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BUREAU OF EXAMINATIONS

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# **NOTICE OF EXAMINATION**

# ASSOCIATE PROJECT MANAGER Exam No. 3110

WHEN TO APPLY: From: May 3, 2023 APPLICATION FEE: \$85.00

To: May 23, 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.

THE TEST DATE: Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

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

#### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

This class of positions encompasses project management and coordination work of varying degrees of difficulty and responsibility. There are three Assignment Levels within this class of positions.

At Assignment Level I: Associate Project Managers, under varying degrees of supervision, are responsible for project management work in planning, coordinating, and directing the implementation of the design and construction of capital projects of moderate size and complexity. They maintain a management information system to provide data for the planning and control for project development; establish project time and cost schedules; determine and coordinate the activities required between the persons, agencies and departments responsible for project completion; review all schedules, reports and orders prepared by consultants, contractors and agencies to assure conformance with project completion dates; check work performance and prepare management reports which stress significant problems; resolve problems that arise in meeting schedules and costs; meet with City agencies, contractors and citizen groups; advise and make recommendations to client agencies in formulating project needs, options, and consequences, assuring that functional requirements are adequately articulated and that proposed projects fulfill these requirements; assist client agencies in developing scope of project, drawing upon own agency's technical resources to develop conceptual estimates and schedules; oversee the consultant selection and contracting process, and manage these contracts, or retain in-house design and construction management staff; with the client agency, conduct a post-occupancy evaluation of facilities; supervise subordinate employees; in the temporary absence of immediate supervisor, may assume the duties of that position; may incidentally perform duties of subordinates; and may drive a motor vehicle. All Associate Project Managers perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Associate Project Managers and environmental conditions experienced are: walking to and from inspection sites and during the course of inspections; climbing and descending ladders or stairs to get to areas to be inspected, including exposed heights and confined spaces; standing for extended periods of time; distinguishing colors; bending, stretching, and stooping during inspections; communicating orally; climbing over and around various objects; walking in areas that may be damp, moldy, dark, dusty, smoky, vermin infested, noisy, acrid, or containing fumes, emissions, extreme heat and cold, lead dust, asbestos, or other potentially hazardous material; and working outdoors in all kinds of weather.

## **Special Working Conditions:**

Associate Project Managers may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

(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 \$71,884 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:**

One year of full-time satisfactory experience in supervising employees performing project management work, such as planning, administering, managing, coordinating, or expediting, on engineering and/or architectural and/or landscape architectural projects, or supervising construction projects with a total value

of \$1,000,000 or more, and either:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in engineering, engineering technology, architecture, architectural technology, landscape architecture, business administration, or public administration, and one year of full-time satisfactory experience in project management work, such as planning, administering, managing, coordinating, or expediting, for engineering and/or architectural and/or landscape architectural projects; or
- 2. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent **and** five years of experience as described in "1" above; **or**
- 3. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent **plus** any combination of college or university education **and/or** experience described in "1" above to make up the equivalent of five years of education and experience. One year of experience credit will be given for (a) each 30 semester credits of college or university education leading to a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in engineering, engineering technology, architecture, architectural technology, landscape architecture, business administration or public administration; (b) a Masters degree from an accredited college or university in one of the disciplines described in "1" above; or (c) a valid New York State license as a Professional Engineer, Registered Architect, **or** Registered Landscape Architect.

Experience which is primarily of a design nature is not acceptable towards meeting the qualification requirements.

<u>Note:</u> Examples of <u>unacceptable</u> experience include, but are not limited to: computer programming; designing an engineering project, architectural project, and/or landscape architectural project; drafting; specification writing or development; accounting; bookkeeping; or land surveying.

The education requirement must be met by June 30, 2023. The experience and license requirements must be met by the last day of the Application Period (May 23, 2023).

The high school diploma or its educational equivalent must be approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization. The college or university must be accredited by regional, national, professional, or specialized agencies recognized as accrediting bodies by the U.S. Secretary of Education and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

If you were educated outside the United States, you must have your foreign education evaluated to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. This is required <u>only</u> if you need credit for your foreign education in this examination. For more information see the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide in the Required Information section.

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

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

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

You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (May 23, 2023) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience and Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in the Online Application System (OASys). Once you Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys, you will not be permitted to submit new or additional information on your Education and Experience Exam online.

If you do not Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (May 23, 2023), 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.

You will not receive credit for education which you obtain after June 30, 2023 or experience and licenses which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (May 23, 2023).

#### Residency:

City Residency is not required for this position.

### **Medical Requirement:**

Employees assigned to coordinate or direct asbestos removal or lead abatement projects must meet applicable regulatory and medical requirements. Such employees must not have any condition which would prevent a good face seal when wearing a respirator. Periodic medical examinations will be administered as applicable while persons are assigned to asbestos removal or lead abatement projects.

# **English Requirement:**

You must be able to understand and be understood in English.

#### Proof of Identity:

Under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, you must be able to prove your identity and your right to obtain employment in the United States prior to employment with an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services.

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

If you believe you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, apply using the Online Application System (OASys) at <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs">www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs</a>. Follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment and completing any required information. A unique and valid email address is required to apply online. Several internet service providers, including but not limited to Google, Yahoo!, AOL, Outlook.com, and Mail.com offer free email addresses. All new OASys accounts require verification before a candidate can apply to ensure the accuracy of candidate information. Verification is instantaneous for most accounts and you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to activate your account. For any account creation issues, you will receive onscreen prompts to contact DCAS. This review may require up to two (2) business days to be reviewed and resolved. Please keep this information and the application period deadline in mind when creating your account.

The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or a prepaid debit card with a credit card logo which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets. If you are receiving or participating in certain forms of public assistance/benefits/programs, or are a veteran, you may qualify to have the application fee waived. For more information on eligibility for a fee waiver and documentation requirements visit the Fee Waiver FAQ on the Online Application System at: <a href="https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/Home/Faq">https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/Home/Faq</a>. Effective January 2020, the Online Application System is no longer supported on Windows 7 or earlier versions of Windows operating systems.

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application 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:

ManhattanBrooklynQueens2 Lafayette Street210 Joralemon Street118-35 Queens Boulevard17th Floor4th Floor5th FloorNew York, NY 10007Brooklyn, NY 11201Forest Hills, NY 11375

Staten IslandBronx135 Canal Street1932 Arthur Avenue3rd Floor2nd FloorStaten Island, NY 10304Bronx, 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.

You must complete the entire application 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.

**Special Circumstances Guide**: This guide is located on the DCAS website at <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/pdf\_c\_special\_circumstances\_guide.pdf">https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/pdf\_c\_special\_circumstances\_guide.pdf</a> and available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application 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."

#### **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.
- 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 (May 23, 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).

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 (May 23, 2023), 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.

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 <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/foreigneducation.pdf">https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/foreigneducation.pdf</a>. When you contact the evaluation service, ask for a "document-by-document" (general) evaluation of your foreign education. You must have one of these services submit its evaluation of your foreign education directly to the Department of Citywide Administrative Services no later than eight weeks from the last day of the Application Period (May 23, 2023).

# THE TEST:

The multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. 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 is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain knowledge and abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of an Associate Project Manager.

Task categories to be tested are as follows: design review, specifications, and analysis; fieldwork; clerical/administrative tasks; budgeting; supervision; coordination and correspondence; planning and scheduling; and contracts, change orders, and progress payments.

The test may include questions on principles of project management and supervision; construction, engineering, and/or architectural theory and concepts; construction materials and equipment; construction safety practices; job-related mathematics; standards of proper employee ethical conduct and other related areas.

The test may also include questions requiring the use of any of the following abilities:

**Written Comprehension:** Understanding the information and ideas presented in written sentences and paragraphs in work-related documents. **Example:** An Associate Project Manager reads various construction

project documents and comprehends the technical information, agency guidelines, contract documents, standard operating procedures and payment for work conducted.

**Written Expression:** Appropriately communicating information and ideas in written words and sentences so intended audience will understand. **Example:** An Associate Project Manager writes reports and summaries, takes notes at meetings, files reports for contractors and writes coherent emails.

**Conflict Resolution:** Negotiating with others to resolve grievances or conflicts and handle complaints by developing a constructive solution. **Example:** An Associate Project Manager negotiates change order amounts and alerts appropriate personnel to on-site safety issues in a non-confrontational manner.

**Attention to Detail:** Being careful about detail and thorough in completing work tasks. **Example:** An Associate Project Manager reviews completeness of contract drawings and specifications.

Certain questions may need to be answered on the basis of documents or other information supplied to the candidates on the date of the multiple-choice exam.

#### **EXAM SITE ADMISSION:**

Your Admission Notice will be available on your Dashboard in OASys 14 days before the first date on which testing is expected to begin. You can print or display your Admission Notice on your phone or personal device to gain entry to the test site. Test site assignments will take your address into consideration, but nearness to your address cannot be guaranteed.

<u>Warning</u>: After gaining entry to the test site, you are not permitted to enter the testing area with electronic devices. Electronic devices include, but are not limited to, cellular phones, smart watches, recording devices, beepers, pagers, cameras, or portable media players. You are not permitted to use any type of headphones or ear buds. Calculators are permitted; however, they must be hand-held, battery or solar powered, and numeric only. Calculators with functions **other than** addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are prohibited. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you use any of these devices anywhere at any test site, whether in the testing area, restroom, hallway, or other location, at any time before, during or after the test or Protest Review Session, your test score will be nullified, you will be disqualified from taking any civil service tests for up to five years, and your application fee will not be refunded.

You may not have any other person, including children, present with you while you are being processed for or taking the test, and no one may wait for you inside of a Computer-based Testing & Application Center while you are taking the test.

Required Identification: You are required to bring one (1) form of valid (non-expired) signature and photo bearing identification to the test site. The name that was used to apply for the exam must match the first and last name on the photo ID. A list of acceptable identification documents is provided below. If you do not have an acceptable ID, you may be denied testing. Acceptable forms of identification (bring one) are as follows: State issued driver's license, City or State issued identification card, IDNYC, US Government issued Passport, US Government issued Military Identification Card, US Government issued Alien Registration Card, Employer ID with photo, or Student ID with photo.

<u>Leaving</u>: You must leave the test site once you finish the test. If you leave the test site after being fingerprinted but before finishing the test, you will not be permitted to re-enter. If you disregard this instruction and re-enter the test site, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

# 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, 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 meet the education and experience requirements and 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 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: <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page">https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page</a>.

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

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

- 1. Navigate to the Dashboard for the Appeals tab.
- 2. Click the NEW APPEAL button to create and submit your appeal.
- 3. Select the exam from the Exam drop-down list, and
- 4. Select the exam part from the Exam Part drop-down list.
- 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;
- a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible; or
- 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 mail at 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007, or by email at *testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov*, as soon as possible, and include documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Selective Certification for Certification, License and/or Special Experience: If you have the certification, license and/or experience listed in one or more of the areas listed below, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring a certification, license and/or experience through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this certification, license and/or experience. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your certification(s), license(s) and/or experience will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.

Selective Certification For Positions Requiring a Driver License (MVO): A motor vehicle Driver License that is valid in the State of New York. If you are appointed through Selective Certification, you must maintain your motor vehicle Driver License for the duration of your employment.

Selective Certification for Traffic Experience and/or Construction of other Transportation Projects (TRE): At least six (6) months of full-time satisfactory experience in project management work overseeing the design, installation, and/or maintenance of traffic surveillance cameras, vehicle detection systems, dynamic message signs, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies, and/or other transportation related technologies.

Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Project Management Experience in a Public Health or Health Services Setting (SPH): At least twelve (12) months of full-time satisfactory project management 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.

**Selective Certification for Experience with AutoCAD and/or ARCHIBUS (AAE):** At least twelve (12) months of full-time satisfactory experience using AutoCAD and/or ARCHIBUS. Such experience must not have been part of a formal education program.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Tunnel Experience (TSC):** At least six (6) months of full-time, satisfactory experience in the project management of tunnel work. Experience in this area must be in a construction capacity.

**Selective Certification for Incident Command Structure Certification (ICS):** A valid Incident Command Structure(ICS) certification such as FEMA's Professional Development Series certificate.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring a NYS Water Operator Certification (WOC):** A valid NYS 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 Requiring Wastewater Systems and Operations Experience, or Environmental, Sewer or Water Systems Experience (WSO): At least one (1) year of full-time satisfactory experience in supervising employees performing wastewater management project work, in either

- 1. Water systems for wastewater collections, treatment, biosolids management, combined sewer storage, resource recovery, energy, management, advanced system upgrades, strategic planning, and coordination across operational units; **or**
- 2. Environmental experience in the project management of wastewater treatment, sanitary engineering, water treatment, construction experience, and/or groundwater treatment; **or**
- 3. Sewer and/or water systems experience in project management 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, through preparation

of contract documents, construction services, and regulatory permitting.

**Selective Certification for a New York State Professional Engineering License (PEC):** A valid New York State Professional Engineering License.

**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 Mass Transportation Experience (MTI):** At least one (1) year of satisfactory full-time project management experience in a large-scale organization that provides rail or bus transportation to the general public.

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 email to: LMACustomerService@dcas.nyc.gov, or 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 full name, OASys Profile ID number and the Selective Certification(s) 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 your "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, under the Notifications tab. 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.

**Promotion Test:** A promotion examination for this title is being held for eligible employees. The names appearing on the promotion list will be considered first in filling vacancies.

#### 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 & Application Centers.