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CLERICAL I

FILING DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY 24, 2020

No 20-003 Examination Open to the Public County Salary: \$17.16 –19.29/hr

This examination will be held to establish an eligible list to fill Clerk, Typist, and Clerical I vacancies that may occur in various agencies under the jurisdiction of Niagara County Civil Service. Salaries vary within the municipalities. **The eligible list will be established initially for a one (1) year duration only and may be extended at the discretion of the Personnel Officer or a new examination may be administered. The list established from this exam will supersede any existing list for this title.**

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS: Candidates must have been legal residents of Niagara County for at least one (1) month immediately preceding the date of the written examination and such residency must continue until the time of appointment. Salaries vary within the municipalities. **Preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who have been residents of the municipality in which the appointment is made. Non-residents may be required to become a resident of the appointing municipality if local law so states.**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must meet the following on or before the date of the written exam. Your application will be disapproved if you do not meet these qualifications and your filing fee will not be refunded.

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma. – Please state clearly which high school you graduated from; or list the equivalency diploma number and year received; or attach a copy of the equivalency diploma.

THE TYPING PERFORMANCE TEST HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THIS EXAM.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES: The use of calculators is **RECOMMENDED**. Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboard such as computers, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries or any similar devices are prohibited. **Cell phones are prohibited.**

FEE WAIVERS: Waivers for the filing fee must be completed in full and submitted with required documentation or your application will be disapproved.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY OR POSTMARKED BY THE FILING DEADLINE.
YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE DISAPPROVED IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE FILING DEADLINE.**

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A non-refundable \$15.00 application fee is required.
Apply and pay online or submit a check or money order
payable to: **Niagara County Civil Service**

AMENDMENT ISSUED: JULY 9, 2020

EXAM DATE

AUGUST 8, 2020

DRUG SCREENING: Applicants may be required to undergo a drug-screening test to determine suitability for appointment in accordance with local policies. Applicants who test positive may be restricted from future certification.

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.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOCES: Per chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by 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.

DUTIES: Performs routine clerical work involving the performance of clerical tasks in accordance with standard procedures and policies. Although detailed instructions are given for new or different assignments and tasks are rather definitely fixed, employees must occasionally exercise independent judgment in completing some tasks. Work is reviewed by immediate observation, by checking completed work, by periodic or spot checks, or by another step in the clerical process. Does related work as required.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION – There will be a written test, which you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. Written test designed to test for knowledge, skills and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. **Clerical Operations, with letters and numbers** – These questions test your skills and abilities in clerical operations involving comparing, checking and counting. The questions require you to follow the specific directions given for each questions which may involve alphabetizing, comparing, checking and counting given groups of letters and/or numbers.
2. **Spelling** – These questions test your ability to spell words that are used in written business communications.
3. **Record Keeping** – These questions evaluate your ability to perform common record keeping tasks. The test consists of two or more “sets” of questions; each set concerning a different problem. Typical record keeping problems might involve the organization or collation of data from several sources; scheduling; maintaining a record system using running balances; or completion of a table summarizing data using totals, subtotals, averages and percents.

A Guide to Taking the Written Test for *Typist Series Study Guide* is being used for the **Clerical I** examination and is available on the New York State Department of Civil Service website at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm> In addition; a copy of this test guide can also be obtained on our web site www.niagaracounty.com. Candidates are encouraged to visit this website to view or obtain a copy of this publication.

CANDIDATES NOTE: You are responsible for completing all sections of the official application. To receive credit for experience on a job, basic information such as address, name and title of supervisor, hours in the work week, and duties performed by you, must be shown. Be very specific in explaining experience that will qualify you for the position sought. Ambiguity and vagueness will not be resolved in your favor.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangement for taking all tests at one test site. All examination for positions in State government will be held at a State Examination Center.

COLLEGE CREDITS MUST BE VERIFIED WITH AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT. If you have listed college or special courses on your application it will be necessary for you to submit an official transcript or special course certificate. **Documents can be submitted electronically or in hardcopy format but must be on official letterhead or stationary. If these documents are not on file prior to canvassing/certification for vacant positions, your name will not be canvassed/certified and your name will be removed from consideration for all appointments.**

This examination will be prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service will apply to this examination.

Please review [**IMPORTANT EXAMINATION INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**](#)