



NIAGARA COUNTY
CIVIL SERVICE
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CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT FOR CLERICAL II/SENIOR TYPIST

Promotional Exam

County Salary \$22.93 - \$25.53/Hour
Salaries vary within municipalities

Applications are accepted on a continuous recruitment basis and the written exam will be offered in August and February each year. **The next written exam will be held on August 1, 2026.** Candidate applications must be received by **July 20, 2026.** The eligible list resulting from this exam will be used to fill **Clerical II and Senior Typist** vacancies as they occur in agencies under the jurisdiction of Niagara County Civil Service.

Your name will be placed on the eligible list in final score order, regardless of when you filed or received your grade. **Your name at that score will remain on the list for a one (1) year period.** Should you receive a permanent appointment from the list, your name will be removed from consideration for subsequent vacancies. **Candidates may retest every six (6) months.**

PROMOTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must be permanently employed in the competitive class or in a position designated as 55-a and must have served on a permanent basis for: One (1) year as a Clerical I, Clerk, Typist, or Courier – Mail Clerk immediately preceding the date of the written examination. Candidates must be employed by an agency under the jurisdiction of Niagara County Civil Service.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE NIAGARA COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE: Candidates must pass a New York State notary public exam within one (1) year of permanent appointment. Employees must maintain active status as a notary as a condition of continued employment.

SENIORITY CREDIT - Seniority is based on the length of continuous permanent classified service in the jurisdiction in which promotion is sought, with points added to an eligible candidate's passing score for each appropriate five-year period or fraction thereof in accordance with the following schedule:

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| Less than 1 year | 0 points |
| 1 year up to 6 years | 1 point |
| Over 6 years up to 11 years | 2 points |
| Over 11 years up to 16 years | 3 points |
| Over 16 years up to 21 years | 4 points |
| Over 21 years up to 26 years | 5 points |

NOTE: Any person otherwise meeting the requirements for an examination, who was laid off from an agency for which the exam is being held, and whose name is presently on a **PREFERRED LIST**, is eligible to compete in the exam. When completing their application, such persons should be sure to indicate their present employment and/or title and location of their last permanent employment in the municipality.

YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE REVIEWED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

FILING DEADLINE FOR
FEBRUARY 7TH EXAM DATE
JULY 20, 2026

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**

NEXT EXAM DATE

AUGUST 1, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED: March 5, 2026

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.**

DUTIES: Performs moderately difficult and varied typing and clerical tasks in accordance with standard procedures and policies. Although most of this work follows an established routine, its efficient completion requires the application of independent judgment in the application of prescribed procedures and methods to routine cases and a general understanding of specific law, office rules, procedures, terminology and policies. Unusual problems or situations not previously encountered are referred to supervisor before action is taken. Depending upon the nature of the assignment, work may be completed under direct or general supervision. Supervision may be exercised over the work of a small number of subordinate clerical workers by assigning and assisting them in the less complex work of the department or section. This position is distinguished from Clerical I in the greater difficulty of tasks and a higher level of responsibility. Does related work as required.

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.

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. **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 II** 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 arrangements 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](#)**
Exams/Jobs Portal - <https://niagara-portal.mycivilservice.com/>

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