



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPLICATION UNIT
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NEW YORK, NY 10007

REQUIRED FORMS

APPLICATION FORM
EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE
TEST PAPER
FOREIGN EDUCATION
FACT SHEET
(IF APPLICABLE)

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**NOTICE
OF
EXAMINATION**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST

Exam. No. 0101

AMENDED NOTICE - March 24, 2010

WHEN TO APPLY: From: November 4, 2009
To: November 24, 2009

APPLICATION FEE: \$50.00
Payable by mail by money order to DCAS
(EXAMS) or payable online by credit card,
bank card, or debit card.

THE TEST DATE: The multiple-choice test is expected to be held on **Saturday, March 27, 2010.**

The Notice of Examination is amended to change the date of the multiple-choice test from February 27, 2010 to March 27, 2010.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Administrative Community Relations Specialists, under general or executive direction, with wide latitude for the exercise of independent initiative, judgment and decision-making, are responsible for planning, developing, coordinating and/or administering programs which promote effective community relations and are responsive to problems in areas such as housing and development, transportation, health and environmental protection; coordinating, evaluating and administering a health education program to meet the needs of poverty area residents; managing a program involving community organization or development and coordinating its integration with other functions being performed within a large human services agency; directing a major activity or program of the agency in which a number of diverse or complex functions must be integrated; evaluating for quality, effectiveness and the meeting of community needs, all programs which deal with matters such as addiction services and police-community relations. All Administrative Community Relations Specialists perform related work.

Special Working Conditions: Administrative Community Relations Specialists may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

(This is a brief description of what you might do in this position and does not include all the duties of this position.)

THE SALARY: Salaries will be commensurate with the level of responsibility of the managerial assignment and will be consistent with the Managerial Pay Plan.

HOW TO APPLY: If you believe you are eligible to take this examination, there are two ways to apply for this examination:

1. **Online at the DCAS Website:** If you wish to apply online, go to the DCAS Online Application System (OASys) at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs and follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment, and completing any required forms. The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or prepaid debit card which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets.
2. **By mail:** Refer to the "Required Forms" section below for the forms that you must fill out. Return all completed forms and the application fee to DCAS Application Unit, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007.

DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.

You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the qualification requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If you are marked "Not Qualified," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

Special Circumstances Form: This form is included in the application package and located online at

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the above DCAS website. This form gives important information about requesting an alternate test date because of religious observance or a special test accommodation for disability, claiming Veterans' or Legacy credit, and notifying DCAS of a change in your mailing address. Follow all instructions on the Special Circumstances form that pertain to you when you complete your "Application for Examination."

HOW TO QUALIFY:

Education and Experience Requirements: By the **last day of the Application Period** you must have:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, accredited by regional, national, professional or specialized agencies recognized as accrediting bodies by the U. S. Secretary of Education and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) **and** four years of satisfactory, full-time community liaison, community organization or community relations experience, at least two years of which must have been in a broad administrative or policy-making capacity with responsibility for planning, organizing, coordinating, developing, evaluating and/or administering a large community service program or activity; or
2. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization **and** eight years of satisfactory, full-time experience as described in "1" above, at least two years of which must have been in a broad administrative or policy-making capacity with responsibilities as described in "1" above; or
3. Education and/or experience equivalent to "1" or "2" above. Undergraduate education above the high school level may be substituted for the community liaison, community organization or community relations experience, but not for the two years of broad administrative or policy-making experience described in "1" above, at the rate of 30 semester credits from an accredited college or university (as described above) for each year of experience, up to a maximum of 4 years. Graduate education beyond the baccalaureate degree may be substituted for the community liaison, community organization or community relations experience, but not for the two years of broad administrative or policy-making experience described in "1" above, on the basis of 30 graduate credits from an accredited college or university (as described above) for each year of experience, up to a maximum of 2 years. However, all candidates must possess a four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization **and** two years of full-time experience in a broad administrative or policy-making capacity with responsibilities as described in "1" above.

You may be given the test before we verify your qualifications.

Residency Requirement Advisory: Under New York City Administrative Code Section 12-120, you might need to be a resident of the City of New York within 90 days of the date you are appointed to this position. Since residency requirements vary by title, appointing agency and length of service, consult the **appointing agency's personnel office** at the time of the appointment interview to find out if City residency is required.

English Requirement: You must be able to understand and be understood in English.

Proof of Identity: Under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, you must be able to prove your identity and your right to obtain employment in the United States prior to employment with the City of New York.

REQUIRED FORMS:

1. **Application for Examination:** Make sure that you follow all instructions included with your application form, including payment of fee. Save a copy of the instructions for future reference.
2. **Education and Experience Test Paper:** Fill out Sections **A.1 (if applicable), A.2, A.4 (if applicable), A.5 (if applicable), A.6 (if applicable) and B**. This form must be filled out completely and in detail for you to receive your proper rating. Keep a copy of your completed Education and Experience Test Paper for your records. **If you are applying by mail**, write your social security number in the box at the top right side of the cover page, and the examination title and number in the box provided. **If you are applying online**, follow the online instructions.
3. **Foreign Education Fact Sheet (Required only if you need credit for your foreign education to meet the education and experience requirements):** If you were educated outside the United States, you must have your foreign education evaluated to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. The services that are approved to make this evaluation are listed on the Foreign Education Fact Sheet included with your application packet. When you contact the evaluation service, ask for a "**document-by-document**" (**general**) evaluation of your foreign education. You must have one of these services submit its evaluation of your foreign education directly to the Department of Citywide Administrative Services no later than eight weeks from the last date for applying for this examination.

THE TEST: You will be given a multiple-choice In-Basket test. Your score on this test will be used to determine your place on an eligible list. You must achieve a score of at least 70% to pass the test. The multiple-choice test is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain abilities determined to be important to the performance of the job tasks of an Administrative Community Relations Specialist and will include questions which may require the use of any of the following abilities:

- **Problem Solving and Decision Making:** Identifying and understanding problems of varying levels of complexity; securing relevant information to identify possible causes and solutions of problems and considering the potential outcomes of various solutions; formulating logical conclusions based on objective information; implementing decisions and evaluating outcomes.
- **Management Control:** Planning, organizing and prioritizing work; delegating specific duties to subordinates, establishing procedures to monitor and/or regulate those duties to ensure that the quality of the work being done by subordinates meets or exceeds agency standards and is completed in a timely, efficient manner.
- **Interpersonal Skills:** Interacting appropriately and effectively with staff, colleagues, senior management, the general public, community partners, vendors, etc.
- **Staff Development:** Developing the skills and competencies of subordinates through personal example, training and supervision, and motivating them to willingly perform tasks and achieve objectives.
- **Written Comprehension:** Understanding written material of varying levels of complexity, including legal documents, policies and procedures, reports, etc.
- **Written Communication:** Writing concisely, comprehensively and clearly, using correct grammatical form in a manner that others will understand, and communicating effectively via written formats including e-mail.
- **Mathematical/Statistical Facility:** Tracking, analyzing and understanding numerical/statistical data, graphs, and budgeting issues, and performing numerical operations, e.g., adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, calculating mean, median, mode and percentages; and other related areas.

The test will assess managerial abilities. Certain questions may be answered on the basis of documents or other information supplied to candidates on the date of the written test. A passing score on the test will satisfy the requirement that the candidates pass a qualifying test for entry into the Managerial Service.

Note: You are not permitted to enter the test site with cellular phones, beepers, pagers, cameras, portable media players, or other electronic devices. Calculators are permitted; however, they must be hand-held, battery or solar powered, numeric only. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you are found to be in possession of any of these devices, your test score may be nullified, you may not receive your test results, and your application fee will not be returned.

ADMISSION CARD: You should receive an Admission Card in the mail about 10 days before the date of the test. If you do not receive an Admission Card at least 4 days before the test date, you must go to the Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, Manhattan, to obtain a duplicate card.

THE TEST RESULTS: If you meet the education and experience requirements and pass the multiple-choice test, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list and you will be given a list number. You will be notified by mail of your test results. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment when your name is reached on the eligible list.

The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted and copies are available in the Application Unit of the Division of Citywide Personnel Services, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, NY, NY 10007.

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