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BUREAU OF EXAMINATIONS

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# **NOTICE OF EXAMINATION**

# PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE TAXI AND LIMOUSINE INSPECTOR Exam No. 4514

WHEN TO APPLY: From: January 3, 2024 APPLICATION FEE: \$82.00

To: January 23, 2024

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, April 18, 2024.

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

#### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Associate Taxi and Limousine Inspectors at Assignment Level I, under general supervision of a higher ranking officer, are responsible and accountable for the supervision of subordinates; instruct and counsel subordinates in their duties; are responsible for subordinates' general appearance, punctuality, attendance, productivity, good order and discipline; supervise inspector activity at the operational level and evaluate the quality of subordinates' performance; may perform the duties of immediate supervisor during the latter's absence; perform all additional functions prescribed for rank by relevant laws, rules, procedures, orders or directives of the Taxi and Limousine Commission.

When assigned to the Enforcement Division, Associate Taxi and Limousine Inspectors monitor field patrol activities of a squad of inspectors on city-wide patrol; review, evaluate and complete reports on For-Hire passenger vehicles and their facilities and other related activities; and conduct special investigations including those involving complaints from the public on the operation of For-Hire vehicles.

When assigned to the Safety and Emissions Division, Associate Taxi and Limousine Inspectors monitor a unit of inspectors engaged in the inspection of For-Hire passenger vehicles for safety and mechanical fitness in conformity with established standards and physical specifications; orient and train taxi and limousine inspectors; review and evaluate reports on vehicles inspected; and prepare reports and keep records. All Associate Taxi and Limousine Inspectors perform related work.

#### **Special Working Conditions:**

Associate Taxi and Limousine Inspectors will be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Associate Taxi and Limousine Inspectors and environmental conditions experienced are: working outdoors in all kinds of weather; walking and/or standing in an assigned area during a tour; driving or sitting in a patrol car during a tour while remaining alert; climbing up stairs; gripping persons to prevent escape; engaging in hand to hand struggles to subdue a suspect resisting arrest; being physically active for prolonged periods of time; understanding verbal communications over the radio with background noise; reading and writing under low light conditions; and wearing a bullet-resistant vest.

(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 \$66,320 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are two 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 level 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 of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services who **on the first date of the multiple-choice test:** 

- 1. holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of Taxi and Limousine Inspector; and
- 2. is not otherwise ineligible.

(Note: A "Preferred List" is a civil service list which is only for certain former permanent employees 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 may be given the test before we verify your eligibility. You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the eligibility requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If it is determined prior to the test date that you are not eligible to participate in this examination, you will not receive an Admission Notice to take the multiple-choice test, you will not be permitted into the test site, and your application fee will not be refunded. If it is determined after the test date that you are not eligible to participate in this examination, your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score. your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

#### **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.

#### REQUIREMENT(S) TO BE PROMOTED:

**Driver License Requirement:** By the time you are promoted to this position, you must have a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York. This license must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

**Certification Requirement (For Vehicle Inspection Assignments Only):** Employees assigned to vehicle inspection duties must possess a valid New York State Motor Vehicle Inspector Certificate, Emissions Qualified. This certificate must be maintained for the duration of this assignment.

Special Patrolman Requirement (For Enforcement Assignments Only): At the time of promotion, you must meet the following qualifications for Special Patrolman status (a status given by the New York City Police Department as governed by Administrative Code Section 14-106 and Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the Rules of the City of New York):

- be twenty-one years of age or older,
  be a citizen of the United States,

- be a resident of New York City, unless exempted by law,
  if discharged from military service, the discharge must not have been dishonorable,
- be of good moral character, and
- have no record of convictions for any felony or serious offense as enumerated in §265.00 (17) of the New York State Penal Law. An applicant with any conviction who has a Certificate of Good Conduct providing relief from that conviction may be eligible for appointment. An applicant with a misdemeanor conviction or violation for a serious offense enumerated in Penal Law §265.00 (17), who has a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities providing relief from that conviction, may also be eligible for promotion. Special Patrolman status must be maintained at all times as a condition of employment. Failure to maintain Special Patrolman status shall constitute a forfeiture of employment.

#### **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, 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

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 **Brooklyn** Queens 2 Lafayette Street 210 Joralemon Street 118-35 Queens Boulevard 4th Floor 17th Floor 5th Floor New York, NY 10007 Forest Hills, NY 11375 Brooklyn, NY 11201

> Staten Island **Bronx**

135 Canal Street 1932 Arthur Avenue 3rd Floor 2nd Floor Staten Island, NY 10304 Bronx, NY 10457

The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024.

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:**

**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.

#### THE TEST:

The multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. A score of at least 70% is required to pass this test. Your score on this test will determine 85% of your final score. Your seniority will determine the remaining 15%. You must pass the multiple-choice test to have your seniority credited. Your seniority score will be 70 plus 1/2 point for each three months of completed, permanent, continuous service with an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services in competitive class titles. Your service will be credited through the date of the test, up to a maximum of 15 years. Time served prior to a break in service of more than one year will not be credited.

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 Taxi and Limousine Inspector. Task areas to be tested are as follows: Performs Administrative Tasks; Field Performance Tasks; Prepares and Reviews Subordinates' Paperwork; Assists Immediate Supervisor in Supervising a Squad of Taxi and Limousine Inspectors; Issues Summonses; Testifies at Administrative Proceedings, Operates and Safeguards Equipment; and Oversees Safety and Emission Inspection Lanes and Hacksite.

The test may include questions on TLC's Code of Conduct; Disciplinary Actions; Proper Arrests Procedures; TLC Commission Enforcement/Safety and Emissions Rules and Regulations, Standard Operating Procedures and Directives; Driver's License Requirements; New York State Vehicle and Traffic Laws (VTL) and New York City Traffic Regulations; TLC Licensed Vehicles Specifications, their respective rule books: For – SHL Vehicles, Hire Vehicle Rules (FHV Rule Book), Medallion Owner's Rule Book and Medallion Driver's Rule Book governing all vehicle owners and drivers; Applicable New York State Criminal Procedure Law and New York State Penal Law; Disciplinary Actions; standards of proper employee ethical conduct, including the provisions of Mayor's Executive Order No. 16 of 1978 as amended; and other related areas. The test may also include questions requiring the use of any of the following abilities:

**Attention to Detail:** Being careful about detail and thorough in completing work tasks. **Example:** An Associate Taxi and Limousine Inspector might use this ability when completing vehicle voucher forms to ensure required details regarding seized vehicle are recorded (e.g., condition of the vehicle, time vehicle was picked up by towing company, whether personal items were removed from the vehicle).

**Conflict Resolution:** Negotiating with others to resolve grievances or conflicts and handle complaints by developing a constructive solution. **Example:** An Associate Taxi and Limousine Inspector might use this ability when addressing subordinates' complaints and/or concerns during roll call to resolve issues encountered in the field or office.

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:** 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 and electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording abilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are not permitted. 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.

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
- 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 pass the multiple-choice test 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: <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.
- 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:**

#### Late Filing:

Consult **your agency's personnel office** to determine the procedure for filing a late application if you meet one or more of the following conditions:

- 1. You are absent from work for at least one-half of the application period and cannot apply for reasons such as vacation, sick leave or military duty; or
- 2. You become eligible after the above application period closed but before the date on which testing is expected to begin

#### 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
- compulsory attendance before a court or other public body or official having the power to compel attendance; or
- on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City; or
- absence from the test within one week after the death of a spouse, domestic partner, 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 <code>testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov</code>, as soon as possible, and include documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Selective Certification for New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Inspection Certificate, Emissions Qualified (MVI): If you have a New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Inspection Certificate, Emissions Qualified, and one (1) year of satisfactory full-time experience as an auto mechanic, you may be considered for promotion to positions requiring this certification and experience through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this certification. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your certification and experience will be checked by the promoting agency at the time of promotion. If you are promoted through Selective Certification, you must maintain your certification for the duration of your employment.

**Selective Certification for Special Patrolman Designation (SPP):** If you possess the Special Patrolman designation (a status given by the New York City Police Department as governed by Administrative Code Section 14-106 and Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the Rules of the City of New York), you may be considered for promotion to positions requiring this designation through a process called Selective Certification. The requirements for this designation are:

- · be twenty-one years of age or older,
- be a citizen of the United States,
- be a resident of New York City, unless exempted by law,
- if discharged from military service, the discharge must not have been dishonorable,
- · be of good moral character, and
- have no record of convictions for any felony or serious offense as enumerated in §265.00 (17) of the New York State Penal Law. An applicant with any conviction who has a Certificate of Good Conduct providing relief from that conviction may be eligible for appointment. An applicant with a misdemeanor conviction or violation for a serious offense enumerated in Penal Law §265.00 (17), who has a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities providing relief from that conviction, may also be eligible for promotion. If you qualify for this Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this designation. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. If promoted through this Selective Certification, Special Patrolman status must be maintained at all times as a condition of employment. Failure to maintain Special Patrolman status shall constitute a forfeiture of 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 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.

#### **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" folder 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 & Application Centers.