



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
 DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE  
 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
 APPLICATION UNIT  
 1 CENTRE STREET, 14<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
 NEW YORK, NY 10007

<b>REQUIRED FORMS</b>
APPLICATION FORM

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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

**PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE INVESTIGATOR**

**Exam No. 1508**

<p><b>WHEN TO APPLY:</b> From: November 3, 2010          To: November 23, 2010</p>	<p><b>APPLICATION FEE: \$45.00</b>          Payable by mail by money order to DCAS (EXAMS), or payable online by credit card, bank card, or debit card.</p>
<p><b>THE TEST DATE:</b> The multiple-choice test is expected to be held on <b>Saturday, March 12, 2011.</b></p>	

**WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:** At Assignment Level I, Associate Investigators, under general supervision, with latitude for independent initiative and judgement, perform professional work of more than ordinary difficulty in the field of investigation; assist in the supervision of subordinate staff; review case records and reports and, based thereon, make recommendations as to action to be taken; may be regularly assigned to investigations which are of more than ordinary difficulty by reason of greater complexity or hazard; may conduct emergency and special investigations; testify at hearings and in court proceedings; prepare written and statistical reports; utilize computer systems to assist in the processing of investigations; may supervise a small unit in the conduct of routine investigations; advise subordinates on difficult matters and interpret rules, regulations and codes for them; in the temporary absence of their supervisors, may assume the duties of that position; and 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 \$43,068 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are two assignment levels within this class of positions. Promotions will be made to Assignment Level I. After promotion, employees may be assigned to the higher assignment level at the discretion of the agency.

**HOW TO APPLY:** If you believe you are eligible to take this examination, you must submit an application using one of the following options:

1. **Online at the DCAS Website:** Go to the Online Application System (OASys) at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs) and follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment, and completing any required forms. The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or prepaid debit card which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets.
2. **By Mail:** Fill out an "Application for Examination" form and return the completed form and application fee to DCAS Application Unit, 1 Centre Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10007.

DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.

**Special Circumstances Form:** This form is included in the application package and located online at the above DCAS website. This form 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 form that pertain to you when you complete your "Application for Examination."

**ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION:** This examination is open to each employee of an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services who **on the date of the multiple-choice test:**

- (1) holds a permanent (not provisional) competitive appointment or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of Investigator; and
- (2) is not otherwise ineligible.

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

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

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

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 the application. If you are marked "Not Eligible," your application fee will not be refunded.

**ELIGIBILITY TO BE PROMOTED:** In order to be eligible for promotion, you must have completed your probationary period in the eligible title as indicated in the above "Eligibility To Take Examination" section, and you must be permanently employed in the eligible title or your name must appear on a Preferred List for the eligible title at the time of promotion. Additionally, you must have served permanently in the eligible title for at least one year, unless your probationary period in that eligible title has been waived pursuant to Rule 5.2.4 of the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of New York.

**THE TEST:** You will be given a multiple-choice test. You must achieve a score of at least 70% to pass this test. Your score on this test will determine 85% of your final score. Your seniority will determine the remaining 15%. You must pass the multiple-choice test to have your seniority credited. Your seniority score will be 70 plus 1/2 point for each three months of completed, permanent, continuous service with an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services in competitive class titles. Your service will be credited through the date of the test, up to a maximum of 15 years. Time served prior to a break in service of more than one year will not be credited.

The multiple-choice test is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain abilities and technical knowledge determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of an Associate Investigator. Task categories which may be tested are as follows: Conducting Investigations and Research; Investigative Paperwork; and Supervision of Subordinate Staff and Interacting with other Staff and the Public.

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

1. **Written Communication**: Clear expression of ideas in writing and use of good grammatical form.
2. **Planning and Organizing**: Establishing a course of action for self and/or others to accomplish a specific goal; planning proper assignment of personnel and appropriate allocation of resources.
3. **Sensitivity**: Actions that indicate a consideration for the feelings and needs of others.
4. **Analysis**: Identifying problems, securing relevant information, relating data from different sources, and identifying possible causes of problems.
5. **Judgment**: Developing alternative courses of action and making decisions based on logical assumptions that reflect factual information.
6. **Decisiveness**: Readiness to make decisions, render judgments, take action, or commit oneself.
7. **Work Standards**: Setting high goals or standards of performance for self, subordinates, others, and organization. Dissatisfied with average performance.
8. **Behavioral Flexibility**: Modifying one's approach to most effectively meet the needs of the situation.
9. **Technical Translation**: Demonstrating knowledge of the meaning of technical/professional terminology used on the job.

**Note:** You are not permitted to enter the test site with cellular phones, beepers, pagers, cameras, portable media players, or other electronic devices. Calculators are permitted; however, they must be hand-held, battery or solar powered, numeric only. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you are found to be in possession of any of these devices, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

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.

**ADMISSION CARD:** You should receive an Admission Card in the mail about 10 days before the date of the test. If you do not receive an Admission Card at least 4 days before the test date, you must go to the Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Manhattan, to obtain a duplicate card.

**THE TEST RESULTS:** If you pass the multiple-choice test and are marked eligible, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list and you will be given a list number. You will be notified by mail of your test results. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for promotion when your name is reached on the eligible list.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Selective Certification for Driver License and Special Patrolman (For the Department of Correction Only):** If you have a motor vehicle Driver License that is valid in the State of New York and are eligible for Special Patrolman status, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring these qualifications through a process called Selective Certification. In order to be designated as a Special Patrolman, you must be twenty one years old, be a citizen of the United States, be a resident of New York City, be of good character, have no felony convictions and successfully pass a background investigation by the New York City Police Department. The motor vehicle Driver License and the Special Patrolman status eligibility must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

These requirements may be met at any time during the duration of the list. Follow the instructions given to you in the multiple-choice test booklet on the day of the test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. If you meet the Selective Certification requirement at some future date, please submit documentation by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations - USEG, 1 Centre Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number and your social security number on your correspondence.

**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 but on or before the date of the multiple-choice test.

**Make-up Test:** You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the test on the regular test date for any of the following reasons:

- (1) compulsory attendance before a public body;
- (2) on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment;
- (3) absence for one week following the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner;
- (4) absence due to ordered military duty; or
- (5) a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible.

To request a make-up test, contact the Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10007, in person or by certified mail as soon as possible and provide documentation of the special circumstances.

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The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted and copies are available in the Application Unit of the Division of Citywide Personnel Services, 1 Centre Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, NY, NY 10007.

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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)