement must be met by January 31, 2021. The experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (July 28, 2020).

The high school diploma or its educational equivalent must be approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization. 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, you must have your foreign education evaluated to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. This is required only if you need credit

for your foreign education in this examination. For more information see the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide in the Required Information section.

During the Education and Experience Exam (EEE), you may answer questions about your experience. If your experience was on a part-time basis working less than 35 hours per week, you will need to convert your part-time experience to full-time experience using the formula below. Once you have determined your full-time experience equivalent, use this amount to answer questions about your experience.

(number of hours worked per week/35) x (number of months worked)

For example, if you worked at a job for 21 hours per week for 12 months, you would make the following calculation:  $21/35 \times 12 = 7.2$  months.

You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (July 28, 2020) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience and Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in the Online Application System (OASys). Once you Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys, you will not be permitted to submit new or additional information on your Education and Experience Exam online.

If you do not Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (July 28, 2020), your examination will be considered incomplete, you will not be entitled to the appeals process, you will not receive a score, you will not be invited to subsequent portions of this examination (if applicable), and your application fee will not be refunded.

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

#### HOW TO APPLY

If you believe you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, apply using the Online Application System (OASys) at <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs">www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs</a>. 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: <a href="https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/Home/Faq">https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/Home/Faq</a>. Effective January 2020, the Online Application System is no longer supported on Windows 7 or earlier versions of Windows operating systems.

**Special Circumstances Guide:** This guide is located on the DCAS website at <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/pdf\_c\_special\_circumstances\_guide.pdf">https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/pdf\_c\_special\_circumstances\_guide.pdf</a>. This guide gives important information about 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.
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- 2. Education and Experience Exam: Follow the instructions displayed onscreen to answer the questions. You will have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (July 28, 2020) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience and Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in the Online Application System (OASys). Once you Final Submit your Education and Experience in OASys, you will not be permitted to submit new or additional information on your Education and Experience Exam online. If you do not Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (July 28, 2020), your examination will be considered incomplete, you will not be entitled to the appeals process, you will not receive a score, you will not be invited to subsequent portions of this examination (if applicable), and your application fee will not be refunded.
- 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 which is located on the DCAS website at <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/foreigneducation.pdf">https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/foreigneducation.pdf</a>. When you contact the evaluation service, ask for a "document-by-document" (general) evaluation of your foreign education. You must have one of these services submit its evaluation of your foreign education directly to the Department of Citywide Administrative Services no later than eight weeks from the last day of the Application Period (July 28, 2020).

#### THE TEST:

Your score will be determined by an Education and Experience Exam. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the education and experience requirements listed in the Education and Experience Requirements section. After these requirements are met, you will receive additional credit up to a maximum of 100 points on the following basis:

## Designation, Certification, or License in real estate assessing or appraising:

If you have a designation, certification, or license in real estate assessing or appraising from a regionally and/or nationally recognized assessing, appraising or licensing organization or institution, you will receive an **additional 12 points**.

#### **Experience:**

If you have satisfactory full-time experience performing real estate work involving the valuation of real property for:	You will receive:
At least 1 year but less than 2 years	Up to 6 points
At least 2 years but less than 3 years	Up to 12 points
At least 3 years but less than 4 years	Up to 18 points
At least 4 years but less than 5 years	Up to 24 points
5 or more years	Up to 30 points

# You will receive a maximum of one year of experience credit for each year you worked.

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(number of hours worked per week/35) x (number of months worked)

For example, if you worked at a job for 21 hours per week for 12 months, you would make the following calculation:  $21/35 \times 12 = 7.2 \text{ months}$ .

Education and experience used to meet the minimum requirements cannot be used to gain additional credit.

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If you do not Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period on July 28, 2020, your examination will be considered incomplete, you will not be entitled to the appeals process, you will not receive a score, you will not be invited to subsequent portions of this examination, if applicable, and your application fee will not be refunded.

You will not receive credit for designation(s), certification(s), license(s), and experience you obtain after the end of the Application Period (July 28, 2020), or education you obtain after January 31, 2021.

The designation(s), certifications(s), license(s), and experience requirements must be met by the last day of the Application Period (July 28, 2020).

# 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
- 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
- Submit a written request by email at OASys@dcas.nyc.gov, by fax (646) 500-7199, or by regular mail: DCAS, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. 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 Education and Experience Exam, 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 appointment. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment 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="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page">https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page</a>.

If you believe that your test part was rated incorrectly, you may submit an appeal of your score to DCAS, Committee on Manifest Errors, through the Online Application System (OASys). Your appeal must give specific reasons why your score should be higher. Your appeal may result in a higher or lower rating.

To access the appeal portal of OASys, please log into your OASys account at <a href="www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs">www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs</a> and use the following steps:

- 1. Navigate to the Dashboard for the Appeals tab.
- 2. Click the NEW APPEAL button to create and submit your appeal.
- 3. Select the exam from the Exam drop-down list, and
- 4. Select the exam part from the Exam Part drop-down list.
- 5. Select the reason for your appeal from the Appeal Reason drop-down list (if applicable).
- Enter the details of your appeal by providing specific reasons why your score should be higher.

Note: You may attach up to 5 documents to support your appeal by using the attachment functionality.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

### Investigation:

The position is subject to investigation before appointment. At the time of investigation, you will be required to pay an \$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 appointment, 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.