

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MAINTENANCE WORKER**  
**EXAM #76-409 (PROM)**

**MARCH 17, 2010**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE**

**APRIL 24, 2010**  
**EXAMINATION DATE**

**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**

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**STARTING SALARY/RANGE:** \$23,306 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.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must have permanent full-time status for a period of **twenty-four (24) months as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Helper** in the Oneida County Department of Water Quality/Water Pollution Control immediately preceding the date of this examination.

**NOTE:** Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications on or before the date of examination.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** If operation of a motor vehicle is part of the job, eligibility for a current valid NYS Motor Vehicle Driver's License at time of application. Possession of the license at time of appointment.

**DUTIES:** Helps to repair and maintain machinery and equipment at a municipal wastewater treatment plant. The work involves the efficient and workmanlike performance of a variety of repair and maintenance tasks involving wastewater treatment plant equipment. The incumbent performs related work as required.

**SENIORITY CREDIT:** Computation of seniority points will begin from the date of original entry in the permanent classified service, of the jurisdiction in which promotion is sought. Points will be added to an eligible score, as follows:

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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 |
| *Over 26 years -                | 6 points |

**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 test for knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

- 1. Operation, Maintenance, and Repair of Pumps, Motors, Valves, Mechanical and Electrical Equipment** - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices involved in the operation, maintenance, and upkeep of various types of mechanical and electrical equipment, including pumps, valves, electric motors, and similar types of equipment.
- 2. Reading and Interpretation of Plans and Specifications** - These questions test for the ability to read and interpret typical plans, layouts, diagrams, and technical specifications related to mechanical or electrical equipment and systems.
- 3. Inspection, Operation, Maintenance and Repair of Basic Mechanical Equipment** - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices involved in the inspection, operation, maintenance, and upkeep of basic mechanical equipment such as gears, shafts and bearings, power drives, and similar types of basic machinery and mechanical equipment.

4. **Tools of the Trade (Mechanical)** - These questions test for knowledge of the tools, instruments, and equipment typically used in the mechanical trades, including the proper and safe use of this equipment.

**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**.

**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.

Please contact the Oneida County Department of Personnel at **315-798-5726** **AND** submit a completed **CROSS-FILER NOTIFICATION** form to our office at least two weeks prior to the test date.

If you have applied for a State exam, **YOU MUST ALSO** make arrangements to take all exam titles at the State Exam site by calling **518-457-7022** two weeks prior to the test date.

**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.state.ny.us/jobseeker/degrees.cfm](http://www.cs.state.ny.us/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.**

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[www.ocgov.net](http://www.ocgov.net) .

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