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# NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

**DECKHAND  
Exam No. 6044**

<p><b>WHEN TO APPLY:</b> From: May 7, 2026</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">To: May 27, 2026</p>	<p><b>APPLICATION FEE: \$82.00</b></p> <p>Candidates paying the application fee with a credit, debit, or gift card will incur a nonrefundable 2.00% service fee. However, veterans, unemployed individuals, and those receiving public assistance or supplementary security income qualify for a fee waiver.</p>
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**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS ENTIRE NOTICE  
BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.**

**WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:**

Deckhands, under supervision, perform deckhand duties in compliance with agency standard operating procedures, the Safety Management System (SMS), the Combined Security Plan (CSP) and applicable local, state and federal rules and regulations on a municipal ferry vessel and at a ferry terminal. Deckhands clean the vessel and/or terminal area; perform lookout and emergency duties of the assigned duty station, such as: launching and manning rescue boats and life rafts, operating firefighting equipment, and assisting in vessel to vessel transfers, under the direction of an Officer; operate boarding doors, gates, aprons and bridges; handle gangways and mooring lines; direct passenger and authorized vehicle traffic, as assigned; patrol deck and assigned duty station and make minor maintenance updates to ensure that all is in a safe and clean condition; assist passengers, as needed; report any suspicious circumstance or object to an Officer or Ferry Terminal Supervisor; perform heavy manual labor, such as: handling vessel and terminal supplies and trash, loading and unloading freight, and snow and ice removal on vessels, terminals and docks using shovels, snow throwers and utility vehicles; participate in safety meetings, fire and lifeboat drills, steering, propulsion, anchor and abandon ship drills, and SMS and CSP training; and make announcements on vessels and in terminals. All Deckhands perform related work.

**Special Working Conditions:**

Deckhands may be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Deckhands and environmental conditions experienced are: wearing flotation coats; standing for long periods of time during tours of duty or transit time; and working rotating shifts in varying degrees of weather and visibility. Deckhands must also be capable of climbing ladders on the Ferry and responding quickly to various emergencies and situations.

(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 \$64,193 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

**HOW TO QUALIFY:**

It is your responsibility to ensure that you meet the education and experience requirements for the examination before submitting your application. If you are deemed "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 May 27, 2027. The experience requirement needed to qualify must be met by the last day of the Application Period (May 27, 2026).**

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Two years of full-time satisfactory paid experience as a deckhand on ocean, coastwise or inland steam or motor vessels, or equivalent seagoing experience in a sea service of the Armed Forces of the United States; **or**
2. Graduation from an accredited college or university with an Associate degree in marine technology, such as the maritime technology degree awarded by Kingsborough Community College, including or supplemented by at least one year of deck duty; **or**
3. Graduation from one of the U.S. Coast Guard approved maritime or sea service academies listed below, including the curriculum, program or qualification indicated:
  - a. The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (deck curriculum); **or**

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- b. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy or the U.S. Naval Academy with a qualification as an Underway Officer in charge of a navigational watch; **or**
- c. The Deck Class of a Maritime Academy approved by and conducted under the rules prescribed by the Maritime Administrator and listed in part 310 of 46 CFR, including the program in the Deck Class of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy.

**Credential/Certificate Requirements:**

Within six (6) months of appointment, all candidates must possess:

1. A valid U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) with the following endorsements:
  - a. Able Seaman - any category, or a superior endorsement; and
  - b. Lifeboatman or Lifeboatman-limited; and
2. A valid U.S. Coast Guard medical certificate without restriction for applicable service.

Within thirty (30) days of appointment, all candidates must possess:

A valid Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) issued by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA). If you are engaged in an appeal or waiver process for the TWIC, you will not be considered for appointment until such process has been completed. All credentials and certificates must be maintained for the duration of employment.

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 will get instructions on converting part-time experience to the full-time equivalent.

**You must Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period, and once you Final Submit, no changes can be made.**

**Failure to click Final Submit by the deadline will result in an incomplete application, and you will not receive a score or a refund of the application fee.**

**Medical Requirement:**

Medical guidelines established by the U.S. Coast Guard apply to the position of Deckhand. Candidates will therefore be required to undergo a medical examination prior to appointment and thereafter, pursuant to Coast Guard regulations.

**Drug/Alcohol Screening Requirement:**

Candidates must pass a drug screening to be appointed. Deckhands are subject to random drug and alcohol testing during their employment.

**Residency Requirement Advisory:**

Under the 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:**

Apply through the Online Application System (OASys) at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs). Follow the onscreen application instructions to submit your application and payment. A valid email address is required. Free email accounts are available from Google, Yahoo!, AOL, Outlook.com, or Mail.com.

New OASys accounts must be verified to confirm your email address is valid and that you have access to the email account. You will receive a confirmation email from OASys to confirm your account upon registering for your OASys account. If any issues arise, contact DCAS at [nyc.gov/CivilServiceNowNYC](http://nyc.gov/CivilServiceNowNYC) and select the applicable subject. If you do not receive the confirmation email, check your spam or junk mail folder before contacting DCAS.

You can pay with major credit cards, bank cards, or prepaid debit cards with a credit card logo. Veterans and individuals receiving certain public assistance may qualify for a fee waiver. For more information on eligibility and required documentation, visit the Fee Waiver FAQs on OASys at <https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/faqs>.

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 Monday, May 25, 2026.**

**Application Receipt:**

After applying for the examination through the Online Application System (OASys), expect an immediate receipt via email. If you don't see it, be sure to check your Junk, Trash, or Spam folders. Alternatively, you can view a summary of your application status on your OASys Dashboard under "Notifications."

If you still can't find the email, contact DCAS at [NYC.gov/CivilServiceNowNYC](https://www1.nyc.gov/CivilServiceNowNYC) and select the applicable subject. Include your exam number and profile number for easier identification. Also, verify that your email address in your profile is accurate and up to date. Finally, add [OASys@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:OASys@dcas.nyc.gov) to your known senders to ensure you receive all important communications.

**Special Circumstances Guide:**

This Guide provides instructions for requesting alternate test dates for religious observances, how to apply for disability accommodations, Legacy credit, and address changes. Following the relevant instructions in the guide is crucial when filling out the "Application for Examination." Guide Link:

[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)

**Civil Service Guidance for Veterans:**

There are a range of benefits available to eligible veterans in their civil service careers. Specifically, veterans and disabled veterans may be eligible for application fee waivers, preference credits, make-up exams, retroactive seniority, and age deduction where the exam has maximum age requirements. Review the Civil Service Guidance for Veterans at:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/faqs-for-veterans.pdf>

**PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:**

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

**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:** Complete the exam by following the on-screen instructions. You must provide detailed information about your licenses, education, and experience and finalize your submission in the Online Application System (OASys) by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the application period.

Once you click on Final Submit, no further changes can be made. Failure to submit by the deadline will result in your examination being deemed incomplete, and you will not receive a score or be invited to any subsequent exam portions. Additionally, your application fee will not be refunded.

- 3. If applicable, ensure your foreign education evaluation is submitted directly to DCAS by an approved evaluation service within eight weeks after the application deadline.** Approved evaluation services are listed in the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide located on the DCAS website at <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/nyc-dcas-foreign-education-evaluation-guide.pdf>. Request a "document-by-document" evaluation.

**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:

**Experience used to gain additional credit must be obtained by the last day of the Application Period (May 27, 2026).**

<b>If you have satisfactory full-time experience as a deckhand or higher above deck title aboard ocean, coastwise or inland steam or motor vessels, or equivalent seagoing experience in a sea service of the Armed Forces of the United States for:</b>	<b>You will receive up to:</b>
At least 6 months but less than 12 months	2.5 points
At least 12 months but less than 18 months	5 points
At least 18 months but less than 24 months	7.5 points
At least 24 months but less than 30 months	10 points
At least 30 months but less than 36 months	12.5 points
	15 points

At least 36 months but less than 42 months	
At least 42 months but less than 48 months	17.5 points
At least 48 months but less than 54 months	20 points
At least 54 months but less than 60 months	22.5 points
At least 60 months but less than 66 months	25points
At least 66 months but less than 72 months	27.5 points
72 or more months	30 points

**If you have satisfactory full-time experience as a first responder directly assisting injured person(s) and/or person(s) at risk physically at the scene of an emergency for:** **You will receive up to:**

At least 1 year but less than 3 years	1 points
At least 2 years, but less than 3 years	2 points
At least 3 years, but less than 4 years	3 points
At least 4 years, but less than 5 years	4 points
5 or more years	5 points

**NOTE:** An "emergency" is a dangerous situation requiring immediate action to treat injured person(s) or avert imminent threats to life or health. First responder experience may include, but is not limited to: administering First Aid and/or CPR as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Paramedic, Firefighter, Police Officer, Correction Officer, or Lifeguard.

During the Education and Experience Exam (EEE), you will get instructions on converting part-time experience to the full-time equivalent.

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

You must Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application period, and once you Final Submit, no changes can be made.

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

It is essential to promptly notify DCAS of any changes to your mailing address, email address, or phone number. Without your correct contact information, you may miss important updates regarding your exam(s), appointment considerations, or critical information that requires a timely response. To update your contact information, follow these steps:

- City Employees: update your information in NYCAPS Employee Self-Service (ESS) at [www.nyc.gov/ess](http://www.nyc.gov/ess)
- All Others: Log into your OASys account at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs), navigate to your Dashboard, and update your Profile page.

#### **CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:**

To change your name and/or social security number with DCAS, use the Data Correction Form and follow all instructions provided. You can access the DCAS Data Correction Form at the following link: <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 on an eligible list in final score order. You will receive a list number and be notified of your test results via email. This eligible list determines the order of candidates considered for appointment, usually active for four years.

For more information about the civil service system, visit: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/more-about-civil-service.page>.

If you believe your test was rated incorrectly, you can appeal your score to DCAS, Committee on Manifest Errors, using the Online Application System (OASys). Your appeal must clearly state the reasons for requesting a higher score and may result in a different rating.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Selective Certification for Special Experience:** If you have the experience listed in one or more of the areas listed below, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring such 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 onscreen instructions when completing the Education and Experience Exam to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification and Final Submit it in the Online Application System (OASys). **Your experience will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.**

1. **Municipal Government Experience (MGE):** At least one (1) year 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.
2. **Federal Government Experience (FGE):** At least one (1) year of satisfactory, full-time experience working within the federal government of the United States in a similar position.
  3. **AmeriCorps (AMC):** Successful completion of at least ten (10) months of satisfactory, full-time experience as a NYC Service AmeriCorps member at a City agency or non-profit organization, which includes 100+ hours of workforce preparedness trainings.
  4. **Civil Service Pathways Fellowship (FEL):** Successful completion of at least one (1) year of the Civil Service Pathways Fellowship program.

**The above Selective Certification requirement 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 contacting DCAS via the following link: [nyc.gov/CivilServiceNow/NYC](https://nyc.gov/CivilServiceNow/NYC) 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.

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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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Internet: [nyc.gov/dcas](https://nyc.gov/dcas)**