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OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR
WATER DISTRIBUTION OPERATOR/TRAINEE

Exam Number: 61-578

EXAMINATION DATE: February 29, 2020
LAST DATE TO FILE APPLICATION WITH PROCESSING FEE OR WAIVER*: January 8, 2020

***Processing Fee:** Twenty dollar **($20.00)** non-refundable payment is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The required processing fee must accompany your examination application. **Credit cards, checks, or money orders payable to the Broome County Office of Management and Budget will be accepted.** Please be sure to include applicant's name and examination number on your check or money order. A check returned for insufficient funds may disqualify your application and result in further action and/or service charges.

If your application is disapproved, the fee will not be refunded. Compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements specified on this announcement and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. Be specific when completing the application; include all pertinent information including credit hours if applicable. Work experience must be paid unless otherwise specified. Part-time experience will be prorated.

***Only applications which are post-marked on or before the last date to file will be accepted. All interdepartmental mail must be received by the close of business on the last date to file. FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
Admission notices will be mailed to all approved candidates approximately 8 days before the examination. If you do not receive your notice by the Tuesday before the examination, please call 778-2185.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Broome County Department of Personnel of any change in name or address. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved. The candidate change of information form is available at www.gobroomecounty.com/personnel/forms.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application. Fee waiver forms are available at the Broome County Department of Personnel, the Department of Social Services or on line at** www.gobroomecounty.com**.**

MINIMUM SALARY	VACANCIES**	LOCATION OF WORK
$17.53/hour Trainee	Anticipated	Village of Johnson City
$20.76/hour Operator	Anticipated	Village of Johnson City

Eligible list: The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill vacancies, as they occur, in all Broome County departments, towns, villages, school districts, and special districts under the jurisdiction of the Broome County Personnel Officer.

**Vacancies – Positions may be filled temporarily at this time; however, the resulting eligible list must be used to permanently fill the position.

Residency: There are no residency requirements for this examination. However, preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who, at the time of examination, are legal residents of the locality in which appointment is to be made. For appointment within Broome County departments, preference **will** be given to candidates who are residents of Broome County at the time of examination except as stated in Resolution 07-84.

DUTIES:
Water Distribution Operator Trainee: This is a trainee position in which the incumbent learns the duties and routines for performing semi-skilled work in the maintenance and repair of a municipal water distribution system. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level employee. Employees are required to complete the training and experience requirements from the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply Protection for a certificate appropriate to the system and will be advanced to the operator level without further examination upon satisfactory completion of the certificate requirements. Does related work as required.

Water Distribution Operator: The incumbent in this position is responsible for performing semi-skilled work in the maintenance and repair of a municipal water distribution system. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level employee in accordance with established policy, with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in planning and carrying out the details of the work. Does related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
Water Distribution Operator Trainee: Graduation from high school or possession of a general equivalency diploma.

Water Distribution Operator:
Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and successful completion of the required water distribution system operator course.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT: Possession of the required certificate as issued by the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply Protection, under the provisions of the New York State Sanitary Code – Chapter 1, appropriate to the plant.

Appropriate certification: A "D" operator certification is required for a distribution system serving greater than 1,000 people. A "C" operator certification is required for a water distribution system serving 1,000 people or less.

ALL CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF THEIR WATER DISTRIBUTION CERTIFICATE WITH THEIR EXAM APPLICATION.

NOTE: Employees in this position may be required to work/be on call evenings and weekends.

Anticipated eligibility: If you expect to complete the educational requirement by August 31, 2020**,** you can be admitted to this examination. If successful on the examination, you will not be certified for appointment until you have submitted proof of completion of the requirements to the Broome County Department of Personnel. Proof must be submitted by October 31, 2020; failure to do so will result in removal of your name from the eligible list. You must meet the experience requirement, if any, before the examination date.

A single eligible list will be established as a result of this examination and will be used to fill vacancies as they occur. Candidates who are successful in this examination and who have the proper grade certificate issued by the New York State Department of Health will be certified for appointment at the Operator level. Other eligibles will be certified as the Trainee level and will be advanced to the journey level without further examination upon satisfactory completion of the certificate requirement.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:
Understanding and interpreting written material
These questions test for the ability to understand and interpret written material. You will be presented with brief reading passages and will be asked questions about the passages. You should base your answers to the questions **only** on what is presented in the passages and **not** on what you may happen to know about the topic.
Arithmetic computations
These questions test for the ability to perform calculations involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division and will include the use of fractions, decimals, and percentages.
Mechanical devices and tools used in maintenance work
These questions test for knowledge of general mechanical principles and for the ability to identify various types of hand tools and construction equipment and their proper use and maintenance.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication "How to take a written test" helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm.

Candidates must bring their picture ID and two sharpened #2 pencils to the examination. **USE OF CALCULATOR IS RECOMMENDED FOR THIS EXAMINATION.** Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited.
Rating: This written examination is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service, in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this written test.
Applying for civil service examinations in multiple jurisdictions when examinations are scheduled on same date:
If you have **applied** for both a Broome County examination and an examination for another jurisdiction, both of which are scheduled for the same date, you must submit a Broome County Cross-filing Form indicating the site at which you intend to take your examination. The cross-filing form is available in our Department or online at http://gobroomecounty.com/files/personnel/pdfs/Crossfiling.pdf and should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the examinations. Failure to submit the cross-filing form in a timely manner may result in our not being able to accommodate your request to sit at your choice of exam sites. When taking both a State and Broome County examination, you will be required to take all your examinations at a State examination center. You will be advised by the State when and where to report for your examinations.
Religious accommodation/handicapped candidates/military personnel: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.
Military Law provides special rights for members of the armed forces whose military service conflicts with scheduled civil service testing. Section 243-b (2) of Military Law states that "any member of the organized militia or reserves, who, because of active military duty other than for training purposes, missed the application filing period for an examination and as a result is deprived of the opportunity to compete in an examination, shall be given a special military make-up exam". Please contact the Department of Personnel for more information.
Special Requirement for Appointment in School Districts and BOCES:
Per Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.
Background Investigation: Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.
Children of Firefighters and Police Officers killed in the line of duty: "In conformance with section 85-A of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child

of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform the Department of Personnel of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established."

General Information/Instructions: A copy of the general instructions, announcement and applications may be obtained upon request to the Broome County Department of Personnel or from our website at www.gobroomecounty.com.

OC Exam Form 2019

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