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# NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

**ECONOMIST**  
**Exam No. 3044**

**WHEN TO APPLY: From: November 2, 2022**

**APPLICATION FEE: \$68.00**

**To: November 22, 2022**

**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:

Economists, under supervision, with latitude for independent or unreviewed action or decision, perform professional economic or fiscal research and studies. Economists utilize computers in the performance of these duties. All Economists perform related work and in the absence of an immediate supervisor, may perform the duties of that position.

(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 \$45,428 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are three 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 levels 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 will not receive a score.

You will **not** receive credit for education which you obtain after January 31, 2023 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (November 22, 2022).

### EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. A master's degree from an accredited college or university in economics, statistics, finance, management, business administration, public administration, public policy, or a related field; **or**
2. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, including or supplemented by 24 semester credits in one or more of the course areas of economics, statistics, finance, management, mathematics, business administration, public administration, and public policy, 12 semester credits of which must have been in economics; **and** one year of satisfactory full-time experience in one or more of the fields of finance; economic, fiscal or statistical research; policy analysis; or quantitative, business, market or financial analysis. Graduate semester credits in any of the areas described in "1" above may be substituted for the undergraduate semester credits on the basis that each 3 graduate semester credits may be substituted for 6 of the required undergraduate semester credits.

**The education requirement must be met by January 31, 2023. The experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (November 22, 2022).**

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)

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

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.

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**Vaccination Requirement:** As of August 2, 2021, all new hires must be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, unless they have been granted a reasonable accommodation for religion or disability. If you are offered city employment, this requirement must be met by your date of hire, unless a reasonable accommodation for exemption is received and approved by the hiring agency.

**Residency Requirement Advisory:** Under New York City Administrative Code Section 12-120, you might need to be a resident if 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 [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

**The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers will be closed on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, Friday, November 11, 2022, and Saturday, November 12, 2022.**

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.

You must complete the entire examination by midnight, Eastern Time, of the last day of the application period. If you have questions about applying for this examination, you may contact DCAS at [OASys@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:OASys@dcas.nyc.gov).

**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 (November 22, 2022) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Exam and submit it in the Online Application System (OASys).

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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 <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/foreigneducation.pdf>.
  - A. If you intend to qualify with a master's degree under paragraph "1" of the Education and Experience Requirements section above, ask the evaluation service for a "**document-by-document**" evaluation of your foreign education.
  - B. If you intend to qualify under paragraph "2" of the Education and Experience Requirements section above, ask the evaluation service for a "**course-by-course**" evaluation (which includes a "document-by-document" evaluation) of your foreign education.

**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 "How to Qualify" section. After this requirement is met, you will receive additional credit up to a maximum of 100 points on the following basis:

<b>If you have satisfactory full-time experience working with Excel and/or Google Sheets in creating spreadsheets, creating formulas, and record tracking for:</b>	<b>You will receive up to:</b>
At least 6 months but less than 12 months	4 points
At least 12 months but less than 18 months	8 points
At least 18 months but less than 24 months	12 points
At least 24 months	17 points
<b>If you have satisfactory full-time experience working with financial management systems and/or statistical databases for:</b>	<b>You will receive up to:</b>
At least 6 months but less than 12 months	3 points
At least 12 months but less than 18 months	6 points
At least 18 months but less than 24 months	9 points
At least 24 months	13 points

You can receive experience credit for both experience categories if applicable. **Experience used to meet the minimum requirements cannot be used to gain additional credit.**

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**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) 500-7190, 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, and/or new telephone number.

#### **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 email 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: <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 Special Experience and Certification:**

If you have special experience or certifications listed in one or more of the areas below, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this special experience or certification through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this special experience or certification. If you wish to apply for Selective Certification, follow the onscreen 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 experience and certification will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.**

**Selective Certification for Municipal Government Experience (MGE):** At least one (1) year of satisfactory, full-time experience working within a municipal government in a similar position, which provides services for a city with over 1 million in population.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Experience in the Non-Medical Aspects of a Health District, Facility, or Program (NMP):** At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience in a health services setting such as a laboratory, hospital, community health center, private medical practice, or other patient care facility, or in a public health, environmental health, or mental hygiene program, engaged in the preparation and administration of budgets, contracts, and/or grants; and/or, in the preparation and conduct of administrative, procedural, organizational and/or operational studies and analyses; and/or in personnel administration, and such experience was not part of your baccalaureate degree program.

**Selective Certification for Experience in Medical Billing (MDB):** At least two (2) years of full-time satisfactory medical billing experience in a hospital or physician's office. Experience should include but not be limited to entering, collecting and verifying insurance information with payers via websites; entering explanations of benefits (EOBs); processing rejections, denials and appeals; using classification and coding systems (such as ICD-10, CPT, HCPCS, and/or RCMS); and, knowledge of HIPAA guidelines and Medicaid, Medicare and commercial insurance billing practices and regulations.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Experience Utilizing the New York City Financial Management System, PASSPORT and/or Automated Procurement Tracking (FMG):** At least twelve (12) months of full-time experience utilizing the New York City Financial Management System (FMS), PASSPORT and/or Automated Procurement Tracking (APT) for tasks including but not limited to the accounting of City funds; administering budgets and revenues; processing contracts, procurements and/or payments; submitting claims for reimbursement; and/or auditing.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Contract Administration Experience in a Public Health or Health Services Setting (HSC):** At least twelve (12) months of full-time satisfactory experience in a health services setting such as a laboratory, hospital, community health center, private medical practice, patient care facility, or in a public health, environmental health, or mental hygiene program, engaged in the negotiation, preparation, auditing, and/or management and administration of contracts, grants, appropriations and/or defined budgets; in the preparation and conduct of administrative, procedural, organizational and/or operational studies and analyses, including cost analyses; and/or, in personnel or procurement administration pertaining to contract management, and such experience was not part of a formal education program.

**Selective Certification for Incident Command Structure (ICS):** A valid Incident Command Structure (ICS) certification such as FEMA's Professional Development Series certificate or an IS-100.b, IS-200.b, IS-700, or IS-800.b certificate.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Experience in Scientific, Public Health, or Public Policy Research (SPH):** At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience conducting research and analysis in physical, biological or environmental science or public health or public policy, and such experience was not part of your baccalaureate degree program.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Experience with Emergency Preparedness and Response (EMR):** At least two (2) years of satisfactory, full-time supervisory and/or oversight experience for the development and implementation of citywide emergency preparedness and response plans, protocols, operational tools, training and exercises, evaluation and other activities.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Experience Using SPSS (SPS):** At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience analyzing data using SPSS to perform data management and data cleaning, perform basic statistics such as calculating proportions, means and medians, and conduct bivariate analysis.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Experience Using SAS (SAS):** At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience analyzing data using SAS to perform data management and data cleaning, perform basic statistics such as calculating proportions, means and medians, and conduct bivariate analysis.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Experience Using R (EXR):** At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience analyzing data using R to perform data management and data cleaning, perform basic statistics such as calculating proportions, means and medians, and conduct bivariate analysis.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Experience Using Structured Query Language (SQL) (875):** At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory professional experience using Structured Query Language (SQL) to perform data management and/or provide technical solutions.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Experience Using GIS (GIS):** At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience analyzing data using GIS to perform geospatial data analysis, map production, and/or the maintenance of geospatial data.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Experience Using Tableau (72F):** At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience using Tableau for analyzing, data modeling, data copying/ETL (Extract, Transform, Load), designing and employing data artifacts.

**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.

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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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