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# NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

**STEAM FITTER'S HELPER**  
**Exam No. 5132**  
**(For Agencies Under the Jurisdiction of DCAS only)**

**WHEN TO APPLY:**    **From: May 1, 2025**

**To:        May 21, 2025**

**APPLICATION FEE: \$96.00**

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.**

**THE TEST DATE:** Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on **Monday, July 28, 2025.**

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

**WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:**

Steam Fitter's Helpers, under direct supervision, assist in doing work relating to piping and equipment for heating, air conditioning, compressed air, and processing systems; assist in the installation, maintenance and repair of piping and equipment in air, steam and hot water heating, air conditioning and processing systems; assist in the installation of boilers, and feedwater, vacuum and condensate equipment; assist in the installation of fuel oil piping and related equipment; assist in taking on-the-job measurements and lay out work from plans, specifications and/or sketches; and may operate a motor vehicle. All Steam Fitter's Helpers perform related work.

**Special Working Conditions:**

Steam Fitter's Helpers may be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Steam Fitter's Helpers and environmental conditions experienced are: communicating orally in a noisy environment; climbing stairs, ladders, and over equipment; standing upright for extended periods of time; walking over wet and slippery surfaces; carrying heavy objects such as toolboxes, pipe, and bags of pipe fittings; working on surfaces at substantial height.

(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 \$50.41 per hour for a 35-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 will not receive an Admission Notice or score. (For more information see Exam Site Admission section.)

**As per Section 54(2) of the Civil Service Law, the education requirement needed to qualify must be met by May 21, 2026. The experience requirement needed to qualify must be met by the last day of the Application Period (May 21, 2025).**

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. Three years of full-time satisfactory mechanical experience as a Steam Fitter's Helper; **or**
- 2. At least one and one-half years of full-time satisfactory mechanical experience as a Steam Fitter's Helper plus sufficient training of a relevant nature acquired in an approved trade, vocational or technical high school to make up the equivalent of three years of acceptable experience. Six months of acceptable experience will be credited for each year of approved trade, vocational or technical school.

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

The trade, vocational, or technical school must be approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization.

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.

(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.

**You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (May 21, 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 (May 21, 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.**

**Driver License Requirement:** A Motor Vehicle Driver License valid in the State of New York may be required for appointment to positions in certain agencies. This license must be maintained for the duration of 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.

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

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](http://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](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 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 (May 21, 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 (May 21, 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://www1.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 (May 21, 2025).

**THE TEST:**

The multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. Your score on this test will be used to determine your place on an eligible list. You must achieve a score of at least 70% to pass the test.

The multiple-choice test is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain knowledge and abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of a **Steam Fitter's Helper**. Task areas to be tested are as follows: assisting steam fitters in the layout, assembly, installation, maintenance, and repair of piping and equipment for air conditioning and processing systems, steam and hot water heating, ammonia, gas, sprinkler, and fuel oil systems.

The multiple-choice test may include questions on the knowledge of machines and equipment, materials, and tools used in pipefitting, air conditioning, and steam work trades; basic job related math; workplace safety on site and around machines; standards of employee ethical conduct; and other related areas.

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

**Written Comprehension** is the ability to understand written sentences and paragraphs. **Example:** A Steam Fitter's Helper may use this ability when understanding instructions for a project.

**Written Expression** is the ability to use English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. **Example:** A Steam Fitter's Helper may use this ability when filling out work orders.

**Number Facility** involves the degree to which adding, subtracting, multiplying & dividing can be done quickly & correctly. This can be steps in other operations like finding percentages & taking square roots. **Example:** A Steam Fitter's Helper may use this ability when determining how much piping will be needed to complete a project.

**Inductive Reasoning** is the ability to combine separate pieces of information or specific answers to problems to form general rules or conclusions; to think of possible reasons for why things go together. **Example:** A Steam Fitter's Helper may use this ability to determine the type and size of piping to use on a project.

**Information Ordering** is the ability to follow correctly a rule or set of rules or actions in a certain order. The rule or set of rules used must be given. The things or actions to be put in order can include numbers, letters, words, pictures, procedures, sentences and mathematical or logical operations. **Example:** A Steam Fitter's Helper may use this ability when following the proper procedures, in order, to complete a project.

**Spatial Orientation** is the ability to tell where you are in relation to the location of some object or to tell where the object is in relation to you. **Example:** A Steam Fitter's Helper may use this ability when working near a boiler and being aware of the surrounding objects.

**Visualization** is the ability to imagine how something would look when it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged. It requires the forming of mental images of how patterns or object would look after certain changes, such as unfolding or rotation. One has to predict how an object, set of objects or pattern will appear after the changes have been carried out. **Example:** A Steam Fitter's Helper may use this ability to determine the best position to install new piping for a job.

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. Test site assignments will take your address into consideration, but nearness to your address cannot be guaranteed.

**Warning:** The use of electronic devices at the test site is prohibited. This includes phones, smart watches, cameras, e-cigarettes, vape pens and/or other portable media or electronic devices. Any such items brought to the test site will be placed in a Yondr pouch and magnetically sealed until after the exam event (Examination, Protest Review Session, TVB session). The use of headphones and earbuds are also prohibited. Only basic, hand-held calculators with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division functions

are permitted-no additional features. Devices with keyboards, word processing, or data recording capabilities are banned and will be placed in a Yondr pouch if brought to the testing site. If you use any of these prohibited devices, or remove them from your Yondr pouch before being authorized to do so, whether in the testing area, restroom, hallway, or other location at the test site, at any time before, during or after the exam event, 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)
- 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](http://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 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:**

##### **Late Filing:**

If you are currently provisionally employed by the City of New York, consult your agency's Personnel Office/Human Resources to determine the procedure for filing a late application if you meet one or more of the following conditions:

- You are provisionally employed in the title for which the examination is administered and were 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

- You were appointed provisionally to the title for which the examination is administered after the 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
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:**

If you have the experience listed below, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this experience through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this experience. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. **Your experience will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.**

**Municipal Government Experience (MGE):** At least two (2) years of satisfactory, full-time experience working within a municipal government in a similar position, which provides services for a city with over 1 million in population.

**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 a request by contacting DCAS via the following link: [nyc.gov/CivilServiceNowNYC](https://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 your "Junk", "Trash", or "Spam" folders for the primary email linked to your Online Application System (OASys) account. If you are unable to locate the email, you can view a summary of the notification email to you on your OASys Dashboard, under the Notifications tab. If you are still unable to find the email, please email DCAS via the Contact feature available in OASys with a description of the issue and include the exam number and your profile number located on your Profile page. While on your Profile page, check that the email addresses you provided are correct and/or updated.

**This examination is for all City agencies and not for the City University of New York (CUNY).** If you would like to apply for the open competitive examination for Steam Fitter's Helper (CUNY) with CUNY, you must submit a separate application and fee for Exam No. 5133 from May 1, 2025 through May 21, 2025.

**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](https://nyc.gov/dcas) and copies are available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers.

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