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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

**CITY PLANNER**  
Exam No. 5045

**WHEN TO APPLY: From: September 4, 2024**

**To: September 24, 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.**

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

### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

City Planners, at Assignment Level I under supervision, with latitude for independent judgement, develop and analyze data on city planning issues and write reports containing logical conclusions and recommendations; conduct research to identify the need for new or modified city planning programs; design and administer planning projects including the maintenance of time and cost schedules and coordination of the activities of City and non-City participating groups; may operate a motor vehicle. All City Planners perform related work.

(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 \$62,137 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are four 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 levels 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, 2025 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (September 24, 2024).

### EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. A master's degree from an accredited college or university in city planning, urban planning, urban design, architecture, landscape architecture, transportation engineering, public administration, economic development or a related field; **or**
2. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university **and** one year of satisfactory full-time experience in city planning such as in the review and development of housing, transportation, environmental, and city-owned land planning projects; **or**
3. A satisfactory combination of education and/or experience that is equivalent to "1" above. Graduate education in city planning, urban planning, urban design, architecture, landscape architecture, transportation engineering, public administration, economic development or related fields may be substituted for experience on the basis of 30 graduate semester credits from an accredited college or university for one year of experience. However, all candidates must have a baccalaureate degree; **or**
4. Successful completion of one year of the NYC Urban Planning and Design Fellowship program; **or**
5. Successful completion of one year of the Civil Service Pathways Fellowship program.

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

**The education requirement must be met by January 31, 2025. The experience requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (September 24, 2024).**

**The NYC Urban Planning and Design Fellowship program and Civil Service Pathways Fellowship program requirement must be met by the last day of the Application Period (September 24, 2024).**

The college or university must be accredited by regional, national, professional, or specialized agencies recognized as accrediting bodies by the U.S. Secretary of Education and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

If you were educated outside the United States, you must have your foreign education evaluated to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. This is required only if you need credit for your foreign education in this examination. For more information see the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide in the Required Information section.

During the Education and Experience Exam (EEE), you may answer questions about your experience. If your experience was on a part-time basis working less than 35 hours per week, you will need to convert your part-time experience to full-time experience using the formula below. Once you have determined your full-time experience equivalent, use this amount to answer questions about your experience.

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

For example, if you worked at a job for 21 hours per week for 12 months, you would make the following calculation:  $21/35 \times 12 = 7.2$  months.

**You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (September 24, 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 (September 24, 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, 2025 or experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (September 24, 2024).**

**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 the City of New York.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

If you believe you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, apply using the Online Application System (OASys) at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs). Follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application, payment, and completing any required information. A unique and valid email address is required to apply online. Several internet service providers, including but not limited to Google, Yahoo!, AOL, Outlook.com, and Mail.com offer free email addresses. **All new OASys accounts require verification before a candidate can apply to ensure the accuracy of candidate information. Verification is instantaneous for most accounts and you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to activate your account. For any account creation issues, you will receive onscreen prompts to contact DCAS. This review may require up to two (2) business days to be reviewed and resolved. Please keep this information and the application period deadline in mind when creating your account.**

The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or a prepaid debit card with a credit card logo which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets. If you are receiving or participating in certain forms of public assistance/benefits/programs, or are a veteran, you may qualify to have the application fee waived. For more information on eligibility for a fee waiver and documentation requirements visit the Fee Waiver FAQ on the Online Application System at: <https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/faqs>. **Effective January 2020, the Online Application System is no longer supported on Windows 7 or earlier versions of Windows operating systems.**

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers to apply for this examination online.

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

**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

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](mailto: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](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 (September 24, 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 (September 24, 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 (September 24, 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:

| <b>If you have satisfactory full-time experience performing City Planning work such as in the review and development of housing, transportation, environmental, and city-owned land planning projects for:</b> | <b>You will receive up to:</b> |
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| At least 1 year but less than 2 years  | 6 points                       |
| At least 2 years but less than 3 years   | 12 points                      |
| At least 3 years but less than 4 years   | 18 points                      |
| At least 4 years but less than 5 years   | 24 points                      |
| 5 or more years  | 30 points                      |

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 must clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Exam and submit it by the end of the Application Period. You will not receive credit for experience which you obtain after the end of the Application Period (September 24, 2024).**

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**Experience must be obtained by the last day of the Application Period (September 24, 2024).**

**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 Education and Experience Exam, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list, you will be given a list number, and you will be notified by email of your test results. The eligible list determines the order by which candidates will be considered for appointment. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment if your name is reached on the eligible list. Once a list has been established, it will typically remain active for four years. To learn more about the civil service system go to: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page>.

If you believe that your test part was rated incorrectly, you may submit an appeal of your score to DCAS, Committee on Manifest Errors, through the Online Application System (OASys). Your appeal must give specific reasons why your score should be higher. Your appeal may result in a higher or lower rating.

To access the appeal portal of OASys, please log into your OASys account at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs) and use the following steps:

1. Navigate to the Dashboard for the Appeals tab.
2. Click the NEW APPEAL button to create and submit your appeal.
3. Select the exam from the Exam drop-down list, and
4. Select the exam part from the Exam Part drop-down list.
5. Select the reason for your appeal from the Appeal Reason drop-down list (if applicable).
6. Enter the details of your appeal by providing specific reasons why your score should be higher.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Selective Certification for Certificate:** If you have the certifications listed below, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring these certifications through a process called Selective Certification. 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 certificate(s) will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment. The certificate must be maintained for the duration of your employment.**

**Selective Certification for AICP Certificate (ACP):** If you have an American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Certification or have passed the AICP Exam (AICP Candidate), you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification.

**Selective Certification for Energy Management (Foundational) (EMF):** If you have a valid Certified Energy Manager (CEM) certification from the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification.

**Selective Certification for Energy Management (Extensive) (EMV):** If you have a valid Certified Energy Manager (CEM) certification from the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) **and** at least one of the following valid certifications from AEE: Certified Energy Auditor (CEA), Certified Building Commissioning Professional (CBCP), or Certified Measurement and Verification Professional (CMVP), you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification.

**Selective Certification for Energy Auditing (ENA):** If you have at least one of the following valid certifications: Certified Energy Manager (CEM) certification from the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), Certified Energy Auditor (CEA) certification from AEE, High-Performance Building Design Professional (HBDP) certification from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Building Energy Assessment Professional (BEAP) certification from ASHRAE, or Multi-Family Building Analyst (MFBA) certification from the Building Performance Institute (BPI), you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification.

**Selective Certification for Building Commissioning (BDC):** If you have at least one of the following valid certifications: Existing Building Commissioning Professional (EBCP) certification from the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), Certified Building Commissioning Professional (CBCP) certification from AEE, or Certified Commissioning Authority (CxA) certification from AABC Commissioning Group (ACG), you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification.

**Selective Certification for Sustainability (SUS):** If you have at least one of the following valid credentials: LEED Green Associate (LEED GA) accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED

Accredited Professional accreditation from the USGBC with specialization in Building Design + Construction or Operations + Maintenance (LEED AP BD+C or LEED AP O+M), or Environmental Sustainability Professionals (ENV SP) certification from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification.

**Selective Certification for Energy Management (Foundational) and Sustainability (EFS):** If you have a valid Certified Energy Manager (CEM) certification from the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) and at least one of the following valid credentials: LEED Green Associate (LEED GA) accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED Accredited Professional accreditation from the USGBC with specialization in Building Design + Construction or Operations + Maintenance (LEED AP BD+C or LEED AP O+M), or Environmental Sustainability Professionals (ENV SP) certification from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI), you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification.

**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 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 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 Driver License will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment. **If you are appointed through this Selective Certification, you must maintain your motor vehicle Driver License for the duration of your employment.**

**Selective Certification For Special Experience and Education:**

**Selective Certification for Experience Analyzing Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG):** If you have at least one (1) year of full-time, satisfactory experience conducting analysis, inventories, and/or verification of GHG emissions, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this 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 Geographic Information Systems (GIS):** If you have at least one (1) year of full-time, satisfactory experience working in the GIS field, performing duties such as: developing computerized land use and zoning maps for planning research; creating and disseminating computerized physical planning data for use in land use studies and projects; and compiling geographic information for analyzing environmental and transportation impacts of land use proposals; or if you have 12 college credits in GIS course work from an accredited college or university, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this experience or course work through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this experience or course work. 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 and education will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.**

**Selective Certification for Site Plan Review Experience (SPL):** If you have at least one (1) year of full-time, satisfactory experience in the review and analysis of site plans and development proposals to determine compliance with NYC zoning regulations, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this 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.**

**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" 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.

**Promotion Test:** A promotion examination for this title is being held for eligible employees. The names appearing on the promotion list will be considered first in filling vacancies.

**PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:**

Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after appointment, and may result in criminal prosecution.

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The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted at [nyc.gov/dcas](http://nyc.gov/dcas) and copies are available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers.

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