

## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

**ASSISTANT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT**  
**Exam No. 0167**  
**(SECOND AMENDED NOTICE - APRIL 8, 2020)**

**WHEN TO APPLY: From: March 4, 2020**

**To: April 21, 2020**

**APPLICATION FEE: \$68.00**

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

The Notice of Examination is amended to extend the end of the filing period from April 7, 2020 to April 21, 2020.

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

**WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:**

Assistant Landscape Architects, under supervision, perform landscape architectural work of moderate difficulty and responsibility and may supervise subordinate personnel.

Assistant Landscape Architects supervise a small squad, unit or group engaged in the performance of landscape architectural work, including work in design, construction supervision, inspection and testing and tracing and drafting; investigate, and propose solutions to major problems, including problems with grading, spatial organization and site utilization; conduct and supervise research, investigations and studies related to the landscape architectural functions and activities of a department or agency; use various methods and technologies to prepare, develop and/or review landscape architectural materials, including drawings, maps, design plans and interpretive detail sketches or layouts, related to large and small scale landscape architectural plans for the construction, remodeling or repair of public works, grounds, structures or installations; prepare and review specifications, estimates of quantities of materials required, contract drawings and cost estimates for landscape architectural projects; review shop drawings. They participate in and may supervise the design, inspection, construction, demolition and/or alteration of premises with respect to the performance of grading, planting and other landscaping operations, to ensure compliance with contracts, drawings, specifications, codes, resolutions, statutes, rules, regulations, acceptable techniques and established standards of landscape architectural practice, and in connection with the issuance of certificates of occupancy and other requisite or pertinent permits; review or examine plans for such purposes; participate in, and may supervise, inspection or testing operations and installations in a laboratory, manufacturer's plant, or on a job site by observing, checking and certifying materials and equipment to be incorporated in public works, plants, grounds or structures; participate in, and may supervise, the operation and maintenance of public works and the preparation of recommendations for alterations or repairs of public works, plants, grounds or structures; may operate a motor vehicle. All Assistant Landscape Architects perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Assistant Landscape Architects and environmental conditions experienced are: walking to and from inspection sites; climbing and descending from ladders or stairs to get to areas to be inspected; standing or sitting for an extended period of time; bending and stooping during inspections; communicating orally; working in confined areas, distinguishing colors; wearing hard hats; carrying clipboard and inspection forms; walking in areas that may be damp, dusty, or acrid; and working outdoors in all kinds of weather.

(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 \$57,078 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

**HOW TO QUALIFY:**

You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the qualification 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.

You will **not** receive credit for education which you obtain after June 30, 2020 or registration or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (April 21, 2020).

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. A Bachelor's or Master's degree in landscape architecture from an accredited college or university and one year of full-time satisfactory experience in landscape architectural work; or
2. A valid New York State Registration as a Landscape Architect.

**Note:** Current New York State Registration as a Landscape Architect must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

**The education requirement must be met by June 30, 2020. The registration and experience requirements must be met by the last day of the Application Period (April 21, 2020).**

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.

Experience used to meet the minimum requirements cannot be used to gain additional credit.

**You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (April 21, 2020) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education, registrations, 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 (April 21, 2020), your examination will be considered incomplete, you will not be entitled to the appeals process, 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. If you are seeking credit for your valid New York State Registration as an Architect, enter the date you originally received the Registration on your Profile Page at the time of completing your examination.**

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**Residency Requirement Advisory:** City residency is not required for this position.

**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, but some accounts may require up to two (2) business days to be reviewed by a staff member and resolved. Email notification will be sent to those creating accounts that require additional documentation before they can be 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>. **Beginning in January 2020, the Online Applications System will no longer be supported on Windows 7 or earlier versions of Windows operating systems.**

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers to apply for this examination online. The centers will be open Monday through Saturday 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

**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 & Applications 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:** Follow the instructions displayed onscreen to answer the questions. You will have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period

(April 21, 2020) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education, registration, and experience on your Education and Experience Exam and Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in the Online Application System (OASys).

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3. **Foreign Education Evaluation Guide (Required only if you need credit for your foreign education to meet the qualification 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 (April 21, 2020).

#### THE TEST:

Your score will be determined by an Education and Experience Exam. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the qualification 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 performing landscape architectural work, after completing a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Landscape Architecture or obtaining a valid New York State Registration as a Landscape Architect, for:**

**You will receive:**

At least 1 year but less than 2 years

Up to 15 points

2 or more years

Up to 30 points

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#### 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 in-person or by mail: DCAS, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007 or brought in person to the same address Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM. 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

#### 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>.

#### 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 mail 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>.

To access the appeal portal of OASys, please log into your OASys account at <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.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Selective Certification for Motor Vehicle 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 appointment to positions requiring this license, through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for this Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this license. If you wish to apply for this Selective Certification, follow the on-screen 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). Your certification will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment. **If you are appointed through Selective Certification, you must maintain your motor vehicle Driver License for the duration of your employment.**

**The above Selective Certification requirement may be met at anytime during the duration of the list.** If you meet the requirement for Selective Certification 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 state 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.

**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 & Applications Centers.

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