



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
 DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE
 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 APPLICATION UNIT
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REQUIRED INFORMATION
APPLICATION
EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE TEST
FOREIGN EDUCATION EVALUATION GUIDE (IF APPLICABLE)

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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SPECIALIST - PARAMEDIC (FIRE)
Exam No. 5004
Amended Notice – August 20, 2014

WHEN TO APPLY: From: August 6, 2014
 To: September 23, 2014

APPLICATION FEE: \$61.00
If you choose to pay the application fee with a credit/debit/gift card, you will be charged a fee of 2.49% of the payment amount. This fee is nonrefundable.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS NOTICE IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.

The Notice of Examination is amended to extend the end of filing from August 26, 2014 to September 23, 2014.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Emergency Medical Specialists - Paramedic, under general supervision, perform tasks such as the following: provide timely, professional pre-hospital emergency medical care/Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) to anyone who requests/requires it; provide transportation to the appropriate medical facility; operate department vehicles; assist with on-line medical control; coordinate and direct pre-hospital care resources and operations in the event of a disaster; and provide patient care under the authorization of the Medical Director. All work is performed in accordance with FDNY policies and procedures and as legislatively prescribed in the requisite curriculum and allowed by Federal/ New York State/ Regional Protocols and in accordance with the level of training, New York State designated scope of practice and New York State and Regional BLS and ALS Protocols. EMS - Paramedics also prepare and submit reports as required and may be assigned to work in any FDNY facility, as needed. All personnel perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Emergency Medical Specialists - Paramedics and the environmental conditions experienced are: working outdoors in all kinds of weather; climbing stairs; using such devices as stair chair or ambulance stretcher; carrying equipment and patients on ambulance stretchers; treating patients who may have infectious and communicable diseases; working for extended periods during the day or night in ambulances; driving an ambulance in all kinds of weather; working in confined spaces such as under vehicles, trains, and buildings; working at hazardous material scenes such as a chemical spill or an industrial fire or accident; treating patients at heights such as rooftops, bridges or elevated highways; and reading a Mobile Data Terminal for call information and instructions in varying light conditions.

(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: The current minimum salary is \$43,690 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO APPLY: If you believe you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, submit an application on the Online Application System (OASys) at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs. Follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment, and completing any required information. A valid email address is required to file online. Several internet service providers, including but not limited to Google, Yahoo!, AOL, Outlook.com, and Mail.com offer free email addresses. The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or a prepaid debit card with a credit card logo which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets. You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers to file for this examination online and submit a money order payable to DCAS (Exams).

The centers will be open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM:

Manhattan
 2 Lafayette Street
 17th Floor
 New York, NY 10007

Brooklyn
 210 Joralemon Street
 4th Floor
 Brooklyn, NY 11201

The Computer -based Testing & Applications Centers will be closed Monday, September 1, 2014.

READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Special Circumstances Guide: This guide is located on the DCAS website at www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/exam_special_circumstances.pdf and available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers. This guide gives important information about claiming Veterans' or Legacy credit, and notifying DCAS of a change in your mailing address. Follow all instructions on the Special Circumstances Guide that pertain to you when you complete your "Application for Examination."

HOW TO QUALIFY: 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.

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

1. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization; and
2. A valid NYS Department of Health EMT-Paramedic certification; and
3. A valid NYC REMAC (New York City Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee) certificate.

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.

You must also possess the above certificates at the time of your appointment, and they must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

You must clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and certificates on your Education and Experience Test and submit it by the end of the application period. You will not receive credit for education or certificates which you obtain after the end of the application period, nor will you be permitted to submit new or additional information about your education and certificates once the application period has ended.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE APPOINTED:

Certificate Requirements: As stated in the "HOW TO QUALIFY" section above, you must possess a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Paramedic certification and a valid NYC REMAC certificate by the end of the application period. You must also possess a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Paramedic certification and a valid NYC REMAC certificate at the time you are appointed to this position and must maintain them for the duration of your employment. **You will be responsible for payment of any fees associated with the maintenance of certifications.**

Driver License Requirement: You must have a motor vehicle driver license valid in the State of New York at the time of appointment. This license must be maintained for the duration of your employment. Serious moving violations, license suspensions or accident record may disqualify you. Also, you must successfully complete the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) prior to the completion of one year in title.

Respirator Equipment Requirement: Because you must be able to wear a NIOSH-certified respirator, you are not permitted to have facial hair that interferes with the sealing surface of the respirator and the face or interferes with the valve function of the respirator.

Medical and Psychological Assessment: Medical and psychological guidelines have been established for the position of Emergency Medical Specialist - Paramedic. You will be examined to determine whether you can perform the essential functions of the position of Emergency Medical Specialist - Paramedic. Additionally, you will be expected to continue to perform the essential functions of the position of Emergency Medical Specialist - Paramedic throughout your career and may, therefore, be medically and psychologically tested periodically throughout your career. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to take these medical and psychological examinations, and/or to perform the essential functions of the job.

Character and Background: In accordance with the provisions of the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Code - Part 800, candidates for EMS certification or recertification must not have been convicted of certain misdemeanors or felonies. The New York State Department of Health (DOH) will review all criminal convictions from any federal, military or state jurisdiction to determine if such convictions fall within the scope of those specified in Part 800, or represent a potential risk or danger to patients or the public at large. For more information, contact the DOH website at www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/main.htm or telephone (212) 417-4455. In addition to this provision of the State Emergency Medical Services Code, candidates for this position are advised that good character and satisfactory background are absolute prerequisites to appointment.

Residency: City residency is not required for this position.

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.

Drug Screening Requirement: You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed. Random drug screening will be conducted for the duration of your EMS - Paramedic career.

Qualifying Physical Test: Physical standards have been established for the position of Emergency Medical Specialist- Paramedic. You will be required to pass a qualifying physical test, and may be required to undergo periodic physical testing throughout your career.

Note: If you are presently serving as a provisionally appointed EMS-Paramedic with the FDNY and have previously taken and passed the qualifying physical test, you will not be required to take it again to qualify for appointment.

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

1. **Application for Examination:** Follow the online instructions, including those relating to the payment of fee, and if applicable, those found in the Special Circumstances Guide.

2. **Education and Experience Test:** Fill out **Sections A.1, A.2, A.6, B and C**. This test must be filled out completely and in detail for you to receive your proper rating. Follow the online instructions.

Note: You must list the title of license or certificate, issued by, date issued, license number and expiration date of your EMT-Paramedic and REMAC certificates in "Section C - Licenses and Certificates" on your Education and Experience Test.

3. **Foreign Education Evaluation Guide (Required only if you need credit for your foreign education to meet the education requirement):** 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 Evaluation Guide located on the DCAS website at www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/foreigneducation.pdf. 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: Your score will be determined by an education and experience test. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the education and certificate requirements listed above. After these requirements are met, you will receive additional credit up to a maximum of 100 points on the following basis:

For full-time satisfactory paid experience in the NYC 911 system performing emergency medical service duties after obtaining, and while holding, a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Paramedic certification and valid NYC REMAC (New York City Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee) certificate for:

You will receive:

At least 6 months, but less than 1 year of experience	5 points
At least 1 year, but less than 2 years of experience	10 points
At least 2 years, but less than 3 years of experience	20 points
3 or more years of experience	30 points

For full-time satisfactory paid experience with a government-run ambulance system or with a volunteer or private ambulance company outside of the NYC 911 system performing emergency medical service duties after obtaining, and while holding, a valid NYS Department of Health EMT-Paramedic certification and valid NYC REMAC (New York City Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee) certificate for:

You will receive:

At least 1 year of experience	5 points
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For full-time satisfactory paid experience in the NYC 911 system performing emergency medical service duties after obtaining, and while holding, a valid NYS Department of Health EMT - Basic certification for:

You will receive:

At least 6 months, but less than 1 year of experience	2.5 points
At least 1 year, but less than 2 years of experience	5 points
At least 2 years, but less than 3 years of experience	10 points
3 or more years of experience	15 points

For successful completion, within the last 5 years, of a(n)

You will receive:

Emergency Vehicle Operators course (EVOC), consistent with the 1995 National Standard Curriculum	5 points
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24 hours of HazMat Operations Level Training, as defined by Federal OSHA regulations at 29 CFR 1910.120(q)(6)(ii).	5 points
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EVOC and/or HazMat Training must be successfully completed by the **last day of the application period**. HazMat Training must be to the Operations level; you will not receive credit for entry level training.

You will receive a maximum of one year of experience credit for each year you worked. If you have any of the above experience on a part-time basis, it will be credited according to the equivalent percent of full-time experience. Each year of experience will be credited under only one category which will be the highest appropriate category.

You must clearly specify in detail all of your relevant training and experience on your Education and Experience Test and submit it by the end of the application period. You will not receive credit for training and experience which you obtain after the end of the application period, nor will you be permitted to submit new or additional information about your training and experience once the application period has ended.

Training and experience must be obtained by the **last day of the application period**.

THE TEST RESULTS: If you pass the education and experience 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Application Receipt: You will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, contact this agency at OASys@dcas.nyc.gov. Include your social security number and the examination number and title in your email. You will also be mailed an acknowledgment letter within three months of the last date of the application period. If you do not receive an acknowledgment letter, write to this agency, Attention: Exam Support Group, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007 to request verification that your application was received. Include your social security number and the examination number and title in your request.

Probationary Period: The probationary period is 12 months. As part of the probationary period, probationers will be required to successfully complete a prescribed training course. Probationers who fail to successfully complete the training course may be terminated by the agency head. Also, you must successfully complete the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) prior to the completion of one year in title.

Promotion Test: Promotion examinations for this title are regularly held for eligible New York City Fire Department employees. The names appearing on any existing promotion list will be considered first in filling vacancies. However, it is expected that there will be sufficient positions available for use of the eligible list resulting from this examination.

EMS Academy Assessment: As a condition of completing EMS Academy training, you must pass multiple-choice exams, quizzes, scenarios and New York State written and practical exams.

Note: If you are presently serving as a provisionally appointed Paramedic with the FDNY and have previously taken and passed the written and practical tests, you will not be required to complete the EMS Academy Assessment again.

PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION: Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after appointment, and may result in criminal prosecution.

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 at nyc.gov/dcas and at the DCAS Computerized Testing Centers.

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Internet: nyc.gov/dcas