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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

LABORATORY MICROBIOLOGIST
Exam No. 4061
AMENDED NOTICE - December 20, 2023

WHEN TO APPLY: From: December 7, 2023

APPLICATION FEE: \$68.00

To: January 9, 2024

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 Notice of Examination is amended to extend the last day of the Application Period from December 27, 2023 to January 9, 2024. Candidates who previously applied do not need to apply again.

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

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Laboratory Microbiologists, under general supervision, perform scientific laboratory work of a routine technical nature with some exercise of independent judgment and initiative in accordance with the provisions of the New York City Health Code. All Laboratory Microbiologists perform related work.

Special Working Conditions:

Laboratory Microbiologists may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the environmental conditions experienced by Laboratory Microbiologists are exposure to hazardous chemicals, pathogens, and carcinogens. Laboratory Microbiologists will have protection during such exposure. Laboratory Microbiologists may be required to wear non-latex gloves, a face mask, or a respirator.

(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 \$49,601 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are two assignment levels within this class of positions. Appointments will generally be made to Assignment Level I. After appointment, employees may be assigned to the higher assignment level at the discretion of the agency.

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.

You will **not** receive credit for education which you obtain after January 31, 2024 or experience which you obtain after December 27, 2023.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a major in the biological, chemical, or physical sciences or medical technology, **and** one year of full-time experience as a microbiologist performing at the technician or higher level in a clinical or environmental laboratory setting; **or**

2. An associate degree in medical technology, or sixty college credits from an accredited college or university, including six credits in mathematics and six credits in either chemistry or biology **and** three years of full-time experience as described in "1" above; **or**

3. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization plus any combination of college education and experience described in "1" or "2" above to make up the equivalent of five years of education and experience. One year of experience credit will be given for each 30 semester credits of college education which includes at least 3 credits in mathematics and at least 3 credits in either chemistry or biology. However, all candidates must have at least one year of acceptable experience as described in "1" above.

The education requirement must be met by January 31, 2024. The experience requirement must be met by December 27, 2023.

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).

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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 9, 2024) 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 9, 2024), 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 January 31, 2024 or experience which you obtain after December 27, 2023.

Medical Requirement: Some Laboratory Microbiologists will be required to pass a medical examination, depending on assignment. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him/her to take the examination, and/or perform the essential functions of the job.

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. 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. 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

The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2023 and Monday, January 1, 2024.

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.

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 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 9, 2024) 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 9, 2024), 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 "course-by-course" evaluation (which includes a "document-by-document" evaluation) of your foreign education. You must have one of these services submit its evaluation of your foreign education directly to the Department of Citywide Administrative Services no later than eight weeks from the last day of the Application Period (January 9, 2024).

THE TEST:

Your score will be determined by an Education and Experience Exam. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the education and experience 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 as a microbiologist performing at the technologist or higher level in a clinical or environmental laboratory:

You will receive up to:

At least 1 year but less than 3 years	6 points
At least 3 years but less than 5 years	18 points
5 years or more	24 points

If you have satisfactory full-time experience as a virological, serological, chemical, immunohematological, hematological, biophysical, cytogenetical, cytological or histological technician in a clinical or environmental laboratory:

You will receive up to:

At least 1 year but less than 3 years	6 points
3 years or more	10 points

You will receive a maximum of one year of experience credit for each year you worked. Each year of experience will be credited under only one category which will be the highest appropriate category.

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.

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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 9, 2024), 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 December 27, 2023.

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
- 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
- Submit a written request by email at 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>

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 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Selective Certification for Clinical Laboratory Technologist License issued by the State of New York (LTC): If you have a current and valid license issued by the State of New York as a Clinical Laboratory Technologist or Clinical Laboratory Technician, you may be considered for appointment 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. If you wish to apply for Selective Certification, 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). **Your license will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.** This license must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

Selective Certification For Special Experience:

If you have the experience listed in one or more of the areas listed below, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring experience through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this experience. If you wish to apply for this Selective Certification, 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). **Your experience will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.**

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in LABORATORY MICROBIOLOGY – BACTERIOLOGY (LBA): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in bacteriology.

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in LABORATORY MICROBIOLOGY – PARASITOLOGY (LPA): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in parasitology.

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in LABORATORY MICROBIOLOGY- HISTOLOGY (LHI): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical

experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in histology.

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in LABORATORY CLINICAL CHEMISTRY(LCC): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in clinical chemistry.

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in LABORATORY ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY (LEC): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in environmental chemistry.

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in LABORATORY ENVIRONMENTAL ENTOMOLOGY (LEE): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in environmental entomology.

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in LABORATORY ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY (LEM): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in environmental microbiology.

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in VIROLOGY/IMMUNOLOGY (LIV): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in virology/ immunology.

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY AND RELATED TECHNOLOGY (LLC): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in high performance liquid chromatography and related technology.

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in MOLECULAR TYPING (LMT): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in molecular typing.

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION OR NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TECHNOLOGY (LNP): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in polymerase chain reaction or nucleic acid amplification technology (LNP) .

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in MYCOBACTERIOLOGY (LMB): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in mycobacteriology.

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTING (LTB): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory in susceptibility Testing .

Selective Certification for Specialized Experience in a Public Health or Reference Laboratory in SUPERVISING ROUTINE ANALYSIS OF WATER (LRA): Possession of two (2) years of full-time technical experience within the last five years working in a public health or reference laboratory supervising water quality.

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, 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" 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.

A promotion examination for this title is being held for eligible City 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.

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 and copies are available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers.

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