



NIAGARA COUNTY  
CIVIL SERVICE  
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## ACCOUNT CLERICAL I

No 19-062 Examination Open to the Public

County Salary Range: \$17.41 – \$19.60/Hour  
Salaries Vary for Municipalities

The examination will be held to establish an eligible list used to fill any appropriate vacancies in that may occur in various agencies under the jurisdiction of Niagara County Civil Service. This exam will be used to fill Account Clerk and Account Clerical I positions. **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.**

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma **and** one (1) year of full-time, paid clerical experience responsible for **compiling and maintaining financial accounts and records**. It is your responsibility to provide a **specific, detailed description** of the types of financial accounts & records you kept.

**NOTE:** Verifiable part-time paid experience will be pro-rated to meet the full-time requirement.

**NOTE:** Successful completion of coursework in accounting, business administration, or closely related field at a regionally accredited college or university, or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees, may be substituted for the required experience with three (3) semester credit hours being equivalent to three (3) months of experience.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:**

All candidates must pass a qualifying typing performance test at thirty-five (35) words per minute. **The performance test will be administered immediately following the written examination.**

**\*\*\*\* TYPING PERFORMANCE TEST WAIVER - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY\*\*\*\***

If a candidate has already passed a thirty-five (35) words per minute or higher typing test administered by the Niagara County Civil Service, or any municipal Civil Service Commission, or the New York State Department of Labor Job Service, or the New York State Department of Civil Service within four (4) years of the date of the written test, the typing performance test may be waived. Performance test waivers may be submitted up to the day prior to the date of the performance test. Information submitted must contain the title and location of the typing test, the date and the passing grade. **Candidates requesting a waiver must clearly submit proof prior to the performance test date indicating the title for which it is to be applied.**

**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.

**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.**

FILING DEADLINE

**AUGUST 2, 2019**

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**

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EXAMINATION DATE

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2019**

**DUTIES:** This is routine clerical work involving performance of standard account-keeping practices in maintaining and checking financial accounts and records. Incumbents do not perform double-entry bookkeeping. The incumbent works under direct supervision on routine assignments, which are done in accordance with defined procedures; detailed instructions are provided for new or unusual assignments. The work is reviewed by observation, crosschecks or by an immediate supervisor and by other steps in the account-keeping process. This position differs from Account Clerical II by virtue of the limited complexity of the work and lack of supervisory responsibility. Does related work as required.

**NOTICE TO CANDIDATES:** The use of calculators is **PROHIBITED**. 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.

**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.

**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. **Clerical Operations, with letters and numbers** – These questions test your skills and abilities in clerical operations involving alphabetizing, comparing, checking and counting. The questions require you to follow the specific directions given for each question which may involve alphabetizing, comparing, checking and counting given groups of letters and/or numbers.
2. **Arithmetic Computation without Calculators** - These questions test your ability to do addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Questions may also involve fractions, decimals, averages, and percents. You may NOT use a calculator or any other type of calculating device to answer these questions or any other questions in the written test.
3. **Arithmetic Reasoning** - These questions test your ability to solve an arithmetic problem presented in sentence or short paragraph form. You must read the problem, understand the situation presented, decide what must be done to solve it, and apply the appropriate arithmetic operation(s) in the appropriate order in order to determine the correct solution. Knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division is necessary. Questions may also involve the use of percents, decimals, and fractions.

A Guide for the Written Test for Account Clerical is available at the New York State website: [www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm). Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

**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.

**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 arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations 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](#)

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