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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

### ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT SPECIALIST Exam No. 5001

**WHEN TO APPLY:** From: January 8, 2025

**APPLICATION FEE: \$82.00**

To: January 28, 2025

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.

**CANDIDATES WHO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE A VETERAN, UNEMPLOYED, RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, OR SUPPLEMENTARY SECURITY INCOME, ARE ENTITLED TO A WAIVER OF THE APPLICATION FEE.**

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

#### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Administrative Contract Specialists, under direction, with latitude for the exercise of independent judgement and decision making, manage and coordinate the operation of a major program involved in contract management. Administrative Contract Specialists may directly supervise supervisory/professional personnel responsible for the day-to-day operations of a unit(s) of contract managers. Administrative Contract Specialists review contract proposals, bids, solicitations, and performance reports to ensure compliance with the agency's requirements, and federal/state/city guidelines; evaluate prospective contractors' budgetary proposals and financial reports; provide technical expertise to contractors and subordinates; ensure the smooth procurement of goods and services through contract management and negotiation; make recommendations to higher management concerning the awarding of contracts, provision of additional funding or defunding of contracted programs; make summary reports on contract performance, create a final report at contract closure, manage program/vendor annual budgets by reviewing and approving budgets, reviewing and approving invoices for payment and monitor the program's performance to ensure optimum effectiveness and efficiency.

#### Special Working Conditions:

Administrative Contract Specialists may be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

(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:

Salaries will be consistent with the level of responsibility of the assignment. Salaries for appointments to managerial assignments will be consistent with the Managerial Pay Plan. Salaries for appointments to non-managerial assignments will be made in accordance with the collective bargaining pay plan.

#### HOW TO QUALIFY:

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 a score.

**As per Section 54(2) of the Civil Service Law, the education requirement needed to qualify must be met by January 28, 2026. The experience requirement needed to qualify must be met by the last day of the Application Period (January 28, 2025).**

#### EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and four years of full-time, satisfactory professional, technical or administrative experience in one or more of the following fields: program evaluation, contract negotiations/management, business or public administration, community relations contracting, or related fields; at least eighteen months of which must have been in an administrative, managerial or executive capacity, or supervising professional personnel performing work in program evaluation, contract negotiation/management, business or public

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administration; or

2. A four year high school diploma, or its educational equivalent, and six years of full-time, professional, technical or administrative work experience in one or more of the fields cited above; at least eighteen months of which must have been in an administrative, managerial or executive capacity, or supervising professional personnel as described in "1" above; or
3. A satisfactory equivalent of education and experience as cited above. However, all candidates must have the eighteen months of administrative, managerial or executive experience or experience supervising professional personnel as described in "1" above.

Administrative work experience includes the authority to make critical decisions about matters of significance. Supervision must have included supervising staff performing professional work in the areas described above. Experience that primarily consists of clerical office support activities is not qualifying.

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 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.

$(\text{number of hours worked per week}/35) \times (\text{number of months worked})$

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 (January 28, 2025) 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 (January 28, 2025), 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.

**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, 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/faqs>. **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.

The centers will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM:

<p><b><u>Manhattan</u></b>                  2 Lafayette Street                  17th Floor                  New York, NY 10007</p>	<p><b><u>Brooklyn</u></b>                  210 Joralemon Street                  4th Floor                  Brooklyn, NY 11201</p>	<p><b><u>Queens</u></b>                  118-35 Queens Boulevard                  5th Floor                  Forest Hills, NY 11375</p>
<p><b><u>Staten Island</u></b>                  135 Canal Street                  3rd Floor                  Staten Island, NY 10304</p>	<p><b><u>Bronx</u></b>                  1932 Arthur Avenue                  2nd Floor                  Bronx, NY 10457</p>	

**The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025.**

**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 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 (January 28, 2025) 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 (January 28, 2025), 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 in this examination):** 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 (January 28, 2025).

**THE TEST:**

Your score will be determined by an Education and Experience Exam. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the minimum requirements listed above. After these requirements are met, you will receive additional credit up to a maximum of 100 points on the following basis:

**If you have satisfactory full-time experience working for a City of New York Agency in an administrative, managerial or executive capacity, or supervising professional personnel performing work in program evaluation, contract negotiation/management, business or public administration, or community relations contracting for:**

**You will receive up to:**

At least 1 year but less than 3 years	10 points
At least 3 years but less than 5 years	20 points
5 or more years	30 points

**If you have satisfactory full-time experience working for a non-City of New York Agency in an administrative, managerial or executive capacity, or supervising professional personnel performing work in program evaluation, contract negotiation/management, business or public administration, or community relations contracting for:**

**You will receive up to:**

At least 1 year but less than 3 years	5 points
At least 3 years but less than 5 years	10 points
5 or more years	15 points

**If you have satisfactory full-time experience working for a City of New York Agency, in a professional, non-supervisory, non-managerial capacity in one or more of the following fields: program evaluation, contract negotiation/management, business or public administration, community relations contracting, or a related field for:**

**You will receive up to:**

At least 1 year but less than 3 years	3 points
At least 3 years but less than 5 years	6 points
5 or more years	9 points

**If you have satisfactory full-time experience working for a non-City of New York Agency, in a professional, non-supervisory, non-managerial capacity in one or more of the following fields: program evaluation, contract negotiation/management, business or public administration, community relations contracting, or a related field for:**

**You will receive up to:**

At least 1 year but less than 3 years	1 point
At least 3 years but less than 5 years	3 points
5 or more years	6 points

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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 will receive a maximum of one year of experience credit for each year you worked. If you have any of the above experience on a part-time basis, it will be credited according to the equivalent percent of full-time experience. Each year of experience will be credited under only one category which will be the highest appropriate category. **Experience used to meet the minimum requirements cannot be used to gain additional credit.**

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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 (January 28, 2025), 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.

Experience must be obtained by the **last day of the Application Period (January 28, 2025).**

#### **THE TEST RESULTS:**

If you pass the Education and Experience Exam, 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://www1.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.

#### **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 the 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>.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

### **Selective Certification:**

If you have the certification, language ability, and/or experience listed below, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification, language ability and/or experience through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this certification, language ability and/or experience. If you wish to apply for this Selective Certification, follow the onscreen instructions when completing your Education and Experience Exam to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification and Final Submit it in the Online Application System (OASys). **Your certification, language ability and/or experience will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.**

**Selective Certification for Incident Command Structure (ICS) Certification (382):** Possession of a valid Incident Command Structure (ICS) Certification, such as FEMA's Professional Development Series certificate or an IS-32.b, IS-200.B, IS-250.A, IS-700, IS-703.a, or IS-800.b certificate.

**Selective Certification for Municipal Government Experience (MGE):** At least one (1) year of satisfactory, full-time experience working within a municipal government in a similar position, which provides services for a city with over 1 million in population.

**Selective Certification for Contract Administration of Specialized Building Maintenance (CBM):** At least one (1) year of satisfactory full-time experience in the development and management of contracts for lead abatement services; mold assessment and remediation services; integrated pest management; elevator modernization, maintenance and repair services; heating and distribution services; lead paint and asbestos abatement services; and general building maintenance services in a multiple dwelling unit environment.

**Health Services Contract Administration Experience (HSC):** At least one (1) year of satisfactory full-time experience in a health services setting such as a laboratory, hospital, community health center, private medical practice, patient care facility or in a public health, environmental health, or mental hygiene program, engaged in the negotiation, preparation, auditing and/or management and administration of contracts, grants appropriations and/or defined budgets; in the preparation and conduct of administrative, procedural, organizational and/or operational studies and analysis, including cost analyses; and/or in personnel or procurement administration pertaining to contract management, and such experience was not part of a formal education program.

**Selective Certification for PHR or SHRM-CP Certification (SRM):** Possession of a valid Professional in Human Resources or SHRM-CP certificate.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Experience utilizing the New York City Financial Management System (FMS), PASSPort and/or Automated Procurement Tracking (APT) (FME):** At least twelve months of satisfactory, full-time experience utilizing the New York City Financial Management System (FMS), PASSPORT and/or Automated Procurement Tracking (APT) for tasks including but not limited to administering budgets and revenues; accounting of City funds; processing contracts, procurements and/or payments; submitting claims for reimbursement; and/or auditing.

**Selective Certification for the Ability to Use Microsoft Excel (EXL):** At least six (6) months of satisfactory, full-time experience using Microsoft Excel, including advanced knowledge of functions including but not limited to VLOOKUP, IF statements, and Pivot Tables.

**Selective Certification for Contract Administration of Water/Wastewater Programs (WSO):** At least one (1) year of satisfactory, full-time experience in a water/wastewater setting such as a water utility, wastewater treatment plant, water/wastewater operations, or in a public health, or environmental health program, engaged in the negotiation, preparation, auditing and/or management and administration of contracts, grants, appropriations and/or defined budgets; in the preparation and conduct of administrative, procedural, organizational and/or operational studies and analysis, including cost analyses; and/or in personnel or procurement administration pertaining to contract management, and such experience was not part of a formal education program.

**Selective Certification for Foreign Language and/or American Sign Language:** If you can speak Albanian (**ALB**), Arabic (**ARA**), Bengali (**BEN**), Bosnian/Serbo-Croatian (**SRC**), Chinese (Cantonese) (**CAN**), Chinese (Mandarin) (**MAN**), French (**FRE**), Greek (**GRE**), Haitian/Creole (**CRE**), Hindi (**HIN**), Italian (**ITA**), Japanese (**JPN**), Korean (**KOR**), Polish (**POL**) Portuguese (**POR**), Russian (**RUS**), Spanish (**SPA**), Tibetan (**TIB**), Urdu (**URD**), Vietnamese (**VIE**), West African Languages (e.g., Ibo (**IBO**), Swahili (**SWA**), Yoruba (**YOR**)), Yiddish (**YDD**) and/or you know American Sign Language (**ASL**), 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 onscreen instructions when completing the Education and Experience Exam to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification and Final Submit it in the Online Application System (OASys).

**The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at anytime during the duration of the list.** If you meet this requirement at some future date, please submit a request by email to: [LMACustomerService@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:LMACustomerService@dcas.nyc.gov), or 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 full name, OASys Profile ID number, and the selective certification(s) you are requesting in 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 your "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, under 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.

**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)**