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NEW YORK, NY 10007

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

REQUIRED FORMS

APPLICATION FORM

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE TEST PAPER

FOREIGN EDUCATION FACT SHEET
(IF APPLICABLE)

ASSISTANT RETIREMENT BENEFITS EXAMINER

Exam No. 1049

WHEN TO APPLY: From: February 2, 2011
To: February 22, 2011

APPLICATION FEE: $47.00
If you pay online by credit card, bank card or debit card, you will receive a $5.00 discount.

THE TEST DATE: The multiple-choice test is expected to be held on **Saturday, May 14, 2011.**

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Assistant Retirement Benefits Examiners, under direct supervision, perform beginning level technical work in the field of retirement benefits examining; are trained in and assist in making benefit computation and membership eligibility determinations as they relate to membership, retirement benefits, death benefits, tier status, rate cancellation, pre-membership rights, refunds, loans, excesses, military credit, transfers to other systems, revisions, etc.; may assist in on-the-job orientation of trainees and clerical/auxiliary personnel in less complex aspects of retirement benefits examining; use computer terminal devices and/or personal computers for the performance of various duties; and 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 $34,898 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO APPLY: If you believe that you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, you must submit an application using one of the following options:

1. **Online at the DCAS Website**: Go to the 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. If you pay online by credit card, bank card or debit card, you will receive a $5.00 discount.

2. **By Mail**: Refer to the "Required Forms" section below for the forms that you must fill out. All completed forms and the application fee, payable by money order to DCAS (EXAMS), should be returned to DCAS Application Unit, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007.

DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.

Special Circumstances Form: This form is included in the application package and located online at the above DCAS website.This form gives important information about requesting an alternate test date because of religious observance or a special test accommodation for disability, claiming Veterans' or Legacy credit, and notifying DCAS of a change in your mailing address. Follow all instructions on the Special Circumstances form that pertain to you when you complete your "Application for Examination."

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

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

HOW TO QUALIFY:

Education and Experience Requirements: By the **last day of the Application Period** you must have:

1. An associate degree or completion of 60 credits from an accredited college, including or supplemented by 9 credits in mathematics, statistics, accounting, and/or actuarial science; or

2. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent and two years of satisfactory full-time experience performing mathematical, statistical, actuarial or accounting computations in one or more of the following: a) a retirement or employee benefits plan; b) customer service in a financial institution; and/or c) in a position requiring the application of laws, rules and regulations and the use of statistical, actuarial or similar tables; or

3. A satisfactory combination of education and/or experience equivalent to "1" or "2" above. College education may be substituted for experience in "2" above on the basis that 30 semester credits from an accredited college may be substituted for each year of required experience. However, all candidates must posses a four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent and either 9 semester credits in mathematics, statistics, accounting and/or actuarial science from an accredited college or one year of experience as described in "2" above.

High School education must be approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization. College education must be from an accredited college or university, 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 to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States.

Residency Requirement Advisory: Under 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 the City of New York.

REQUIRED FORMS:

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:** Fill out **Sections A.1 (if applicable), A.2, A.4 (if applicable), A.6 (if applicable) and B (if applicable).** 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. **If you are applying by mail**, 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. Be sure to write your examination number and social security number on each of the remaining pages of this form. **If you are applying online**, follow the online instructions.

3. **Foreign Education Fact Sheet (Required <u>only</u> 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 "**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 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 the application of arithmetic and elementary algebra principles; reading comprehension of technical materials related to implementation of the provisions of retirement plans; clerical accuracy; written expression; and other related areas.

<u>Note</u>: You are not permitted to enter the test site with cellular phones, beepers, pagers, cameras, portable media players, or other electronic devices. Calculators are permitted; however, they must be hand-held, battery or solar powered, numeric only. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you are found to be in possession of any of these devices, your test score may be nullified, you may not receive your test results, and your application fee will not be returned.

You must leave the test site once you finish the test. If you leave the test site after being fingerprinted but before finishing the test, you will not be permitted to re-enter. If you disregard this instruction and re-enter the test site, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified and your application fee will not be refunded.

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 and experience requirements and pass the multiple-choice 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.

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 Application Unit of the Division of Citywide Personnel Services, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, NY, NY 10007.

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Title Code No. 40491; Retirement Benefits Examining Occupational Group

For information about other exams, and your exam or list status, call 212-669-1357.
Internet: nyc.gov/dcas