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BUREAU OF EXAMINATIONS

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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

### PROMOTION TO MECHANICAL ENGINEER

Exam No. 2500

**WHEN TO APPLY:** From: July 7, 2021

To: July 27, 2021

**APPLICATION FEE: \$82.00**

**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.**

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

#### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

This class of positions encompasses professional mechanical engineering work of varying degrees of difficulty and responsibility. There are three Assignment Levels within this class of positions.

**At Assignment Level I:** Mechanical Engineers, under general supervision, perform responsible supervisory work, or difficult and responsible work in mechanical engineering. They perform the usual duties of a section engineer in charge of a major mechanical engineering section, or equivalent; plan, assign and review the work of subordinates, prepare progress reports, and may represent an agency, or department head or top-level engineering or architectural officer or employee in relations with City agencies and departments, contractors and their representatives, damage claimants, consultants or their representatives, and the general public; engage in, or supervise the conducting of complex and important research, investigations, studies or examinations related to the engineering functions or activities of a department or agency; prepare, or supervise the preparation of, or examine and review the mechanical engineering portions or aspects of the basic design plan, or significant or complex portions of the basic design plan, for major projects for the construction, remodeling, operation, maintenance or repair of public works, structures or installations; prepare designs, plans, contract and working drawings, contract specifications and other technical specifications; supervise the conducting of construction inspection operations with particular reference to mechanical installations or apparatus, or in the inspection or testing in a laboratory, manufacturer's plant or on a job site of equipment or materials to be incorporated in public works, plants or structures or the inspection of premises, in connection with the issuance of requisite and pertinent permits and compliance with the provisions of law, rule and regulation; participate in the supervision of the operation, maintenance, and use of plant, machinery or apparatus; in the Department of Buildings, examine the mechanical engineering aspects of plans for buildings or structures to secure adherence to the provisions of the NYC Construction Codes and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations; when assigned in writing, may sign and seal engineering and other official documents. May operate a motor vehicle. All Mechanical Engineers perform related work.

#### Special Working Conditions:

Mechanical Engineers may be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Mechanical Engineers and environmental conditions experienced are: walking to and from inspection sites and during the course of inspections; climbing or descending ladders or stairs to get to areas to be inspected; standing on scaffolds to inspect work; standing for an extended period of time; bending and stooping during inspections; working in confined areas; distinguishing colors; wearing protective equipment, such as hard hats; climbing over and around various objects; walking in areas that may be damp, dark, smoky or acrid; 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 \$67,757 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are three assignment levels within this class of positions. Promotions will generally be made to Assignment Level I. After promotion, employees may be assigned to the higher assignment levels 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 last day of the application period:**

(1) holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of Assistant Mechanical Engineer; **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.)

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

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 are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the eligibility requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If it is determined that you are not eligible to participate in this examination, your application fee will not be refunded.

**License Requirement:**

You must possess a valid New York State Professional Engineer's License by July 30, 2021. Current New York State registration as a Professional Engineer must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

**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.

**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](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>. **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 the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers 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 or eligible list-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](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 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:**

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 Exam:** Fill out all the required sections displayed onscreen (if applicable). You will have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (July 27, 2021) to clearly specify in detail all of your education and experience on your Education and Experience Exam and submit it in the Online Application System (OASys). 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 27, 2021), your examination will be considered incomplete, 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.

**THE TEST:**

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

**If you have satisfactory full-time experience with the City of New York as a permanent (not provisional) Assistant Mechanical Engineer performing mechanical engineering work subsequent to receiving a New York State Professional Engineer's License for:**

**You will receive up to:**

At least 6 months but less than 1 year	3 points
At least 1 year but less than 1 year and 6 months	6 points
At least 1 year and 6 months but less than 2 years	9 points
At least 2 years but less than 2 years and 6 months	12 points
At least 2 years and 6 months but less than 3 years	15 points
At least 3 years but less than 3 years and 6 months	18 points
At least 3 years and 6 months but less than 4 years	21 points
At least 4 years but less than 4 years and 6 months	24 points
At least 4 years and 6 months but less than 5 years	27 points
5 or more years	30 points

**If you have satisfactory full-time experience with an employer other than the City of New York performing mechanical engineering work subsequent to receiving a New York State Professional Engineer’s License for:**

**You will receive up to:**

At least 6 months but less than 1 year	3 points
At least 1 year but less than 1 year and 6 months	6 points
At least 1 year and 6 months but less than 2 years	9 points
At least 2 years but less than 2 years and 6 months	12 points
At least 2 years and 6 months but less than 3 years	15 points
At least 3 years but less than 3 years and 6 months	18 points
At least 3 years and 6 months but less than 4 years	21 points
At least 4 years but less than 4 years and 6 months	24 points
At least 4 years and 6 months but less than 5 years	27 points
5 or more years	30 points

**If you possess a credentialed professional certification in the area of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) or a credentialed professional certification in the area of Project Management, for each certification:**

**You will receive:**

3 points (but no more than 15 for each area of certification)

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

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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 (July 27, 2021), 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.**

**Experience and professional certifications must be obtained by the last day of the Application Period (July 27, 2021).**

#### **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 by email at [OASys@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto: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 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>.

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](http://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.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Selective Certification for Driver License (MVO):** If you have a motor vehicle Driver License that is valid in the State of New York, you may be considered for promotion to positions requiring this license through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this license. Your Driver License will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of promotion. **If you are promoted through this Selective Certification, you must maintain your motor vehicle Driver License for the duration of your employment.**

**Selective Certification for Certifications, Credentials, and/or Special Experience:** If you have the certifications, credentials, or experience listed below, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring these certifications, credentials, or experience through a process called Selective Certification. If you wish to apply for this Selective Certification, follow the on screen instructions when completing the Education and Experience Exam to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification and Final Submit it in the Online Application System (OASys). Your credential(s), certification(s), and experience will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.

**Selective Certification for Mechanical Engineer Positions Requiring HVAC (HVC):** If you have at least two (2) years of full-time, satisfactory mechanical engineering experience in HVAC, you may receive preferred consideration for relevant positions.

**Selective Certification for Mechanical Engineer Positions Requiring Plumbing (PSC):** If you have at least two (2) years of full-time, satisfactory mechanical engineering experience in plumbing, you may receive preferred consideration for relevant positions.

**Selective Certification for Mechanical Engineer Positions Requiring Building Construction (SBC):** If you have at least two (2) years of full-time, satisfactory mechanical engineering experience in building construction, you may receive preferred consideration for relevant positions.

**Selective Certification for Mechanical Engineer Positions Requiring Facilities Management Experience (FMS):** If you have at least two (2) years of full-time, satisfactory mechanical engineering experience in facilities management, you may receive preferred consideration for relevant positions.

**Selective Certification for Mechanical Engineer Positions Requiring Code Experience (CCE) (Department of Buildings only):** At least one (1) year of full-time, satisfactory experience in the NYC Construction Codes or International Building Code.

**Selective Certification for Mechanical Engineer Positions Requiring Crane Experience (CEC) (Department of Buildings only):** At least one (1) year of full-time, satisfactory experience in crane

operations, the design or review of plans and specifications for cranes, engineering investigations of crane incidents, and/or field assessments of stability and safety of cranes.

**Selective Certification for Mechanical Engineer Positions Requiring Experience in Energy Conservation and Efficiency (ECE) (Department of Buildings only):** At least one (1) year of full-time, satisfactory experience in New York City Energy Conservation Code (NYCECC), analysis of property's energy usage, and/or building energy audits.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Environmental Experience (EEX) (Department of Environmental Protection only):** At least six (6) months of full-time, satisfactory experience in mechanical engineering in wastewater treatment, sanitary engineering, water treatment, landfill design/construction, and/or ground water treatment.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Sewer and/or Water Experience (ESW) (Department of Environmental Protection only):** At least six (6) months of full-time, satisfactory experience in mechanical engineering for sewers, sewer collection systems, water, and/or water distribution systems for developing, implementing, rehabilitating, usage projection, planning, and/or managing the engineering of improvement projects, including conceptual design through detailed construction design, preparation of contract documents, construction services, and regulatory permitting.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Tunnel Experience (TUN) (Department of Environmental Protection only):** At least six (6) months of full-time, satisfactory experience in mechanical engineering tunnel work.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Water System Protection and Operations Experience (WPE):** At least three (3) years of full-time, satisfactory experience in source water protection or reservoir system operations and maintenance, e.g. review for approval of septic system and storm water pollution prevention plans, development of system operations and maintenance plans for multi-reservoir water systems to include all appurtenant facilities such as dams, bridges, aqueducts, highways and control work, review and inspection of advanced wastewater treatment facilities, implementing, rehabilitating, usage projection, planning, and/or managing the engineering of improvement projects.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring a NYS Water Operator Certification (WOC):** A valid NYS water operator certification, pursuant to NYS Public Health Law, section 225, subpart 5-1.72, for the operation of a public water supply system.

**Selective Certification for positions in the field of Mass Rail Transportation (MTI):** At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience performing mechanical engineering work for a subway, passenger railroad or rapid transit organization.

**Selective Certification for positions in the field of Municipal Bus Transportation (BUS):** At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience performing mechanical engineering work for a bus division of a municipal transit organization.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Bridge Experience (BRS) (Department of Transportation only):** At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience in bridge related work, i.e. design, construction, maintenance and/or inspection of bridges.

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

**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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