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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

PROMOTION TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT Exam No. 3520

WHEN TO APPLY: From: October 5, 2022

APPLICATION FEE: \$82.00

To: October 25, 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:

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

At Assignment Level I: Landscape Architects, under general supervision, perform responsible supervisory work, or difficult and responsible work, in landscape architecture. They perform the usual duties as a head of a major landscape architectural section, or the equivalent, plan, assign and review the work of subordinates, prepare progress reports, and may represent an agency in relations with other governmental agencies and departments, contractors and their representatives, consultants, and the general public; perform highly skilled technical work in the preparation of important and complex landscape architectural plans and designs, or in the review and examination of large-scale landscape architectural projects; prepare reports and make recommendations regarding landscaping features, problems of alternative sites and proposed spatial organizations or utilizations; advise on the development of landscaping maps and data for existing conditions and for new or proposed additions or changes; supervise the preparation of contract drawings, specifications, and estimates of quantities; evaluate bids, contractors and consultants; performances to recommend award of contracts for landscape projects; supervise the inspection of grading, planting and other landscaping operations to secure compliance with contracts and for conformity with acceptable techniques and established standards of landscape architectural practice; may sign and seal landscape architectural and other official documents, when assigned in writing; and may operate a motor vehicle. All Landscape Architects perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Landscape Architects 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; standing for an extended period of time; bending and stooping during inspections; working in confined areas; distinguishing colors; wearing hard hat; climbing over and around various objects; walking in areas that may be damp or dark; working outdoors in all kinds of weather.

Special Working Conditions: Landscape Architects 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 \$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, 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 Landscape Architect; and
2. is not otherwise ineligible.

(Note: A "Preferred List" is a civil service list which is only for certain former permanent incumbents of the eligible title who have rehiring rights.)

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 you are marked "Not Eligible," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a

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score.

You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (October 25, 2022) 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 (October 25, 2022), 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.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT:

A valid New York State Registration as a Landscape Architect is required by October 31, 2022. Current New York State registration as a Landscape Architect 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.

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 (October 25, 2022) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education, experience and registration 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 (October 25, 2022), 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.

HOW TO APPLY:

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

The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or a prepaid debit card with a credit card logo which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets. If you are receiving or participating in certain forms of public assistance/benefits/programs, or are a veteran, you may qualify to have the application fee waived. For more information on eligibility for a fee waiver and documentation requirements visit the Fee Waiver FAQ on the Online Application System at:

<https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/Home/FAQ>. <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 Saturday, October 8, 2022 and Monday, October 10, 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.

Special Circumstances Guide: This guide is located on the DCAS website at

https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/pdf_c_special_circumstances_guide.pdf and

available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers. This guide gives important information about claiming Veterans' or Legacy credit, and notifying DCAS of a change in your mailing address. Follow all instructions on the Special Circumstances Guide that pertain to you when you complete your "Application for Examination."

THE TEST:

Your score will be determined by an Education and Experience Exam. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the eligibility and registration 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 as a permanent (not provisional) employee working for the City of New York performing landscape architectural work, subsequent to receiving a valid New York State Registration as a Landscape Architect for:	You will receive up to:
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
60 months or more	25 points
If you have satisfactory full-time experience with an employer other than the City of New York performing landscape architectural work, subsequent to receiving a valid New York State Registration as a Landscape Architect for:	You will receive up to:
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
60 months or more	25 points
If you have completed a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from an accredited college or university:	You will receive:
	5 points

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 online.

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

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.

You must clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Exam and submit it by the end of the Application Period. 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 (October 25, 2022).

You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (October 25, 2022) 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.

Education must be obtained by January 31, 2023 and experience must be obtained by the last day of the Application Period (October 25, 2022).

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 promotion 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: <http://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 email 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 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. If you wish to apply for this 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 Driver License will be checked by the promoting agency at the time of promotion. **If you are promoted through Selective Certification, you must maintain your motor vehicle Driver License for the duration of your employment.**

The above Selective Certification requirement may be met at any time 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.

The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted at nyc.gov/dcas and copies are available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers.

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