



**NIAGARA COUNTY  
CIVIL SERVICE  
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## **MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III**

### **No 66-921 Examination Open to the Public**

**Salary \$31.14 - \$33.14/hour**

The examination will be held to establish an eligible list used to fill one current vacancy in the Town of Lewiston or any other vacancy that may occur during the life of the list. **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. **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. **If you do not meet these qualifications, your application will be disapproved and your filing fee will not be refunded.**

Three (3) years of full-time paid experience in the operation of some type of automotive and motorized construction equipment **and** one (1) year of supervisory experience.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT:**

Possession of appropriate class of NYS motor vehicle license as required by administrative letter of the appointing authority.

**DUTIES:** This is a supervisory position exercising authority over Laborers, Motor Equipment Operators, Motor Equipment Operators II, and when necessary, other department personnel. Employees in this class also participate in the performance of recurring manual duties in connection with the operation and preventative maintenance of motor equipment. The incumbent does not perform diagnostic testing on equipment rather this work is performed by an Automotive Mechanic. Incumbents receive general direction from a department head, but are responsible for the safe and economical operation and care of their equipment on assigned tasks. Periodic inspections are made of work in progress. The position is distinguished from that of Motor Equipment Operator II by the level of responsibility and degree of direct first-line supervision exercised over subordinate staff. Does related work as required.

**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.**

**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.

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

**ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS  
MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4PM  
OR BE POSTMARKED BY**

**MARCH 15, 2019**

**A non-refundable \$15.00 application fee** must accompany each application. Please submit a copy of your online payment receipt OR a check or money order payable to:  
**Niagara County Civil Service  
ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED: FEBRUARY 15, 2019**

**EXAMINATION DATE**

**MAY 11, 2019**

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

1. **Operation and preventative maintenance of automobiles, trucks and heavy equipment** - These questions test for knowledge of the terminology, troubleshooting techniques and proper procedures used in the maintenance and operation of motorized vehicles and equipment used in various types of public works projects.
2. **Safety practices** - These questions test for knowledge of, and the ability to, apply safety principles related to public works construction zones, including traffic control, safe use of equipment, and the overall safety of workers, the traveling public, and the work environment.
3. **Supervision** - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.
4. **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: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>.

**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, final salary, 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. **EACH SEPARATE SHEET ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED.**

**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 examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State Examination Center.

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](#)**

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