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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

**DECKHAND**  
**Exam No. 3067**

**WHEN TO APPLY: From: January 4, 2023**

**APPLICATION FEE: \$68.00**

**To: January 24, 2023**

**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:

Deckhands, under supervision, perform deckhand duties in compliance with agency standard operating procedures, the Safety Management System (SMS), the Combined Security Plan (CSP) and applicable local, state and federal rules and regulations on a municipal ferry vessel and at a ferry terminal. Deckhands clean the vessel and/or terminal area; perform lookout and emergency duties of the assigned duty station, such as: launching and manning rescue boats and life rafts, operating firefighting equipment, and assisting in vessel to vessel transfers, under the direction of an Officer; operate boarding doors, gates, aprons and bridges; handle gangways and mooring lines; direct passenger and authorized vehicle traffic, as assigned; patrol deck and assigned duty station and make minor maintenance updates to ensure that all is in a safe and clean condition; assist passengers, as needed; report any suspicious circumstance or object to an Officer or Ferry Terminal Supervisor; perform heavy manual labor, such as: handling vessel and terminal supplies and trash, loading and unloading freight, and snow and ice removal on vessels, terminals and docks using shovels, snow throwers and utility vehicles; participate in safety meetings, fire and lifeboat drills, steering, propulsion, anchor and abandon ship drills, and SMS and CSP training; and make announcements on vessels and in terminals. All Deckhands perform related work.

### Special Working Conditions:

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

Some of the physical activities performed by Deckhands and environmental conditions experienced are: wearing flotation coats; standing for long periods of time during tours of duty or transit time; and working rotating shifts in varying degrees of weather and visibility. Deckhands must also be capable of climbing ladders on the Ferry and responding quickly to various emergencies and situations.

(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 \$51,524 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

### 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 (January 24, 2023).

### EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Two years of full-time satisfactory paid experience as a deckhand on ocean, coastwise or inland steam or motor vessels, or equivalent seagoing experience in a sea service of the Armed Forces of the United States; or
2. Graduation from an accredited college or university with an Associate degree in marine technology, such as the maritime technology degree awarded by Kingsborough Community College, including or supplemented by at least one year of deck duty; or
3. Graduation from one of the U.S. Coast Guard approved maritime or sea service academies listed below, including the curriculum, program or qualification indicated:

- a) The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (deck curriculum); or
- b) The U.S. Coast Guard Academy or the U.S. Naval Academy with a qualification as an Underway Officer in charge of a navigational watch; or
- c) The Deck Class of a Maritime Academy approved by and conducted under the rules prescribed by the

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Maritime Administrator and listed in part 310 of 46 CFR, including the program in the Deck Class of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy.

**Credential/Certificate Requirements:**

Within six (6) months of appointment, all candidates must possess:

1. A valid U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) with the following endorsements:
  - a) Able Seaman - any category, or a superior endorsement; and
  - b) Lifeboatman or Lifeboatman-limited; and
2. A valid U.S. Coast Guard medical certificate without restriction for applicable service.

Within thirty (30) days of appointment, all candidates must possess:

A valid Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) issued by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA). If you are engaged in an appeal or waiver process for the TWIC, you will not be considered for appointment until such process has been completed. All credentials and certificates must be maintained for the duration of employment.

**The education requirement must be met by January 31, 2023. The experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (January 24, 2023).**

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.

$(\text{number of hours worked per week}/35) \times (\text{number of months worked})$

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.

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**Medical Requirement:** Medical guidelines established by the U.S. Coast Guard apply to the position of Deckhand. Candidates will therefore be required to undergo a medical examination prior to appointment and thereafter, pursuant to Coast Guard regulations.

**Drug/Alcohol Screening Requirement:** Candidates must pass a drug screening to be appointed. Deckhands are subject to random drug and alcohol testing during their employment.

**Residency Requirement Advisory:**

Under the 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.

**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.

**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.

The centers will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM:

**Manhattan**

2 Lafayette Street  
17th Floor  
New York, NY 10007

**Brooklyn**

210 Joralemon Street  
4th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

**Queens**

118-35 Queens Boulevard  
5th Floor  
Forest Hills, NY 11375

**Staten Island**

135 Canal Street  
3rd Floor  
Staten Island, NY 10304

**Bronx**

1932 Arthur Avenue  
2nd Floor  
Bronx, NY 10457

**The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023.**

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 on 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 (January 24, 2023) 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 to meet the education and experience requirements):** 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>. 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 (January 24, 2023).

**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 above. After these requirements are 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 as a deckhand or higher above deck title aboard ocean, coastwise or inland steam or motor vessels, or equivalent seagoing experience in a sea service of the Armed Forces of the United States for:</b>	<b>You will receive up to:</b>
At least 6 months but less than 12 months	2.5 points
At least 12 months but less than 18 months	5 points

At least 18 months but less than 24 months	7.5 points
At least 24 months but less than 30 months	10 points
At least 30 months but less than 36 months	12.5 points
At least 36 months but less than 42 months	15 points
At least 42 months but less than 48 months	17.5 points
At least 48 months but less than 54 months	20 points
At least 54 months but less than 60 months	22.5 points
At least 60 months but less than 66 months	25 points
At least 66 months but less than 72 months	27.5 points
72 or more months	30 points

**If you have satisfactory full-time experience as a first responder directly assisting injured person(s) and/or person(s) at risk physically at the scene of an emergency for:** **You will receive up to:**

At least 1 year, but less than 2 years	1 point
At least 2 years, but less than 3 years	2 points
At least 3 years, but less than 4 years	3 points
At least 4 years, but less than 5 years	4 points
5 or more years	5 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.**

**NOTE:** An "emergency" is a dangerous situation requiring immediate action to treat injured person(s) or avert imminent threats to life or health. First responder experience may include, but is not limited to: administering First Aid and/or CPR as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Paramedic, Firefighter, Police Officer, Correction Officer, or Lifeguard.

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**Experience must be obtained by the last day of the Application Period (January 24, 2023).**

**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:**

**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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