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CIVIL SERVICE
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ACCOUNT CLERICAL IV

No 73-635 Promotional Examination

County Salary: $21.39-$25.05/hour
Salary varies by Municipality

The examination will be held to establish an eligible list used to fill any Principal Account Clerk or Account Clerical IV vacancies that may occur under the jurisdiction of Niagara County Civil Service during the life of the list. **The list established from this exam will supersede any existing list for this title.**

PROMOTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS Candidates must be permanently employed in the competitive class and must have served on a permanent basis for two (2) years as an Account Clerical III, Bookkeeper, Senior Account Clerk, Senior Account Clerk Typist, Senior Account Clerk Stenographer, or Audit Clerk **OR** three (3) years as an Account Clerical II, immediately preceding the date of the written examination.

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:

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.

DUTIES: The work involves responsibility for planning, assigning and supervising major account keeping activities and/or independently performing difficult and responsible account keeping functions. Work is performed under general supervision in accordance with outlined policies and procedures allowing for the exercise of independent judgment in planning and carrying out the details of the work. Difficult technical or policy problems are referred to a supervisor for decision, or review of judgment where recommendations are initiated. This class differs from that of Account Clerical III by the more difficult and complex nature of the assignments and the independence allowed in carrying out the work and/or by the supervisory responsibilities of subordinate staff. Does related work as required.

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.

FILING DEADLINE

JANUARY 6, 2020

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**
ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED: December 3, 2019

EXAMINATION DATE

FEBRUARY 29, 2020

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 supporting 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. The written test will be designed to test for knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. **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.

2. **Fundamentals of account keeping and bookkeeping**: These questions test for a knowledge of basic principles and practices of account keeping and bookkeeping. The questions test for recognizing account keeping and bookkeeping terms, concepts and relationships; recording financial transactions; and solving elementary problems in account keeping and bookkeeping.

3. **Understanding and interpreting tabular material**: These questions test your ability to understand, analyze, and use the internal logic of data presented in tabular form. You may be asked to perform tasks such as completing tables, drawing conclusions from them, analyzing data trends or interrelationships, and revising or combining data sets. The concepts of rate, ratio, and proportion are tested. Mathematical operations are simple, and computational speed is not a major factor in the test. **You should bring with you a hand-held battery- or solar-powered calculator for use on this test.** You will **not** be permitted to use the **calculator** function of your **cell phone**.

4. **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.

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 'General Guide to Written Tests' 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, 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 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