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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

### PROMOTION TO SUPERVISING SPECIAL OFFICER Exam No. 5559

(For Agencies Under the Jurisdiction of the Commissioner, DCAS Only)

**WHEN TO APPLY:** From: October 9, 2024

To: October 29, 2024

**APPLICATION FEE: \$68.00**

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.**

**THE TEST DATE:** Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025**.

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

#### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Supervising Special Officers, under general supervision, direct a unit of security personnel on a specific tour of duty in an assigned area. They supervise and evaluate work performance of subordinates, which may include contract guards; prepare, complete and/or review records, logs, and reports regarding patrols, demonstrations, arrests and other incidents relating to safety and security; interpret and enforce policy directives from higher authorities; counsel, train, and correct subordinates; plan and coordinate assignments of staff and equipment; respond to emergency situations; conduct roll call; inspect officers, posts, and assigned work areas; may work in a secure detention facility; may appear in court and/or assist other law enforcement agencies on assault or arrest cases, as needed; may operate a motor vehicle while performing patrol duties; and perform related work.

#### Special Working Conditions:

Supervising Special Officers will be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Supervising Special Officers and environmental conditions experienced are: working outdoors in all kinds of weather; walking and/or standing in an assigned area during a tour; driving or sitting in a patrol car during a tour while remaining alert; running after a fleeing suspect; climbing up stairs; carrying an injured adult with assistance; gripping persons to prevent escape; restraining a suspect by use of handcuffs; detecting odors such as those caused by smoke or gas leaks; engaging in hand to hand struggles to subdue a suspect resisting arrest; being physically active for prolonged periods of time; understanding verbal communication over a radio with background noise; reading and writing under low light conditions; and carrying or wearing heavy equipment and wearing a bullet-resistant vest.

(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 \$54,012 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are three assignment levels within this class of positions. Appointments will be made to Assignment Level I. After appointment, employees may be assigned to a higher assignment level at the discretion of the agency.

#### ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION:

This examination is open to each employee of an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services who **on the first date of multiple-choice testing:**

1. holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of Special Officer; **and**

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2. is not otherwise ineligible.

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

This examination is also open to employees who were appointed to an eligible title pursuant to New York State Civil Service Law, section 55-a, and who meet all other eligibility requirements.

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 your application. If it is determined prior to the test date that you are not eligible to participate in this examination, you will not receive an Admission Notice to take the multiple-choice test, you will not be permitted into the test site, and your application fee will not be refunded. If it is determined after the test date that you are not eligible to participate in this examination, 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 one year 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.

**REQUIREMENT(S) TO BE PROMOTED:**

**Peace Officer Training Requirement:** Valid New York State Peace Officer certification is required for promotion. This certification must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

**Drug Screening (For The Department of Homeless Services and Human Resources Administration Only):** You must pass a drug screening (through both hair and urine samples) in order to be promoted.

**Driver License Requirement (For The Department of Homeless Services, Department of Citywide Administrative Services and Human Resources Administration Only) :** A driver's license that is valid in the State of New York is required in order to be promoted.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

If you believe you are eligible to take this examination, 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/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.

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

**The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2024.**

**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:**

**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.

**THE TEST:**

The multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. 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 the following areas: coordinating, scheduling, and prioritizing subordinates' work assignments; monitoring, evaluating, and correcting subordinates' performance; ensuring that subordinates comply with current safety and security procedures; completing and reviewing routine and administrative paperwork including forms, reports and logs; overseeing training; applying given general rules to particular situations; analyzing situations and deciding upon effective solutions; responding to emergency situations; communicating through written correspondence; interacting with subordinates, superiors, and the general public; conducting roll call; inspecting officers, posts, and assigned work areas; and appearing in court and/or assisting other law enforcement agencies on assault or arrest cases.

The multiple-choice test may also test for knowledge of New York State Penal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Universal "C" Summonses, and Fourth Amendment Search and Seizure Policies, in effect up to and including December 1, 2024, and standards of proper employee ethical conduct, including the Mayor's Executive Order No.16 of 1978, as amended, and other related areas.

The test will include questions which may require the use of any of the following abilities:

**Analytical Thinking** - Analyzing information and using logic to address specific work-related issues and problems; involves the identification of problems, not implementation of solutions. **Example:** A Supervising Special Officer might use this ability to identify causes of crime trends, or to evaluate the effectiveness of various programs.

**Coaching and Mentoring** - Identifying the developmental needs of others and coaching, mentoring, or otherwise helping others to improve their knowledge and skills. **Example:** A Supervising Special Officer might use this ability to act as an exemplary role model, embodying and expecting the highest professional standards.

**Integrity** - Acting in an honest and ethical manner. **Example:** A Supervising Special Officer might use this ability to function effectively as a leader, being neither too informal, nor too distant, and conveying a sense of professionalism and fairness.

**Judgment and Decision-Making** - Reviewing information to develop and evaluate the relative costs and benefits of potential solutions to problems and choosing the most appropriate one; implementing a course of action determined by thinking analytically; typically applied over a short time frame. **Example:** A Supervising Special Officer might use this ability to decide which problems should be given greatest priority and commitment of resources.

**Management of Material Resources** - Obtaining and seeing to the appropriate use of equipment, facilities, and materials needed to do certain work; managing the things needed for work to be accomplished. **Example:** A Supervising Special Officer might use this ability when designing feedback systems to make sure that assigned work was actually completed by subordinates.

**Management of Personnel Resources** - Motivating, developing, and directing people as they work, identifying the best people for the job; managing employees needed to accomplish tasks. **Example:** A Supervising Special Officer might use this ability when assigning research, writing, statistical work, or investigations to appropriate subordinates.

**Monitoring** - Monitoring/assessing performance of oneself, other individuals or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action; overseeing the quality of performance. **Example:** A Supervising Special Officer might use this ability to decide which problems should be given greatest priority and commitment of resources.

**Planning and Organizing** - Establishing a method of execution to accomplish a specific goal over an extended period of time; determining appropriate assignments and allocation of resources. **Example:** A Supervising Special Officer might use this ability when planning coverage for a special event.

**Teamwork** - Developing a mutual trust and cooperation while working together toward the accomplishment of a common goal or outcome. **Example:** A Supervising Special Officer might use this ability when planning coverage for a special event.

**Updating and Using Relevant Knowledge** - Keeping up-to-date technically and applying new knowledge to the job. **Example:** A Supervising Special Officer might use this ability when dealing with radio messages, verbal and written communications that use special terminology.

**Written Comprehension** - Understanding the information and ideas presented in written sentences and paragraphs in work-related documents. **Example:** A Supervising Special Officer might use this ability to review narrative reports.

**Written Expression** - Appropriately communicating information and ideas in written words and sentences the intended audience will understand. **Example:** A Supervising Special Officer might use this ability when preparing reports to management.

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 exam.

**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. Test site assignments will take your address into consideration, but nearness to your address cannot be guaranteed.

**Warning:** The use of electronic devices at the test site is prohibited. This includes phones, smart watches, cameras, e-cigarettes, vape pens and/or other portable media or electronic devices. Any such items

brought to the test site will be placed in a Yondr pouch and magnetically sealed until after the exam event (Examination, Protest Review Session, TVB session). The use of headphones and earbuds are also prohibited. Only basic, hand-held calculators with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division functions are permitted—no additional features. Devices with keyboards, word processing, or data recording capabilities are banned and will be placed in a Yondr pouch if brought to the testing site. If you use any of these prohibited devices, or remove them from your Yondr pouch before being authorized to do so, whether in the testing area, restroom, hallway, or other location at the test site, at any time before, during or after the exam event, 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 are also not permitted to use on site any medical assistive devices, including those that give notifications or alerts, or that vibrate, without the prior express written authorization of DCAS. You can contact DCAS by email at: [testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov).

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, 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 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 email of your test results. The eligible list determines the order by which candidates will be considered for promotion. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for promotion 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.

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

#### **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 closed but before the date on which testing is expected to begin.

### 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. being ordered to military duty; or
2. compulsory attendance before a court or other public body or official having the power to compel attendance; or
3. on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City; or
4. absence from the test within one week after the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner where you are an officer or employee of the City; or
5. a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible; or
6. a temporary disability; or
7. pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition.

To request a make-up test, contact Administration, Customer, and Exam Support (ACES) 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:

**Assignment of Duties:** Section 424-a of the New York Social Services Law requires an authorized agency to inquire whether a candidate for employment with child-care responsibilities or who will have the potential for regular and substantial contact with children is or has been the subject of an indicated child abuse and maltreatment report on file with the statewide Central Register for Child Abuse and Maltreatment. State Central Register screening will be obtained prior to considering a candidate for employment as a Supervising Special Officer. Candidates who have been the subject of an indicated child abuse and maltreatment report will not be considered for any position which requires child care responsibilities or has the potential for regular and substantial contact with children.

The **Protection of People with Special Needs Act**, Article 20 of the Executive Law and Article 11 of the Social Service Law, requires an authorized agency to check whether a candidate for employment to work in residential care facilities regulated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, including child welfare and juvenile justice facilities operated by the authorized agency, appears on the Vulnerable Persons Central Register. This screening will be conducted prior to considering a candidate for employment. Candidates who have substantiated/indicated cases of serious abuse and neglect will not be considered for any position which requires work in residential care facilities regulated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, including child welfare and juvenile justice facilities operated by an authorized agency.

As per the **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)**, The Administration for Children's Services will not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with residents, and who has engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution (as defined in 42 U.S.C 1997); or who has been convicted or civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged or attempted to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse.

**Selective Certification For Driver License (MVO):** If you have a motor vehicle Driver License that is valid in the State of New York, you may be considered for promotion to positions requiring this license through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this license. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your Driver License will be checked by the promoting agency at the time of promotion. **If you are promoted through Selective Certification, you must maintain your motor vehicle Driver License for the duration of your employment.**

**Selective Certification for Firearm License (FAQ):** If you have a valid firearm license issued by the NYPD, you may be considered for promotion to positions requiring this license through a process called Selective Certification. If you have a valid firearm license issued by the NYPD, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this license. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. **Your firearm license will be checked by the promoting agency at the time of promotion. If you are promoted through Selective Certification, you must maintain your firearm license for the duration of your employment.**

**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. If you pass a qualifying test, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this ability. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification.

**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 "Junk", "Trash", or "Spam" folder 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.

This examination is for all City agencies and not for NYC Health + Hospitals. If you would like to apply for Promotion to Supervising Special Officer with NYC Health + Hospitals, you must submit a separate application and fee for Exam No. 5560 from October 9, 2024 through October 29, 2024.

**PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:**

Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after promotion, 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 & Applications Centers.

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