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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

ASSOCIATE QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST
Exam No. 5022

WHEN TO APPLY: From: June 4, 2025
To: June 24, 2025

APPLICATION FEE: \$82.00

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.
CANDIDATES WHO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE A VETERAN, UNEMPLOYED, RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, OR SUPPLEMENTARY SECURITY INCOME ARE ENTITLED TO A WAIVER OF THE APPLICATION FEE.

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

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Associate Quality Assurance Specialists, under direction, perform highly responsible work in planning, directing and coordinating the activities of a unit of Quality Assurance Specialists engaged in determining the acceptability of various supplies, materials, products and/or services to ensure adherence to purchase orders or contract specifications, terms, conditions and related codes and regulations; supervise Quality Assurance Specialists in the performance of their duties; prepare work schedules and assignments; review and evaluate work of subordinates; instruct subordinates in appropriate quality assurance methods, techniques and procedures; negotiate settlements with contractors/vendors to resolve disputes over payments; maintain records of contractors'/vendors' performance; review laboratory analysis reports; determine course of action in cases of adverse analysis reports; act as liaisons with City, and other governmental agencies as well as with contractors/vendors; and oversee the investigation of complaints to ensure appropriate response is made. Associate Quality Assurances Specialists also conduct surveys/studies of agency quality assurance programs; administrative procedures and practices; inspection standards, methods and techniques; contract specifications; and related matters. In addition, Associate Quality Assurance Specialists prepare analytical and other reports and/or surveys; recommend appropriate changes in divisional policy, procedures and/or practices to management; plan and conduct quality assurance training; assist in preparing the budget estimate for the unit; keep records and prepare required reports using manual and computer systems; operate a motor vehicle in the performance of duties; and may plan, direct and coordinate quality assurance inspections of items or services unrelated to those described above. All Associate Quality Assurance Specialists perform related work.
(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 \$68,924 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO QUALIFY:

You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the education and experience requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If you are found "Not Qualified," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.
As per Section 54(2) of the Civil Service Law, the education requirement needed to qualify must be met by June 24, 2026. The experience requirement needed to qualify must be met by the last day of the Application Period (June 24, 2025).

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent and five years of satisfactory full-time experience, purchasing or inspecting supplies, materials and/or products such as: paints, linoleum, hose, sand, brick, wire, shades, hardware and tools; plumbing, electrical machine shop, building and cleaning supplies; furnishings and furniture; lumber and wood related products; metals; equipment; foods, drugs, and chemicals; fuel; textiles; printing, stationery and other sundry items. At least one year of this experience must have been in a supervisory capacity; or

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- 2. An associate degree from an accredited college or university, plus three years and six months of satisfactory full-time experience as described in "1" above, at least one year of which must have been in a supervisory capacity; or
- 3. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, plus two years of satisfactory full-time satisfactory experience as described in "1" above, at least one year of which must have been in a supervisory capacity; or
- 4. A satisfactory combination of education and/or experience equivalent to "1", "2" or "3" above. Undergraduate college credit may be substituted for experience on the basis of 40 semester credits from an accredited college for one year of experience. However, all candidates must have a high school diploma or its educational equivalent and at least two years of satisfactory full-time experience as described in "1" above, at least one year of which must have been in a supervisory capacity.

Supervisory work experience includes dealing with issues concerning employees; overseeing and/or directing a team or individual to ensure they are performing effectively in their role or title.

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 x 12 = 7.2 months.

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 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.

You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (June 24, 2025) 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 (June 24, 2025), 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.

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. 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.

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 Thursday, June 19, 2025.

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 via nyc.gov/CivilServiceNowNYC and select the applicable subject.

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

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

- 1. **Application for Examination:** Follow the online instructions, including those relating to the payment of fee and, if applicable, those found in the Special Circumstances Guide.
- 2. **Education and Experience Exam:** Fill out all the required sections displayed onscreen (if applicable). You will have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (June 24, 2025) 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 (June 24, 2025), 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://www.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/nyc-dcas-foreign-education-evaluation-guide.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 (June 24, 2025).

THE TEST:

Your score will be determined by an Education and Experience Exam. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the education and experience requirements listed above. After these requirements are met, you will receive additional credit up to a maximum of 100 points on the following basis:

If you have satisfactory, full-time supervisory experience purchasing or inspecting supplies, materials and/or products such as: paints, linoleum, hose, sand, brick, wire, shades, hardware and tools; plumbing, electrical machine shop, building and cleaning supplies; furnishings and furniture; lumber and wood related products; metals; equipment; foods, drugs, and chemicals; fuel; textiles; printing, stationery and other sundry items for:

You will receive up to:

At least 3 months but less than 6 months	2.5 points
At least 6 months but less than 9 months	5 points
At least 9 months but less than 12 months	7.5 points
At least 12 months but less than 15 months	10 points
At least 15 months but less than 18 months	12.5 points
At least 18 months but less than 21 months	15 points
At least 21 months but less than 24 months	17.5 points
At least 24 months but less than 27 months	20 points
At least 27 months but less than 30 months	22.5 points
At least 30 months but less than 33 months	25 points
At least 33 months but less than 36 months	27.5 points
36 months or more	30 points

If you have satisfactory, full-time non-supervisory experience purchasing or inspecting supplies, materials and/or products such as: paints, linoleum, hose, sand, brick, wire, shades, hardware and tools; plumbing, electrical machine shop, building and cleaning supplies; furnishings and furniture; lumber and wood related products; metals; equipment; foods, drugs, and chemicals; fuel; textiles; printing, stationery and other sundry items for:

You will receive up to:

At least 6 months but less than 12 months	1.5 point
At least 12 months but less than 18 months	3 points
At least 18 months but less than 24 months	4.5 points
At least 24 months but less than 30 months	6 points
At least 30 months but less than 36 months	7.5 points
At least 36 months but less than 42 months	9 points

At least 42 months but less than 48 months	10.5 points
At least 48 months but less than 54 months	12 points
At least 54 months but less than 60 months	13.5 points
At least 60 months but less than 66 months	15 points
At least 66 months but less than 72 months	16.5 points
72 months or more	18 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.

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

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 can only claim a maximum of one year of experience credit for each year you worked. Each year of experience will be credited under only one category which will be the highest appropriate category.

Experience used to meet the minimum requirements cannot be used to gain additional credit.

You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (June 24, 2025) 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 (June 24, 2025), 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.

Experience must be obtained by the last day of the Application Period (June 24, 2025).

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
- If you are unable to recall and/or no longer have access to the email address associated with your OASys account, please contact us via the following link: nyc.gov/CivilServiceNowNYC using the "Account Access, User ID, Password, or Registration Issue" subject or call (212) 669-1357 (Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 5 PM EST).

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

Use the Data Correction Form and follow all instructions for changing your name and/or social security number with DCAS. The following link will provide you with the DCAS Data Correction Form: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/dp148a.pdf>.

THE TEST RESULTS:

If you pass the Education and Experience Exam, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list, you will be given a list number, and you will be notified by email of your test results. The eligible list determines the order by which candidates will be considered for appointment. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment if your name is reached on the eligible list. Once a list has been established, it will typically remain active for four years. To learn more about the civil service system go to: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page>.

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

To access the appeal portal of OASys, please log into your OASys account at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs 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 Special Experience(s), Certification(s) and/or License: If you have the experience, certification, and/or license listed below, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this experience, certification and/or license through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this experience, certification and/or license. If you wish to apply for this Selective Certification, follow the

onscreen instructions when completing your Education and Experience Exam to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification and Final Submit it in the Online Application System (OASys). **Your experience, certification and/or license will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.**

1. **Selective Certification for 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.
2. **Selective Certification for Construction Equipment and Various Safety Equipment and Procedures (QHS):** At least one year of satisfactory full-time experience conducting quality assurance inspections to determine the acceptability and safe operation of construction equipment, procedures and various safety equipment including but not limited to forklift, pay loaders, sweepers, and personal protective equipment; inspecting and reviewing the contracts associated with the purchase of construction equipment; assuring all safety features have been met and preparing and presenting information from the reviews and inspections to operators of those equipment agencywide in various formats.
3. **Selective Certification for Incident Command Structure (ICS) Certification:** Possession of a valid Incident Command Structure (ICS) certification, such as FEMA's Professional Development Series certificate or an IS-100.c, IS-200.b, IS-700.b, or IS-800.c certificate.
4. **Selective Certification to Fill Positions for Associate Quality Assurance Specialist (Fuel) (QFU):** At least one year of satisfactory full-time experience conducting quality assurance inspections and tests and selecting samples for laboratory testing to determine the acceptability of fuels and lubricants, coal, fuel oil, gasoline, kerosene, asphalt and other petroleum related products to ensure that purchase or contract specifications are fulfilled; and preparing associated reports and correspondence.
5. **Selective Certification to Fill Positions for Associate Quality Assurance Specialist (Pupil Transportation) (QPT):** At least one year of satisfactory full-time experience conducting quality assurance review for contracted pupil transportation services to public and non-public school students, including contracted pupil transportation services to public and non-public school students with disabilities; conducting field inspections for school buses and bus routes to ensure quality of service and driver/escort performance; inspecting the condition of school buses including the doors, lights, stairs, seats, tires, break lights and the general cleanliness of the vehicle; investigating complaints regarding school bus service; preparing school routes and schedules; determining eligibility for all free and reduced fare passes; evaluating contractor performance for compliance with contract agreements to ensure that purchase or contract specifications are fulfilled; and preparing associated reports and correspondence.
6. **Selective Certification to Fill Positions for Associate Quality Assurance Specialist (Public Health Setting) (QAH):** At least one year of satisfactory full-time Quality Assurance experience in a health services setting such as a laboratory, hospital, community health center, private medical practice, or other patient care facility, or in a public health, environmental health, or mental health hygiene program.
7. **Selective Certification for Municipal Government Experience (MGE):** At least two years of satisfactory full-time professional experience working within a municipal government in a similar position, which provides services for a city with a population of over 1 million.
8. **Selective Certification for Educational Environment Experience (EDU):** At least two years of satisfactory full-time experience working in an educational program(s) and/or institution(s) in a similar position.

The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at any time during the duration of the list. If you meet the Selective Certification requirement at some future date, please submit request by contacting DCAS via the following link: nyc.gov/CivilServiceNowNYC using the "Selective Certification" subject. Please include the examination title and number, your full name, OASys Profile ID number, and the Selective Certification(s) you are requesting in your submission.

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.

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/dcass and copies are available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers.

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