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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

**PLUMBER**  
**Exam No. 3090**  
**(For Agencies Under the Jurisdiction of the Commissioner, DCAS Only)**  
**AMENDED NOTICE – May 24, 2023**

**WHEN TO APPLY: From: March 8, 2023**

**APPLICATION FEE: \$96.00**

**To: March 28, 2023**

**If you choose to pay the application fee with a credit/debit/gift card, you will be charged a service fee of 2.00% of the payment amount. This service fee is nonrefundable.**

**THE TEST DATE:** Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on **Thursday, June 15, 2023.**

**The Notice of Examination is amended to include the Written Test Description.**

### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Plumbers, under supervision, perform work relating to the installation, alteration, maintenance, and repair of piping of gas, potable water, plumbing and drainage systems. They install, maintain and repair piping of all kinds for water, gas, storm, waste, soil and vent systems; set, maintain and repair plumbing fixtures, equipment and appurtenances; when necessary, determine and requisition job materials while work is in progress; supervise and are responsible for the work of Plumber's Helpers; in the temporary absence of the supervisor, may perform the duties of that position; and operate a motor vehicle. All Plumbers perform related work.

When assigned as a licensed plumber, Plumbers obtain written building permits for plumbing work to be performed; conduct and/or witness tests on plumbing and gas piping systems; prepare applications, reports, notices and other documents; and prepare sketches, drawings and layouts which may be required.

#### Special Working Conditions:

Plumbers may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Some of the physical activities performed by Plumbers and environmental conditions experienced are: communicating orally in a noisy environment; working in extreme temperature conditions (hot or cold); climbing stairs, ladders, scaffolds and over equipment; walking over wet and slippery surfaces; moving heavy valves, piping and fixtures; carrying heavy objects such as tool boxes, pipe, and bags of pipe fittings; working in close spaces; working in confined spaces; working in crawl spaces; using torches; and working in the vicinity of biohazards.

(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 \$52.79 per hour for a 35-hour week. This rate is subject to change.

### HOW TO QUALIFY:

You may 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:

1. Five years of full-time satisfactory experience as a plumber; or
2. Not less than three years of full-time satisfactory experience described in "1" above plus sufficient full-time satisfactory experience as a plumber's helper or apprentice, or plumbing training of a relevant nature acquired in an approved trade school, technical school or vocational high school, to make up the equivalent of five years of acceptable plumber experience.

Each year of plumber's helper or apprentice experience, or approved plumbing training is equivalent to six months of satisfactory plumber experience, up to a maximum of two years of satisfactory experience. Less than a full year of plumber's helper or apprentice experience, or approved plumbing training, will receive prorated credit.

The trade school, technical school or vocational high school must be approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization.

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

**The education requirement must be met by June 30, 2023. The experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (March 28, 2023).**

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. This is required **only** if you need credit for your foreign education in this examination. For more information see the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide in the Required Information section.

During the Education and Experience Exam (EEE), you may answer questions about your experience. If your experience was on a part-time basis working less than 35 hours per week, you will need to convert your part-time experience to full-time experience using the formula below. Once you have determined your full-time experience equivalent, use this amount to answer questions about your experience.

(number of hours worked per week/35) x (number of months worked)

For example, if you worked at a job for 21 hours per week for 12 months, you would make the following calculation:  $21/35 \times 12 = 7.2$  months.

**You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (March 28, 2023) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience and Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in the Online Application System (OASys). Once you Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys, you will not be permitted to submit new or additional information on your Education and Experience Exam online.**

**If you do not Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (March 28, 2023), your examination will be considered incomplete, you will not receive a score, you will not be invited to subsequent portions of this examination (if applicable), and your application fee will not be refunded.**

**You will not receive credit for education which you obtain after June 30, 2023 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (March 28, 2023).**

**Driver License Requirement:**

At the time of appointment, you must possess 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.

**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 an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

If you believe you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, apply using the Online Application System (OASys) at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs). Follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment and completing any required information. A unique and valid email address is required to apply online. Several internet service providers, including but not limited to Google, Yahoo!, AOL, Outlook.com, and Mail.com offer free email addresses. **All new OASys accounts require verification before a candidate can apply to ensure the accuracy of candidate information. Verification is instantaneous for most accounts and you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to activate your account. For any account creation issues, you will receive onscreen prompts to contact DCAS. This review may require up to two (2) business days to be reviewed and resolved. Please keep this information and the application period deadline in mind when creating your account.**

The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or a prepaid debit card with a credit card logo which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets. If you are receiving or participating in certain forms of public assistance/benefits/programs, or are a veteran, you may qualify to have the application fee waived. For more information on eligibility for a fee waiver and documentation requirements visit the Fee Waiver FAQ on the Online Application System at: <https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/Home/Faq>. **Effective January 2020, the Online Application System is no longer supported on Windows 7 or earlier versions of Windows operating systems.**

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers to apply for this examination online. However, you must schedule a customer service appointment prior to your visit. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DCAS no longer permits walk-ins at DCAS sites. 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

To schedule a customer service appointment through OASys for an exam-related or eligible list-related inquiry, find **Exam #1889**, click **Apply**, and follow the instructions provided to reserve your appointment location, date, and time.

You must complete the entire application by midnight, Eastern Time, of the last day of the application period. If you have questions about applying for this examination, you may contact DCAS at [OASys@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:OASys@dcas.nyc.gov).

**Special Circumstances Guide:** This guide is located on the DCAS website at

[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) and available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers. This guide 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 Guide that pertain to you when you complete your "Application for Examination."

## 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:** Fill out all the required sections displayed onscreen (if applicable). You will have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (March 28, 2023) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Exam and submit it in the Online Application System (OASys).

If you do not Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (March 28, 2023), your examination will be considered incomplete, you will not receive a score, you will not be invited to subsequent portions of this examination (if applicable), and your application fee will not be refunded.

3. **Foreign Education Evaluation Guide (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 Evaluation Guide which is located on the DCAS website at <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/foreigneducation.pdf>. 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 day of the Application Period (March 28, 2023).

## 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 a Plumber and standards of proper employee ethical conduct. Task areas to be tested are as follows: repairs and installation; tools and materials; administrative duties; and other related areas.

The multiple-choice test may also include questions requiring the use of any of the following abilities:

**Deductive Reasoning:** The ability to apply general rules to specific problems to come up with logical answers. Example: A Plumber may use this ability to achieve proper spacing when receiving a bathroom layout and the fixture spacing is inadequate by using general regulations.

**Inductive Reasoning:** The ability to combine separate pieces of information or specific answers to problems to form general rules or conclusions; to think of possible reasons for why things go together. Example: A Plumber may use this ability to understand what the reason is for using one kind of pipe and not another when making a replacement.

**Information Ordering:** The ability to follow 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: A Plumber may use this ability to follow the testing steps to test a back-flow preventer.

**Number Facility:** Involves the degree to which adding, subtracting, multiplying & dividing can be done quickly & correctly. This can be steps in other operations like finding percentages & taking square roots. Example: A Plumber may use this ability to calculate how much additional material is needed based on the materials they already have and how much is needed to complete a job.

**Problem Sensitivity:** The ability to tell when something is wrong or likely to go wrong. It includes being able to identify the whole problem, as well as elements of the problem. Example: A Plumber may use this ability to assess and diagnose plumbing failures and anticipate safety issues.

**Spatial Orientation:** The ability to tell where you are in relation to the location of some object or to tell where the object is in relation to you. Example: A Plumber may use this ability to assess the distance needed to be away from a torch to ensure the safety of the people and property in its vicinity.

**Written Comprehension:** The ability to understand written sentences and paragraphs. Example: A Plumber may use this ability to read the description of the work needed on a work order.

**Written Expression:** The ability to use English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. Example: A Plumber may use this ability to write the description of the work completed on a work order.

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 test

#### **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. You can print or display your Admission Notice on your phone or personal device to gain entry to the test site. Test site assignments will take your address into consideration, but nearness to your address cannot be guaranteed.

**Warning:** After gaining entry to the test site, you are not permitted to enter the testing area with electronic devices. Electronic devices include, but are not limited to, cellular phones, smart watches, recording devices, beepers, pagers, cameras, or portable media players. You are not permitted to use any type of headphones or ear buds. Calculators are permitted; however, they must be hand-held, battery or solar powered, and numeric only. Calculators with functions **other than** addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are prohibited. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you use any of these devices anywhere at any test site, whether in the testing area, restroom, hallway, or other location, at any time before, during or after the test or Protest Review Session, your test score will be nullified, you will be disqualified from taking any civil service tests for up to five years, and your application fee will not be refunded.

You may not have any other person, including children, present with you while you are being processed for or taking the test, and no one may wait for you inside of a Computer-based Testing & Application Center while you are taking the test.

**Required Identification:** You are required to bring one (1) form of valid (non-expired) signature and photo bearing identification to the test site. The name that was used to apply for the exam must match the first and last name on the photo ID. A list of acceptable identification documents is provided below. **If you do not have an acceptable ID, you may be denied testing.** 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:** 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.

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

It is critical that you promptly notify DCAS of any change to your mailing address, email address and/or phone number. If we do not have your correct mailing address, email address and/or phone number, you will not receive information about your exam(s), consideration for appointment and/or important information that may require a response by a specified deadline. If you need to update your Mailing Address, Email Address, and/or Telephone Number, read below:

- City Employees - update this information in NYCAPS Employee Self-Service (ESS) at [www.nyc.gov/ess](http://www.nyc.gov/ess)
- All Others - update this information on your Profile page in the Online Application System (OASys) by logging into your OASys account and navigating to your Dashboard, then your Profile tab at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs)
- Submit a written request by email at [OASys@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:OASys@dcas.nyc.gov), by fax (646) 500-7190, or by regular mail: DCAS, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Your written request must include your full name, social security number, exam title(s), exam number(s), previous mailing and/or email address, and your new mailing and/or email address, and/or new telephone number.

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

Use the Data Correction Form and follow all instructions for changing your name and/or social security number with DCAS. The following link will provide you with the DCAS Data Correction form <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/dp148a.pdf>.

#### **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, you will be given a list number and you will be notified by email of your test results. The eligible list determines the order by which candidates will be considered for appointment. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment if your name is reached on the eligible list. Once a list has been established, it will typically remain active for four years. To learn more about the civil service system go to: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page>

If you believe that your test part was rated incorrectly, you may submit an appeal of your score to DCAS, Committee on Manifest Errors, through the Online Application System (OASys). Your appeal must give specific reasons why your score should be higher. Your appeal may result in a higher or lower rating.

To access the appeal portal of OASys, please log into your OASys account at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs) and use the following steps:

1. Navigate to the Dashboard for the Appeals tab.
2. Click the NEW APPEAL button to create and submit your appeal.
3. Select the exam from the Exam drop-down list, and
4. Select the exam part from the Exam Part drop-down list.
5. Select the reason for your appeal from the Appeal Reason drop-down list (if applicable).
6. Enter the details of your appeal by providing specific reasons why your score should be higher.

Note: You may attach up to 5 documents to support your appeal by using the attachment functionality.

**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. compulsory attendance before a public body;
2. on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City;
3. absence from the test within one week after the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner where you are an officer or employee of the City;
4. absence due to ordered military duty;
5. a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible; or
6. a temporary disability, pregnancy-related, or child-birth-related condition preventing you from taking the test.

To request a make-up test, contact Administration, Customer, and Exam Support by mail at 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007, or by email at [testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov), as soon as possible, and include documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Selective Certification for Master Plumber License or Certificate of Competence (MPL):** If you possess a Master Plumber license issued by the New York City Department of Buildings or a Certificate of Competence in Plumbing issued by the New York City Department of Buildings, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this license or the certification through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this license or certification. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. **If you are appointed through Selective Certification, you must maintain your Master Plumber license or Certificate of Competence for the duration of your employment.**

**Selective Certification for Gas Work Qualification (G54):** If you hold a Full Gas Work Qualification pursuant to Local Law 150 of 2016, then you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this qualification through a process called Selective Certification. A Limited Gas Work Qualification is not acceptable for this selective certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this certificate. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your certificate will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.

**Selective Certification for FDNY G-60 Certificate of Fitness (Torch Use of Flammable Gases for Cutting and Welding) (G38):** If you hold an FDNY G-60 Certificate of Fitness, then you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this certificate. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your certificate will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.

**Selective Certification for FDNY F-60 Certificate of Fitness (Fire Guard & Torch Oper. & Field Sites) (F93):** If you hold an FDNY F-60 Certificate of Fitness, then you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this certificate. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your certificate will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.

**The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at anytime during the duration of the list.** If you meet these requirements at some future date, please submit a request by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations - Exam Development Group, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number, your social security number, and the Selective Certification you are requesting on your correspondence.

**Application Receipt:** You will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, check "Junk", "Trash", or "Spam" folders for the primary email linked to your Online Application System (OASys) account. If you are unable to locate the email, you can view a summary of the notification email to you on your OASys Dashboard, then Notifications. If you are still unable to find the email, please email DCAS via the Contact feature available in OASys with a description of the issue and include the exam number and your profile number located on your Profile page. While on your Profile page, check that the email addresses you provided are correct and/or updated.

**Promotion Test:** A promotion examination for this title is being held for eligible 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 NYC Health + Hospitals and City University of New York (CUNY). If you would like to apply for Plumber with NYC Health + Hospitals, you must submit a separate application and fee for Exam No. 3091 from March 8, 2023 through March 28, 2023. If you would like to apply for Plumber with CUNY, you must submit a separate application and fee for Exam No. 3140 from March 8, 2023 through March 28, 2023.

**PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:**

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

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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](http://nyc.gov/dcas) and copies are available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers.

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Internet: [nyc.gov/dcas](http://nyc.gov/dcas)