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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

SPECIAL OFFICER (NYC H+H)
Exam No. 2002
(For NYC Health + Hospitals Only)
AMENDED NOTICE - December 1, 2021

WHEN TO APPLY: From: July 8, 2021
To: July 28, 2021

APPLICATION FEE: \$47.00

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

THE TEST DATE: Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on **Friday, December 17, 2021.**

The Notice of Examination is amended to update the Test Date from "a date to be determined" to Friday, December 17, 2021.

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

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Special Officers (NYC H+H), under supervision, perform Special Officer (NYC H+H) work of ordinary difficulty and responsibility relating to physical security, safety, loss prevention and maintenance of order. They patrol designated areas of public buildings, other facilities, and surrounding areas to maintain order, preserve the peace, and safeguard life and property against fire, vandalism, theft, etc.; give routine information to visitors and clients and direct them to the proper individuals and offices; discourage and eject loiterers and disorderly persons and when appropriate, arrest and issue summonses to law violators on premises; transport, escort and/or arrange for transport of persons in custody to police precincts and have arrests recorded on police blotter; prepare and transmit all necessary documents relating to arrests; testify in court on arrests; report security instances and unusual occurrences by telephone or radio and make subsequent written reports; as required, provide assistance to the sick, injured, mentally and physically disabled, and call for ambulances and/or medical attention when necessary and complete and forward forms; record daily actions in memo book; maintain records of persons entering or leaving building outside regular hours of employment; keep bulletin board in their area current by adding and removing materials; may make clock rounds as required; may control vehicular traffic on grounds and/or premises; may operate a motor vehicle; monitor and report unusual events from security systems as required; distribute and maintain accountability for designated equipment or property; monitor and control access by the means of electronic security measures, such as closed circuit television; access control readers; may operate hydraulic access devices; attend, complete, and maintain training requirements as per State and NYC Health + Hospitals mandates; make written entries into location log book; and perform related work.

Special Working Conditions:

Special Officers (NYC H+H) may be required to work rotating tours or shifts, including nights, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Special Officers (NYC H+H) and environmental conditions experienced are: working outdoors in all kinds of weather; walking and/or standing in an assigned area during a tour; driving or sitting in a patrol car during a tour while remaining alert; running after a fleeing suspect; climbing stairs; may assist in carrying an injured adult; gripping persons to prevent escape; restraining a suspect by use of handcuffs; may be required to detect odors such as those caused by smoke or gas leaks; engaging in hand to hand struggles to subdue a suspect resisting arrest; being physically active for prolonged periods of time; understanding verbal communication over a radio with background noise; reading and writing under low light conditions; carrying or wearing heavy equipment and wearing a bullet-resistant vest.

(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 \$34,834 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO QUALIFY:

You may be given the test before we verify your qualifications. 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 will not receive an Admission Notice or score. (For more information see Exam Site Admission section.)

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

By the date of appointment, you must possess:

- 1) A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent, approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization; or
- 2) An Individualized Education Program (IEP) diploma and six months of full-time work experience.

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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. You will receive instructions from the appointing facility during the pre-employment screening process regarding the approved evaluation services that you may use for foreign education.

Age Requirement:

You must have reached your 20th birthday by the date of appointment.

License Requirement:

On the date of the background interview as a Special Officer (NYC H+H), you must possess a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York. If you have moving violations, license suspension(s) or an accident record, you may be disqualified. This license must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

Character and Background:

Pursuant to Criminal Procedure Law Section 2.10 (40), the position of Special Officer (NYC H+H) is designated as a Peace Officer position. Accordingly, proof of good character is an absolute prerequisite to appointment. Therefore, you must reveal ALL arrests, convictions and pending charges that have occurred in your lifetime. This includes any material sealed, expunged, or set aside under Federal or State law, or juvenile delinquent or youthful offender adjudications. The following are among the factors which may be cause for disqualification: (a) arrest record or conviction of an offense, the nature of which indicates lack of good moral character or disposition toward violence or disorder; (b) repeated arrests or convictions of an offense, where such arrests or convictions indicate disrespect for the law; (c) discharge from employment, where such discharge indicates poor behavior or inability to adjust to discipline; (d) dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces.

Peace Officer Training Certification Requirement:

You must satisfy the training requirements established by the State of New York for Peace Officers. Once obtained, this certification must be maintained for the duration of your employment. Attendance at annual recertification training is mandatory and a continuing condition of employment.

Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification and Basic First Aid Certification:

As part of the NYC Health + Hospitals' Special Officer Training Academy, you must satisfy the training requirements established by the New York State Department of Health and The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain CPR/BLS certification and Basic First Aid certification. Once obtained, certifications must be maintained for the duration of your employment as a Special Officer NYC (H +H).

Medical and Psychological Requirement:

In accordance with applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations, NYC H+H has established medical and psychological standards for the position of Special Officer (NYC H+H). Accordingly, all eligibles who have been offered a position will be required to undergo and pass medical and psychological examinations prior to the date of appointment to ensure that those medical and psychological standards have been met and that they can perform the essential functions of the position. During the medical examination eligibles will be subject to a drug screening test. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to take the medical and psychological examinations, and/or to perform the essential functions of the job.

Residency Requirement:

Pursuant to New York State Public Officers Law, you must be a resident of the City of New York at the time of appointment, and you must thereafter maintain City residency as a continuing condition of employment. However, if you have two years of employment with the City of New York, you may be a resident of Nassau, Westchester, Suffolk, Orange, Rockland or Putnam counties.

Citizenship Requirement:

Pursuant to New York State Public Officers Law, United States citizenship is required at the time of appointment.

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 NYC Health + Hospitals.

HOW TO APPLY:

If you believe you are eligible to take this examination, apply using 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 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>. **Effective January 2020, the Online Application System is no longer supported on Windows 7 or earlier versions of Windows operating systems.**

You may come to a DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Center (CTAC) to apply for this examination online. However, you must schedule a customer service appointment prior to your visit. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DCAS no longer permits walk-ins at DCAS sites.

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

To schedule a customer service appointment through OASys for an exam-related inquiry, find **Exam #1889**, click **Apply**, and follow the instructions provided to reserve your appointment location, date, and time.

Special Circumstances Guide: This guide is located on the DCAS website at https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/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:

Information regarding the administration of the multiple-choice test will be shared at a later date. Your score on this 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. The multiple-choice test may include questions which may require the use of any of the following abilities:

Written Comprehension: understanding written sentences and paragraphs. Example: A Special Officer (NYC H+H) might use this ability when reviewing a report.

Written Expression: using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. Example: A Special Officer (NYC H+H) may use this ability when creating an incident report and recording daily logs.

Memorization: remembering information, such as words, numbers, pictures and procedures. Pieces of information can be remembered by themselves or with other pieces of information. Example: A Special Officer (NYC H+H) might use this ability when recalling details for an unusual occurrence report.

Problem Sensitivity: being able to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It includes being able to identify the whole problem as well as elements of the problem. Example: A Special Officer (NYC H+H) may use this ability when preserving the peace, or providing assistance to the sick, injured, or mentally and physically disabled.

Deductive Reasoning: applying general rules to specific problems and coming up with logical answers. It involves deciding if an answer makes sense. Example: A Special Officer (NYC H+H) might use this ability when deciding if an individual caught vandalizing property should be arrested.

Inductive Reasoning: combining separate pieces of information, or specific answers to problems, to form general rules or conclusions. It involves the ability to think of possible reasons for why things go together. Example: A Special Officer (NYC H+H) may use this ability to discourage loiterers and disorderly persons.

Information Ordering: correctly following a rule or set of rules or actions in a certain order. The rule or set of rules used must be given. The things or actions to be put in order can include numbers, letters, words, pictures, procedures, sentences, and mathematical or logical operations. Example: A Special Officer (NYC H+H) might use this ability when deciding the next appropriate action to take when providing medical assistance to an individual who is physically injured.

Spatial Orientation: is the ability to tell where you are in relation to the location of some object or to tell where the object is in relation to you. Example: A Special Officer (NYC H+H) may use this ability to clock rounds and control vehicular traffic on grounds and/or premises.

Visualization: is the ability to imagine how something would look when it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged. It requires the forming of mental images of how patterns or objects would look after certain changes, such as unfolding or rotation. One must predict how an object, set of objects, or pattern will appear after the changes have been carried out. Example: A Special Officer (NYC H+H) might use this ability when being asked to compare a photo of a crime scene when testifying in court.

EXAM SITE ADMISSION:

Information about when you will be invited to take the test and test-taking policies will be provided at a later date.

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) 500-7190, 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 multiple-choice test, 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.

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 www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs 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).
6. 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.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

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 by email at testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov, by fax at (212) 313-3241, or by mail at 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007, as soon as possible, and include documentation of the special circumstance 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**), Chinese (Cantonese) (**CAN**), Chinese (Mandarin) (**MAN**), French (**FRE**), German (**GER**), Greek (**GRE**), Haitian/Creole (**CRE**), Hebrew (**HEB**), Hindi (**HIN**), Hungarian (**HUN**), Italian (**ITA**), Khmer (**KHM**), Korean (**KOR**), Polish (**POL**), Portuguese (**POR**), Russian (**RUS**), Spanish (**SPA**), Tagalog (**TAG**), Tibetan (**TIB**), Urdu (**URD**), Vietnamese (**VIE**), West African Languages (e.g., Ibo, Swahili, Yoruba) (**WAL**), Yiddish (**YDD**) or you know American Sign Language (**ASL**), you may be considered for appointment to positions regarding 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 test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification.

The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at anytime during the duration of the list. If you meet any of the above requirements 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:

This position is subject to investigation before appointment. At the time of investigation, you will be required to pay a \$75.00 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.

Reemployment of Public Service Retirees:

NYC Health + Hospitals has promulgated rules regarding the re-employment of persons who have already retired from public service. Any such retired person is advised to consult with NYC Health + Hospitals, Civil Service & Background Administration at (212)788-3568.

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.

Probationary Period:

You will be required to complete a minimum probationary period of one year, during which time you will be required to successfully complete all components of the prescribed Peace Officer training course, to which reference is made in the “How to Qualify” section above.

This examination is for positions with NYC Health + Hospitals only.

List Termination:

The eligible list resulting from this examination will be terminated one year from the date it is established, unless extended by NYC Health + Hospitals.

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" folder 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 and copies are available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers.

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Internet: nyc.gov/dcas