PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN
EXAM #62-449 (OC)

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2014
EXAMINATION DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2014

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE
A NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE PROCESSING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY EACH APPLICATION
$15.00 MONEY ORDER ONLY -- PAYABLE TO ONEIDA COUNTY

STARTING SALARY/RANGE: $34,454 Oneida County Government

VACANCIES: The eligible list, established as a result of this examination, will be used to fill any appropriate vacancies which may occur in this title under the jurisdiction of the Oneida County Commissioner of Personnel.

ELIGIBLE LIST: A promotion examination for this title will be held at the same time as the open competitive examination. The eligible list, resulting from the promotion examination, will be used first, as mandated by State Law.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT: NONE - When preference in certification is given to residents of a municipality pursuant to subdivision 4-a of Section 23 of the Civil Service Law, an eligible must have been a resident of such municipality for at least one month prior to the date of certification in order to be included in a certification as a resident of such municipality and must be a resident of such municipality at the time of appointment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

(A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four-year college or university with a Bachelor's Degree, including thirty (30) credit hours in the physical and biological sciences*, of which not more than twelve (12) credit hours may be in the applied sciences; OR

(B) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma AND five (5) years of experience as a public health technician deemed satisfactory by the local commissioner of health or public health director.

*The Physical and Biological Sciences include courses such as biology, microbiology, botany, zoology, general inorganic chemistry, qualitative and quantitative analyses, biochemistry, organic chemistry, geology and physics.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid New York State driver's license at time of application. License must remain valid throughout appointment in order to meet the transportation requirements of the job.

NOTE: 1. Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications at time of application.
2. Further verification may be requested from candidates to verify their academic qualifications.
3. Candidates must submit a copy of their transcripts if qualifying under (A) above.
4. Appointees must satisfactorily complete a public health training course approved by the State Health Department within one year of appointment.

DUTIES: Performs professional activities which may include the investigation and inspection of the non-engineering aspects of environmental health control; applies the principles of the physical, biological and social sciences for the detection, evaluation, control and management of those factors in the environment which influence health. The incumbent performs related work as required.

SUBJECTS 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 evaluate knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. Inspection and Investigative Techniques - These questions test a candidate's ability to select the proper course of action in situations which might occur during inspections and investigations. These questions may cover areas such as investigative interviewing, presentation of evidence, attitude factors, integrity and sound judgment in dealing with complaints, irregularities and violations.

2. Application of Scientific Principles and Knowledge to Public and Environmental Health Protection - These questions test for knowledge of public and environmental health principles, the ability to investigate and identify the
causes of various public and environmental health problems, and to recommend the appropriate remedial actions for such problems.

3. Preparing Written Material - These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.

4. Basic Principles of Biology, Chemistry, and General Science - These questions test for knowledge of elementary concepts and principles in the fields of general science, biology, and chemistry.

5. Microbiology as Related to Disease Prevention and Control, Sanitary Chemistry, and Toxic Substances - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices of microbiology involved in disease prevention and control, including such areas as food, water and environmental sanitation, toxic substances, and communicable diseases.

6. 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.

CALCULATORS ARE ALLOWED: Unless specifically prohibited, candidates are permitted to use QUIET, hand-held, solar- or battery-powered calculators ONLY. Devices with typewriter keyboards, such as cell phones, computers or devices which can be hooked up to a computer, spell-checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries and any similar devices are PROHIBITED.

STUDY GUIDE: The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a Test Guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information contained in the publication “How to Take a Written Test” helpful in preparing for this examination. This publication is available online at: www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS SCHEDULED ON THE SAME DATE

If you have applied for other civil service exams in another jurisdiction (state, county, city) scheduled on the same date, YOU must make arrangements to take all the exams at one test site. Submit a completed CROSS-FILER NOTIFICATION form to our office at time of application. If you have applied for a State exam, YOU MUST take all exam titles at the State Exam site. You will be advised on your admission letter when and where to report for your examinations. If you have any questions, please contact the Oneida County Department of Personnel at 315-798-5726.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. APPLICATIONS: Unless otherwise indicated on this announcement, the candidate will complete one "Oneida County Application for Employment" form for each examination he/she wishes to take. NO COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Applicants must answer every question on the application form, and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISAPPROVED. All applications shall be filed with the Oneida County Dept. of Personnel. This office reserves the right to reject all applications received after the last filing date.

2. ADDRESS CHANGE: Failure to notify this office of a change of address may result in disqualification for examination or certification for appointment following examination. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved.

3. RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS/DISABLED PERSONS/MILITARY MEMBERS: Please indicate on your application if special arrangements for testing are needed. Military Services Members: See instructions and information E on application.

4. ALTERNATE TEST DATES: In certain circumstances that fall under the Alternate Test Date Policy established by this department, an alternate test date may be arranged.

5. EMERGENCIES: If an emergency prevents you from appearing for the examination please notify this office no later than 10:00 AM on the Monday following the test date. (Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday), providing verifiable documentation of the reason.
6. **VETERANS:** See instructions and information F on application.

7. **ADMISSION NOTICE:** See instructions and information C on application. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR ADMISSION NOTICE THREE DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN OR PERFORMANCE TEST, NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

8. **ELIGIBLE LISTS:** Appointments from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept appointment. The duration of an eligible list may be fixed for a minimum period of one (1) year and a maximum period of four (4) years. Changing conditions may make it advisable to certify to future vacancies at higher or lower salaries than those announced.

9. **COLLEGE DEGREE/CREDIT:** If your degree and/or college credit was awarded by an educational institution outside of the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies providing this service may be obtained in person from the Oneida County Department of Personnel, by mail (include a self-addressed, stamped envelope) OR on the New York State Department of Civil Service web site: [www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm). You will be responsible for the required evaluation fee.

10. Federal and State Law prohibit discrimination because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status or genetic predisposition or carrier status.

11. This examination is being 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 the 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.

12. **ADDITIONAL CREDIT:** In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

13. **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.

14. **APPLICATION FEE WAIVER:** A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a “Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification” form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. If you can not download this form by clicking on its title, the form is available at the Oneida County Department of Personnel, 800 Park Avenue, Utica, NY 13501. You may also call (315) 798-5726 or write to the Oneida County Department of Personnel to request a copy.

15. **EXAMINATION ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Failure to appear for two (2) consecutive examinations administered by Oneida County Civil Service within an 18 month period will result in disqualification for future examination for a two year period. (per Oneida County Civil Service Rule IX)

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