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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

REQUIRED FORMS

APPLICATION FORM

# PROMOTION TO COMMUNICATION ELECTRICIAN Exam. No. 6547

WHEN TO APPLY: From: October 4, 2006 APPLICATION FEE: \$60.00

To: October 24, 2006 Payable only by money order to D.C.A.S. (EXAMS)

THE TEST DATE: The multiple-choice test is expected to be held on Saturday, February 17, 2007.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Under supervision, Communication Electricians install, maintain and repair the copper and fiber cable and line network, overhead and underground, in connection with fire alarm and communication systems. They locate, clear and repair troubles in the electrical cable and fiber optic cable and line network; replace and/or extend the cable or aerial line plant including excavating and replacing concrete as necessary; install and replace damaged fire alarm posts and poles including excavating and replacing concrete and asphalt as necessary; maintain and replace electro-mechanical fire alarm boxes, citizen's emergency response boxes and their allied circuits; splice, wipe, solder and terminate lead and/or plastic sheathed cables; install and replace damaged conduit; snake and install cables in conduit in streets, on poles, structures and buildings including excavating and replacing concrete as necessary; operate compressor, pneumatic, hydraulic and power equipment as required in the work; keep records and make reports; may direct the work of assigned subordinate personnel; perform the above tasks in manholes, firehouses, public schools, on poles, bridges, tunnels, expressways, highways, etc., and wherever the electrical cable and fiber optic cable or aerial plant and its allied equipment exist; operate motor vehicles in carrying out duties and responsibilities; may assume the duties and responsibilities of the supervisor in the temporary absence of that individual; and perform related work.

**Special Working Conditions**: Communication Electricians may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Communication Electricians and environmental conditions experienced are: working outdoors in all kinds of weather; going about 40 feet above ground in a cherry picker to make repairs; lifting material and/or equipment weighing up to 80 pounds; climbing and descending ladders approximately 20 feet below ground in order to make repairs in manholes; making visual and hands-on inspections; and differentiating color coded electrical wires.

(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 \$36.55 per hour for a 40-hour week. This rate is subject to change.

- **HOW TO APPLY**: If you believe you are eligible to take this examination, refer to the "Required Form" section below for the form that you must fill out. Return the completed form and the application fee to DCAS Applications Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007 **by mail only**. DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.
- **ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION**: This examination is open to each employee of an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services who **on the date of the multiple-choice test**:
  - (1) holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of Communication Electrician's Helper; and
  - (2) is not otherwise ineligible.

(Note: A "Preferred List" is a civil service list which is only for certain former permanent incumbents of the eligible title who have rehiring rights.)

If you do not know if you are eligible, check with **your agency's personnel office**. You may be given the test before we verify your eligibility. You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the eligibility requirements for this examination prior to submitting the application. If you are marked "Not Eligible," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

**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, unless your probationary period in that eligible title has been waived pursuant to Rule 5.2.4

of the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of New York.

#### **REQUIRED FORM:**

**Application for Examination**: Make sure that you follow all instructions included with your application form, including payment of fee. Save a copy of the instructions for future reference.

#### **REQUIREMENT TO BE PROMOTED:**

**Driver License Requirement**: By the time you are promoted to this position, you must have a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York. If you have moving violations, license suspension(s) or an accident record, you may be disqualified. This license must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

**THE TEST**: You will be given a multiple-choice test. A score of at least 70% is required to pass this test. Your score on this test will determine 85% of your final score. Your seniority will determine the remaining 15%. You must pass the multiple-choice test to have your seniority credited. Your seniority score will be 70 plus 1/2 point for each three months of completed, permanent, continuous service with an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services in competitive class titles. Your service will be credited through the date of the test, up to a maximum of 15 years. Time served prior to a break in service of more than one year will not be credited.

The multiple-choice test may include questions on: testing cables and aerial lines using standard electrical and fiber testing apparatus; safe working practices; methods and procedures for the installation, alteration and maintenance of cable and aerial lines; splicing, wiping, soldering, and terminating cables; preparing reports and maintaining records; standards of proper employee ethical conduct; and other related areas.

**ADMISSION CARD**: You should receive an Admission Card in the mail about 10 days before the date of the test. If you do not receive an Admission Card at least 4 days before the test date, you must go to the Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, Manhattan, to obtain a duplicate card.

**THE TEST RESULTS**: If you pass the multiple-choice test and are marked eligible, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list and you will be given a list number. You will be notified by mail of your test results. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for promotion when your name is reached on the eligible list.

### **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:**

**Late Filing**: Consult **your agency's personnel office** to determine the procedure for filing a late application if you meet one or more of the following conditions:

- (1) You are 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
- (2) You become eligible after the above application period but on or before the date of the multiple-choice test.

**Special Test Accommodations**: If you plan to request special testing accommodations due to disability or an alternate test date due to your religious belief, follow the instructions included with the "Application for Examination."

**Make-up Test**: You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the test on the regular test date for any of the following reasons:

- (1) compulsory attendance before a public body;
- (2) on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment;
- absence for one week following the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner;
- (4) absence due to ordered military duty; or
- (5) a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible.

To request a make-up test, contact the Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007, in person or by certified mail as soon as possible and provide documentation of the special circumstances.

The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted and copies are available in the Applications Center of the Division of Citywide Personnel Services, 18 Washington Street, NY, NY.