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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

PROMOTION TO SUPERVISING HOUSING GROUNDSKEEPER
Exam No. 4550
New York City Housing Authority

WHEN TO APPLY: From: February 7, 2024

APPLICATION FEE: \$61.00

To: February 27, 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 TEST DATE: Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on **Friday, May 24, 2024.**

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

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Supervising Housing Groundskeepers, under supervision, serve as a working supervisor in charge of gardening and grounds maintenance work in a public housing project. They plan and supervise the work of housing caretakers and other employees engaged in gardening, tree care, and grounds maintenance; ensure that work is carried out in an efficient and effective manner and that all safety rules/regulations are followed; prepare work schedules and assignments. Supervising Housing Groundskeepers supervise the care, cleaning, and maintenance of landscaped areas, walks, driveways, parking areas, playgrounds, and fixtures thereon; train subordinates in gardening techniques, grounds maintenance, and in making minor repairs on grounds and fixtures; ensure the proper maintenance of all assigned materials, tools, and equipment; prepare requisitions for material and supplies; and check repair work being performed by contractors on grounds and landscaped areas and report on completion of work. All Supervising Housing Groundskeepers perform related work.

Special Working Conditions:

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

Some of the physical activities performed by Supervising Housing Groundskeepers and environmental conditions experienced are: inspecting developments in extreme weather conditions, prolonged walking to police the grounds, and heavy lifting including sand/salt delivery and the use of motorized power tools, such as backpack power blowers and power saws.

(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 \$43,780 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION:

This examination is open to each employee of the New York City Housing Authority who **on the first date of the multiple-choice test:**

1. holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note 1, below) for the title of Housing Caretaker; or is employed in or appears on a Recall list (See Note 2, below) for the Labor Class title of Caretaker (Housing Authority); and
2. is not otherwise ineligible.

The admission of employees in the Labor Class title of Caretaker (Housing Authority) is on a collateral basis pursuant to New York Civil Service Law §52(14) for this examination only.

(Note 1: A "Preferred List" is a civil service list which is only for certain former permanent employees of the eligible title who have rehiring rights.)

(Note 2: A "Recall List" is a list for former Labor Class employees 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

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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:

For both eligible titles, you must have completed your probationary period in the eligible title. Additionally, at the time of promotion from the eligible title of Housing Caretaker, you must be either: (1) permanently employed in the eligible title and you must have been employed in that title for at least one year; or (2) your name must appear on a Preferred List for the title. At the time of promotion from Caretaker (Housing Authority), you must be employed as a Caretaker (Housing Authority) and you must have been employed in that title for at least one year or appear on a Recall List for that title.

REQUIREMENT(S) TO BE PROMOTED:

Driver License Requirement: At the time of promotion, eligibles must possess a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York. Serious moving violations, license suspension or accident record may disqualify. This license must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

HOW TO QUALIFY:

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 the New York City Housing Authority.

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. 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, February 19, 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 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, continuous service with the City of New York in permanent competitive class titles and/or in labor 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 is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain knowledge and abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of a Supervising Housing Groundskeeper. Task areas to be tested are as follows: Supervision, Office Procedures, Equipment Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance, and Landscaping.

The test may include questions on landscaping, tools and equipment, standards of proper employee ethical conduct, including the provisions of Mayor's Executive Order No. 16 of 1978 as amended; and other related areas. The test may also include questions requiring 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 Housing Groundskeeper may use this ability when establishing and revising work priorities.

Attention to Detail: Being careful about detail and thorough in completing work tasks. **Example:** A Supervising Housing Groundskeeper may use this ability when inspecting assigned areas to identify any emergency or dangerous conditions.

Coaching & Mentoring: Identifying the developmental needs of others and coaching, mentoring, or otherwise helping others to improve their knowledge and skills. **Example:** A Supervising Housing Groundskeeper may use this ability when training subordinates in work procedures and equipment use.

Conflict Resolution: Negotiating with others to resolve grievances or conflicts and handle complaints by developing a constructive solution. **Example:** A Supervising Housing Groundskeeper may use this ability when conflict arises between coworkers, subordinates, or tenants.

Judgment & 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. **Example:** A Supervising Housing Groundskeeper may use this ability when identifying the best subordinates to complete specific work tasks.

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 Housing Groundskeeper may use this ability when maintaining records of assigned equipment, including date and nature of last service.

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 Housing Groundskeeper may use this ability when verifying that subordinates are completing assigned work in an efficient and timely manner.

Planning & 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 Housing Groundskeeper may use this ability when delegating work assignments to certain subordinates.

Written Comprehension: Understanding the information and ideas presented in written sentences and paragraphs in work-related documents. **Example:** A Supervising Housing Groundskeeper may use this ability when addressing work tickets that have been assigned to them.

Written Expression: Appropriately communicating information and ideas in written words and sentences so intended audience will understand. **Example:** A Supervising Housing Groundskeeper may use this ability when submitting periodic Grounds Plans to the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent.

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

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

You 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.

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

Required Identification: You are required to bring one (1) form of valid (non-expired) signature and photo bearing identification to the test site. The name that was used to apply for the exam must match the first and last name on the photo ID. A list of acceptable identification documents is provided below. **If you do not have an acceptable ID, you may be denied testing.** Acceptable forms of identification (bring one) are as follows: State issued driver's license, City or State issued identification card, IDNYC, US Government issued Passport, US Government issued Military Identification Card, US Government issued Alien Registration Card, Employer ID with photo, or Student ID with photo.

Leaving: You must leave the test site once you finish the test. If you leave the test site after being fingerprinted but before finishing the test, you will not be permitted to re-enter. If you disregard this instruction and re-enter the test site, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

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

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

- City Employees - update this information in NYCAPS Employee Self-Service (ESS) at www.nyc.gov/ess
- 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 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, 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 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 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 DCAS 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, as soon as possible, and include documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Selective Certification for Commercial Driver License (CDL):

If you have a Class B Commercial Driver License with no restrictions 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 have moving violations, license suspensions, or an accident record, you may not be qualified for positions requiring this license. 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 test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. **Your Class B Commercial Driver License will be checked by the New York City Housing Authority at the time of promotion. If you are promoted through Selective Certification, you must maintain your Class B Commercial Driver License for the duration of your employment.**

Drug/Alcohol Screening Requirement:

Candidates who are considered for promotion to positions through the above Selective Certification must pass a drug/alcohol screening in order to be promoted. **If promoted you will be subject to random drug and alcohol testing for the duration of your employment.**

Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Certification as a Commercial Pesticide Applicator in Ornamentals, Shade Trees, and Turf (3A) issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (CPL): If you have certification as a Commercial Pesticide Applicator in ornamentals, shade trees, and turf (3A) issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, you may be considered for promotions to positions requiring this certification through a process called Selective Certification. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. **Your certification will be checked by the New York City Housing Authority at the time of promotion. If you are promoted through Selective Certification, you must maintain your Certification for the duration of your employment.**

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" 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.

PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:

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