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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

### HIGH PRESSURE PLANT TENDER Exam No. 4047

(For Agencies Under the Jurisdiction of the Commissioner, DCAS Only)

**WHEN TO APPLY:** From: November 1, 2023

**APPLICATION FEE:** \$85.00

To: November 21, 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 **Thursday, February 1, 2024.**

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

#### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

High Pressure Plant Tenders, under direct supervision, tend oil, gas or coal fired high pressure boilers, incinerator furnaces and related equipment, and assist in the maintenance and repair of this equipment. They may be assigned to inspect, maintain and repair heating, ventilation, refrigeration, air conditioning and related auxiliary systems and equipment. They hand fire high pressure boilers using solid fuels, and stoker equipment and incinerator furnaces using burnable refuse; clean fires; tend and operate stoker equipment, oil, gas, or coal fired high pressure boilers and incinerator furnaces, and related equipment; maintain, clean, repair and assist in the inspection and testing of high pressure boilers, incinerators, auxiliaries and related equipment; maintain, clean, repair and/or tend to, and assist in the inspection and testing of equipment and systems used in heating, ventilation, refrigeration, air conditioning and related auxiliary equipment, such as cooling towers, air handlers, chilled water pumps, air cleaners and filters, fans, heat exchangers, tubes, air treatment assemblies, humidifiers/dehumidifiers, and controls; may dismantle and/or assemble equipment associated with heating, ventilation, refrigeration, air conditioning and mechanical systems to make it operational; requisition parts as required; and may operate a motor vehicle. All High Pressure Plant Tenders perform related work.

In the Department of Sanitation, in addition to the duties described above, High Pressure Plant Tenders inspect, clean, test, operate, repair, maintain and alter boilers, furnaces, pollution control equipment, and related auxiliary equipment and appurtenances; inspect and read meters, gauges and other controls of operating and related equipment; use hand and powered tools and weld and burn in the performance of assigned duties; work from sketches, drawings and blueprints; requisition parts and maintain inventory; keep records and logs; and supervise assigned personnel.

#### Special Working Conditions:

High Pressure Plant Tenders may be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by High Pressure Plant Tenders and environmental conditions experienced are: Climbing stairs, ladders and over boiler room equipment; standing upright for extended periods of time; using vision to read small numbers and markings on gauges and equipment; using vision and hearing to avoid injury from overhead piping and rotating machinery; communicating orally in a noisy working environment; walking over wet and slippery concrete surfaces; working in areas containing gases from the combustion process and strong odors from grease, lubricants and solvents; working in confined areas inside boilers and under piping which may be dusty and dark; lifting metal objects weighing up to 60 pounds; and working with alkaline and acidic chemicals used in boiler water treatment.

(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 \$35.00 per hour for a 40-hour work week. 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 may not receive an Admission Notice or score. (For more information see Exam Site Admission section.)

You will **not** receive credit for education which you obtain after January 31, 2024 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (November 21, 2023).

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

## EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Two years of full-time satisfactory experience operating and maintaining high pressure boilers or the equivalent marine experience; **or**
2. Not less than one year of experience as described in "1" above plus sufficient training of a relevant nature acquired in an approved trade school, technical school, or vocational high school or education of a relevant nature at an accredited college or university to make up the equivalent of the remaining required experience. Six months of acceptable experience will be credited for each year of approved trade school, technical school, vocational high school, and/or college education.

**The education requirement must be met by January 31, 2024. The experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (November 21, 2023).**

The trade school, technical school, or vocational high school 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 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.

**You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (November 21, 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 (November 21, 2023), your examination will be considered incomplete, 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 January 31, 2024 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (November 21, 2023).**

**Drug Screening Requirement:** You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed. If appointed to certain positions within the Department of Transportation, you will be subject to random drug tests for the duration of your employment.

**Residency Requirement Advisory:** Under 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.

## 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, 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/faqs>. **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:

**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 & Application Centers will be closed on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, and Friday, November 10, 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 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](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 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.
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 21, 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 (November 21, 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 <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 (November 21, 2023).

**THE TEST:**

The multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. You will be informed of the format on your Admission Notice. 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 abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of a **High Pressure Plant Tender**. Task categories to be tested are as follows: operation, maintenance and repair of high-pressure boilers, pumps, and related auxiliary equipment; inspection and testing of high-pressure boilers and related auxiliary equipment; and administrative duties.

The multiple-choice test may include questions on the operation and maintenance of high pressure boilers including burner, ignition, controls, valves, pumps, meters, gauges and regulators; operation and maintenance of auxiliaries and refrigeration equipment; selection and usage of lubricants, packing and gaskets; use of appropriate tools, instruments and lubricating devices; safety; and other related areas.

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

**Number Facility:** adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing quickly and correctly. Example: A High Pressure Plant Tender might use this ability to perform job-related calculations such as reading meters.

**Written Comprehension:** understanding written sentences and paragraphs. Example: A High Pressure Plant Tender might use this ability to read information contained in logs.

**Written Expression:** using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. Example: A High Pressure Plant Tender might use this ability to prepare reports.

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.

**Warning:** You are not permitted to enter the test site with electronic devices including, but 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 are also not permitted to use on site any medical assistive devices, including those that give notifications or alerts, or that vibrate, without the prior express written authorization of DCAS. You can contact DCAS by email at: [testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov)

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.

**Leaving:** 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](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 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: <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.

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. being ordered to military duty; or
2. compulsory attendance before a court or other public body or official having the power to compel attendance; or
3. on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City; or
4. absence from the test within one week after the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner where you are an officer or employee of the City; or
5. a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible; or
6. a temporary disability; or
7. pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition

To request a make-up test, contact Administration, Customer, and Exam Support (ACES) by email at [testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto: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 Special Experience, Certificate of Fitness (Fire and Torch Use), and Driver License (FTD) (For the Department of Sanitation Only):** If you have 6 months of satisfactory full-time welding experience, and a Certificate of Fitness (Fire and Torch Use), and a motor vehicle Driver License that is valid in the State of New York, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this experience, certificate and license through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this combination of experience, certificate, and driver license. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your experience, Certificate of Fitness (Fire and Torch Use), and Driver License will be checked by the Department of Sanitation at the time of appointment.

If you are appointed through Selective Certification, you must maintain your Certificate of Fitness (Fire and Torch Use) and Driver License for the duration of your employment.

**The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at anytime during the duration of the list.** If you meet this requirement at some future date, please submit a request by email to: [LMACustomerService@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto: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 you are requesting in your correspondence.

**Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Requirement:** If appointed to certain positions within the Department of Transportation, you must possess a TWIC issued by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration at the time of appointment. 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.

### 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.

This examination is for all City agencies and not for the NYC Health + Hospitals (NYC H+H) and City University of New York (CUNY). If you would like to apply for the examination for Plant Maintainer (Hospitals)/Tender (NYC H+H), you must submit a separate application and fee for Exam No. 4072 from November 1, 2023 through November 21, 2023. If you would like to apply for the examination for High Pressure Plant Tender with CUNY, you must submit a separate application and fee for Exam No. 4048 from November 1, 2023 through November 21, 2023.

## 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 & Application Centers.

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