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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

REQUIRED FORMS
APPLICATION FORM
EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE TEST PAPER
FOREIGN EDUCATION FACT SHEET (IF APPLICABLE)

SECRETARY
Exam. No. 8023
(For Agencies Under the Jurisdiction of the Commissioner, DCAS Only)
AMENDED NOTICE - OCTOBER 24, 2007

WHEN TO APPLY: From: October 3, 2007
To: November 7, 2007

APPLICATION FEE: \$30.00
Payable by mail by money order to DCAS (EXAMS) or payable online by credit card, bank card, or debit card.

THE TEST DATE: The multiple-choice test is expected to be held on **Saturday, January 5, 2008.**

The Notice of Examination has been amended to extend filing to November 7, 2007.

Candidates who filed previously need not file again.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Secretaries, under supervision, perform typing, secretarial and related office work with limited latitude for independent judgment; perform typing work including copy typing from rough or clear drafts, typing statistical tables, and typing transcription from tapes and varityping; perform secretarial work, including scheduling appointments and other general office work; perform basic word processing assignments using a personal computer, word processing equipment or other automated office equipment; may perform basic data entry functions; review and correct typed material to ensure correct spelling, syllabification, punctuation, and proper format; may respond to routine telephone calls; refer calls and visitors to appropriate staff. All Secretaries perform related work.

(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 \$22,983 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are four assignment levels within this class of positions. Appointments will be made to Assignment Level I. After appointment, employees may be assigned to the higher assignment levels at the discretion of the agency.

HOW TO APPLY: If you believe that you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, there are two ways to apply for this examination:

- Online at the DCAS Website:** If you wish to apply online, go to the DCAS Online Application System (OASys) at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs and follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment, and completing any required forms. The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or prepaid debit card which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets.
- By mail:** Refer to the "Required Forms" section below for the form(s) that you must fill out. Return all completed form(s) and the application fee to DCAS Applications Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007.

DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.

HOW TO QUALIFY:

Education Requirement: By the **last day of the Application Period** you must have:

A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization.

You may be given the test before we check your qualifications. You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the qualification requirement for this examination prior to submitting your application. If you are marked "Not Qualified," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

Skills Requirement: You will be required to meet the typing skills requirement by demonstrating the ability to type accurately on a personal computer at a minimum speed of 35 words per minute after errors are deducted. You must meet this requirement in order to be appointed.

English Requirement: You must be able to understand and be understood in English.

Residency Requirement: You must be a City resident within ninety days of the date you are appointed to this position if the appointing agency requires City residency and:

- (1) You begin City service as a result of this examination; or
- (2) You are currently a City employee and you began City service on or after September 1, 1986.

Since some agencies do not require City residency, consult the **appointing agency's personnel office** at the time of the appointment interview to find out if City residency is required. If you are required to be a City resident, you must maintain City residency as a condition of employment.

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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 the City of New York.

REQUIRED FORM(S):

1. **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.
2. **Education and Experience Test Paper:** Write your social security number in the box at the top right side of the cover page, and the examination title and number in the box provided. **Fill out Sections A.1 (if applicable) and A.2.** This form must be filled out completely and in detail for you to receive your proper rating. Keep a copy of your completed Education and Experience Test Paper for your records.
3. **Foreign Education Fact Sheet (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 Fact Sheet included with your application packet. 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 date for applying for this examination.

THE TEST: You will be given a multiple-choice test. 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 may include questions on English language usage; reading comprehension; number facility; alphabetical and numerical filing; clerical accuracy, including proofreading and matching; standards of proper employee ethical conduct; and other related areas.

You will also be given a qualifying practical typing test to determine if you meet the typing skill requirement. In order to pass this test you must be able to type accurately on a personal computer at a minimum speed of 35 words per minute after errors are deducted.

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 meet the education requirement and pass both the multiple-choice test and the qualifying practical typing test, 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 appointment when your name is reached on the eligible list.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Selective Certification for Stenographic Skills: If you can take dictation at a minimum speed of 80 words per minute, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring stenographic skills through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this ability. Follow the instructions given to you in the multiple-choice test booklet on the day of the test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification.

Selective Certification for Foreign Language: If you can speak a foreign language, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this ability through a process called Selective Certification. If you pass a qualifying test, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this ability. Follow the instructions given to you in the multiple-choice test booklet on the day of the test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification.

If you will meet the Selective Certification requirement **at some future date**, please submit documentation by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations - GEEG, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number and your social security number on your correspondence.

Promotion Test: A promotion examination for this title is being held for eligible City employees. The names appearing on the promotion list will be considered first in filling vacancies.

This examination is for all City agencies and not for the Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC). If you would like to apply for Secretary in HHC you must submit a separate application and fee for Exam. No. 8024 from October 3, 2007 through November 7, 2007.

SPECIAL TEST ACCOMMODATIONS: If you plan to request special testing accommodations due to disability or an alternate test date due to your religious belief and you are applying

- (1) **online**, follow the onscreen instructions, or
- (2) **by mail**, follow the instructions included with the "Application for Examination."

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.

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For information about other exams, and your exam or list status, call 212-669-1357.
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