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# NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

PROMOTION TO PLAN EXAMINER (BUILDINGS)  
Exam No. 5538

**WHEN TO APPLY:**  
**From:** May 1, 2025  
**To:** May 21, 2025

**APPLICATION FEE:** \$88.00  
  
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:

Plan Examiners (Buildings), under general supervision, perform responsible supervisory work, or difficult and responsible work, in the engineering or architectural analysis of structures and building equipment systems, and the examination of plans for the construction, alteration or repair of buildings and equipment systems under the jurisdiction of the Department of Buildings; complete reports and interpret building codes, rules and zoning regulations. All Plan Examiners (Buildings) perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Plan Examiners (Buildings) and environmental conditions experienced when conducting field inspections are: walking to and from inspection sites; climbing and descending from ladders or stairs to get to areas to be inspected; standing on scaffolds to inspect work; standing for an extended period of time; bending and stooping during inspections; working in confined areas; distinguishing colors; wearing hard hats; climbing around and over various objects; walking in areas that may be damp, dark, smoky or acrid and working outdoors in all kinds of weather.

(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 \$79,170 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION:

This examination is open to each employee of the **Department of Buildings** who **on the last day of the application period:**

- 1. holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of Assistant Plan Examiner (Buildings); **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 are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the eligibility requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If you are marked Not Eligible, your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

LICENSE OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT:

By the **last day of the Application Period (May 21, 2025)**, you must have:  
A valid New York State Professional Engineer's License or a valid New York State Registration as an Architect.  
Current New York State registration as a Professional Engineer or Architect must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

You will not receive credit for license or registration which you obtain after the end of the Application Period.

**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.

**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](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:

<b><u>Manhattan</u></b> 2 Lafayette Street 17th Floor New York, NY 10007	<b><u>Brooklyn</u></b> 210 Joralemon Street 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201	<b><u>Queens</u></b> 118-35 Queens Boulevard 5th Floor Forest Hills, NY 11375
<b><u>Staten Island</u></b> 135 Canal Street 3rd Floor Staten Island, NY 10304	<b><u>Bronx</u></b> 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 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 license, registration, 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 in this examination):** 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 "**course-by-course**" evaluation (which includes a "document-by-document" 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:

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

**Education and experience used to gain additional credit must be obtained by the last day of the Application Period (May 21, 2025).**

**If you have satisfactory, full-time experience as a permanent (not provisional) Assistant Plan Examiner performing architecture or civil engineering work in building design, building construction, or building equipment systems design after receiving a New York State Professional Engineer's License or Registration as an Architect for:**

	You will receive up to:
At least 6 months but less than 12 months	3 points
At least 12 months but less than 18 months	6 points
At least 18 months but less than 24 months	9 points
At least 24 months but less than 30 months	12 points
At least 30 months but less than 36 months	15 points
At least 36 months but less than 42 months	18 points
At least 42 months but less than 48 months	21 points
At least 48 months but less than 54 months	24 points
At least 54 months but less than 60 months	27 points
60 months or more	30 points

**If you have satisfactory, full-time experience with an employer other than the City of New York in architecture or civil engineering, performing work in building design, building construction, or building equipment systems design after receiving a New York State Professional Engineer's License or Registration as an Architect for:**

	You will receive up to:
At least 6 months but less than 12 months	1.5 points
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
60 months or more	15 points

**If you have graduate semester credits in civil engineering and architecture completed at an accredited college or university for the completion of:**

	You will receive:
3 to 10 graduate semester credits	3 points
11 to 20 graduate semester credits	6 points
21 to 30 graduate semester credits	9 points
31 or more graduate semester credits	12 points

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).

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 may 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.**

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**CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

It is critical that you promptly notify DCAS of any change to your mailing address, email address and/or phone number. If we do not have your correct mailing address, email address and/or phone number, you will not receive information about your exam(s), consideration for promotion and/or important information that may require a response by a specified deadline. If you need to update your Mailing Address, Email Address, and/or Telephone Number, read below:

- City Employees - update this information in NYCAPS Employee Self-Service (ESS) at [www.nyc.gov/ess](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 pass the Education and Experience Exam and are marked eligible, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list, you will be given a list number, and you will be notified by email of your test results. The eligible list determines the order by which candidates will be considered for promotion. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for promotion if your name is reached on the eligible list. Once a list has been established, it will typically remain active for four years. To learn more about the civil service system go to: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page>.

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

To access the appeal portal of OASys, please log into your OASys account at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](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.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Application Receipt:**

You will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, check "Junk", "Trash", or "Spam" folders for the primary email linked to your Online Application System (OASys) account. If you are unable to locate the email, you can view a summary of the notification email to you on your OASys Dashboard, then Notifications. If you are still unable to find the email, please email DCAS via the Contact feature available in OASys with a description of the issue and include the exam number and your profile number located on your Profile page. While on your Profile page, check that the email addresses you provided are correct and/or updated.

**PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:**

Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after promotion, and may result in criminal prosecution.

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

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