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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE OFFICER
Exam No. 6305

<p>WHEN TO APPLY: From: April 1, 2026</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">To: April 21, 2026</p>	<p>APPLICATION FEE: \$68.00</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>
<p>THE TEST DATE: Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.</p>	

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

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Environmental Police Officers perform and supervise staff performing duties involved in protecting the watershed areas, water supply systems and installations maintained by the Department of Environmental Protection of the City of New York; enforce the City's Watershed Rules and Regulations and other laws; and perform special duties or assignments as may be directed by superior officers. Environmental Police Officers operate motor vehicles and may perform aerial reconnaissance. All Environmental Police Officers perform related work.

At Assignment Level I, under supervision, Environmental Police Officers patrol and secure water supply facilities and lands, and monitor the environmental integrity of watershed areas. Environmental Police Officers patrol the watershed area, reservoir areas, installations and other sites maintained by the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of safeguarding life and property; maintain order by preventing breaches of the peace, despoilage and theft, and by arresting offenders; investigate suspicious persons and occurrences and make lawful arrests when probable cause exists; collect evidence and consult with superior officers about the preparation thereof for court presentation; testify at trials and note dispositions made of these cases by the court; submit reports on all unusual incidents, including accidents, occurring during the officer's tour of duty; may administer first aid when an accident occurs on the officer's post; direct traffic as needed; investigate and report instances of contamination of water courses or violation of Watershed Rules and Regulations; and may provide technical training and participate in public education programs.

Special Working Conditions:

Assignments for Environmental Police Officers are currently outside New York City and in the Bronx. Positions may be located in any of the following counties: The Bronx, Westchester, Dutchess, Greene, Sullivan, Putnam, Delaware, Ulster, Orange or Schoharie.

Some of the physical activities performed by Environmental Police Officers 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; running after a fleeing suspect; climbing up stairs; carrying an injured adult with assistance; gripping persons to prevent escape; restraining a suspect by use of handcuffs; detecting odors such as those caused by smoke or gas leaks; engaging in hand to hand struggles to subdue a suspect resisting arrest; being physically active for prolonged periods of time; understanding verbal communication over the radio with background noise; reading and writing under low light conditions; carrying or wearing heavy equipment.

(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 \$52,333 per annum for the first 26 weeks and \$60,038 after the first 26 weeks. Incumbents at Assignment Level I will receive salary increments reaching \$80,391 per annum after 6 ½ years. All rates are subject to change within this class of positions. In addition, there is an annual uniform allowance, longevity pay, and contributions by the City of Welfare Fund and City-paid health insurance. There are three assignment levels in this class of positions. Appointments will be made to Assignment Level I. After appointment, employees may be assigned to a higher level at the discretion of the agency.

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HOW TO QUALIFY:

You will 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.)

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

By the **date of appointment**, you must have:

1. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent plus either:
 - a. 24 college semester credits at an accredited college or university with at least a 2.0 cumulative index or its equivalent; **or**
 - b. two years of honorable full-time U.S. military service or one year of law enforcement experience.

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 at your own expense to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. You will receive instructions from the Department of Environmental Protection during the pre-employment screening process regarding the approved evaluation services that you may use for foreign education.

Age Requirement:

You must be at least 16 years of age by the date you take the multiple-choice examination to be permitted to take this examination. You must have attained age 20 to be appointed as an Environmental Police Officer. If you are too young for appointment on the date the eligible list is terminated, you will have no further opportunity for appointment from this list. Only persons who are less than 35 years of age on the first date of the application period for this examination may be appointed as an Environmental Police Officer. Thus, you must not have reached your 35th birthday by the date you apply for this examination to be appointed as an Environmental Police Officer.

Exceptions to Age Requirement:

If you were engaged in military duty as defined in Section 243 of the New York Military Law, you may deduct from your actual age the length of time spent in such military duty, provided the total deduction for military duty does not exceed seven years.

Citizenship Requirement:

United States citizenship is required at the time of appointment as an Environmental Police Officer.

Character and Background:

Proof of good character and satisfactory background will be absolute prerequisites to appointment. The following are among the factors which may be cause for disqualification: (a) arrest record or conviction of an offense, the nature of which indicates lack of good moral character or disposition towards violence or disorder; (b) repeated arrests or convictions of an offense, where such convictions or arrests indicate a disrespect for the law; (c) discharge from employment, where such discharge indicates poor behavior or an inability to adjust to discipline; (d) dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces; and (e) conviction of petit larceny. In accordance with provisions of law, persons convicted of a felony or domestic violence misdemeanor are not eligible for appointment to the title of Environmental Police Officer.

Driver License Requirement:

At the time of appointment, you must possess a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York. This license must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

Medical and Psychological Assessment:

Medical and psychological guidelines have been established for the position of Environmental Police Officer. You will be examined to determine whether you can perform the essential functions of an Environmental Police Officer. Additionally, you will be expected to continue to perform the essential functions of a Environmental Police Officer throughout your career, and may, therefore, be medically and psychologically tested periodically throughout your career. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to take these medical and psychological examinations, and/or to perform the essential functions of the job.

Physical Testing:

Physical standards have been established for the position of Environmental Police Officer. You will be required to pass a qualifying physical test, and may be required to undergo periodic physical testing throughout your career.

Drug Testing:

You must pass a drug screening prior to appointment as part of a pre-employment screening process, and you will be subject to drug testing during Police Academy Training and as part of the medical examination at the end of probation. You may again be drug tested on a random basis at any time during your employment or as a prerequisite for assignment to higher levels. Any Environmental Police Officer found in possession of, or using illegal drugs, or who fails, refuses, or attempts to evade a drug test, will be terminated. The Department of Environmental Protection has a strict zero tolerance policy concerning illegal drug use. Individuals who are considering applying for positions as an Environmental Police Officer are expected to conform their behavior to this policy well before they begin the application process.

Residency Requirement:

By the date of appointment, you must be a resident of the City of New York or of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Dutchess, Greene, Sullivan, Putnam, Delaware, Ulster, Rockland, Orange or Schoharie counties.

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. 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 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

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 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 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

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://www.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:

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. 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 abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of an Environmental Police Officer.

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

Deductive Reasoning: applying general rules to specific problems and coming up with logical answers. It involves deciding if an answer makes sense. **Example:** An Environmental Police Officer might use this ability when deciding if an individual who has been accused of trespassing should be arrested.

Inductive Reasoning: combining separate pieces of information, or specific answers to problems, to form general rules or conclusions. It involves the ability to think of possible reasons for why things go together.

Example: An Environmental Police Officer might use this ability to interpret the intentions of departmental guidelines and protocols, and how they relate to an incident.

Information Ordering: following 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:** An Environmental Police Officer might use this ability when deciding the next appropriate action to take when confronting a disorderly individual.

Memorization: remembering information, such as words, numbers, pictures and procedures. Pieces of information can be remembered by themselves or with other pieces of information. **Example:** An Environmental Police Officer might use this ability to recall the details of a suspect or vehicle that is fleeing the scene of a crime.

Problem Sensitivity: being able to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It includes being able to identify the whole problem as well as elements of the problem. **Example:** An Environmental Police Officer might use this ability to choose an appropriate action when attending to an individual who is in need of medical assistance.

Spatial Orientation: determining where you are in relation to the location of some object or where the object is in relation to you. **Example:** An Environmental Police Officer might use this ability when interpreting a road map to decide the most efficient route to take to the site of a crime.

Visualization: imagining 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 objects 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:** An Environmental Police Officer might use this ability when comparing the facial characteristics of a suspect to a photograph on file.

Written Comprehension: understanding written sentences and paragraphs. **Example:** An Environmental Police Officer might use this ability when reviewing an incident report.

Written Expression: using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand.

Example: An Environmental Police Officer might use this ability when recording the details of an unusual incident.

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 strictly prohibited. This includes phones, smart watches, cameras, e-cigarettes, vape pens and/or other portable media or electronic devices. Any of these items brought to the test site will be placed in a Yondr pouch and sealed until after the exam event (Examination, Protest Review Session, TVB session). Headphones and earbuds are also not allowed. The use of calculators are not permitted on this exam. If you use any prohibited devices or remove them from your Yondr pouch without authorization-whether in the testing area, restroom, hallway, or any other location-you will have your test score nullified, be barred from taking civil service tests for up to five years and forfeit your application fee.

If you have a medical assistive device that sends alerts or vibrates, you must obtain written authorization from DCAS to use during the test. To request authorization, contact DCAS at testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov. Furthermore, you cannot bring anyone with you while being processed or taking the test, and no one is allowed to wait for you inside the Computer-based Testing & Application Center during the exam.

Required Identification: To enter the test site, you must bring one valid (non-expired) ID that includes both your signature and photo. The name on your ID must match the first and last name used in your exam application. If you fail to provide an acceptable form of identification, you may be denied entry to the test. 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: After completing your test, you must leave the test site immediately. If you exit the site after being fingerprinted but before finishing the test, you will not be allowed to re-enter. Ignoring this instruction and attempting to re-enter could result in not receiving your test results, nullification of your test score, and forfeiture of your application fee.

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
- All Others: Log into your OASys account at 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 multiple-choice test, 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.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

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, as soon as possible, and include documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Investigation:

The position is subject to investigation before appointment. At the time of investigation, you will be required to pay a fingerprint screening fee of \$75.00. At the time of investigation and at the time of appointment, you must present originals or certified copies of all required documents and proof, including but not limited to proof of date and place of birth by transcript, or other satisfactory evidence, naturalization papers, if necessary, proof of any military service, and proof of meeting educational and experiential requirements, if applicable. You may be disqualified if your statements are found to be false, exaggerated, or misleading or if you fail to provide required documents. Investigation must be completed prior to appointment.

Police Officer Status:

You must satisfy the requirements established by the State of New York for Police Officers. You must meet and maintain the requirements for Police Officer Status for the duration of your employment.

Probationary Period:

The probationary period for this title is 24 months. Among other requirements, you will be required to pass the Police Academy firearms, academic, physical performance, and driving tests, and meet disciplinary and performance standards throughout your probationary period. The probationary period may be extended pursuant to New York Civil Service Law and the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of New York.

Firearms Qualification:

You must qualify and remain qualified for firearms usage and possession as a condition of employment for the duration of your career. The ability to qualify, and remain qualified, in the use of firearms is essential for Environmental Police Officers. Firearms qualification tests will be administered twice per year. Failure to qualify and remain qualified for firearms usage and possession may result in termination.

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.

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Internet: nyc.gov/dcas