

ULSTER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT



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#87518010 POLICE OFFICER/DEPUTY SHERIFF

OPEN-COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

LAST DATE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS: August 19, 2024

EXAMINATION DATE: September 28, 2024

Note: Applications MUST be received through the Examination Portal (<https://ulster-portal.mycivilservice.com/post/exams>) no later than August 19, 2024. Applications must include your DATE OF BIRTH.

APPLICANTS MUST BE LEGAL RESIDENTS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: ULSTER, COLUMBIA, DELAWARE, DUTCHESS, GREENE, ORANGE, AND SULLIVAN.

Appointments from the resulting Eligible List will be made, if applicable, in accordance with Public Officer's Law Section 3.2, which concerns residency limitations for Police Officer candidates. Not all of the above residents are eligible for appointment in every local jurisdiction.

Preference may be given to Ulster County residents for Deputy Sheriff positions.

Note: If you indicate a Post Office box number on your application, you MUST also indicate your legal residence.

The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used where appropriate to fill full-time and part-time vacancies as they occur for Deputy Sheriff positions in the Ulster County Sheriff's Department, and for Police Officer positions in the Towns and Villages in Ulster County. Vacancies are expected to occur from time to time.

SALARY:

The 2024 starting salary for Deputy Sheriff (Pre-Police Academy training) is currently listed at \$25.10 per hour.

The 2024 starting salary for Deputy Sheriff (Post-Police Academy training) is currently listed at \$27.89 per hour.

The starting salary for Police Officer varies by location.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high-school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma or comparable diploma.

Special Requirements:

1. United States Citizenship is required at time of appointment.
2. Possession of a valid New York State Driver's license is required at time of appointment.
3. Candidates must be at least 19 years of age and less than 35 years of age at the time of examination.

Note: The minimum qualifications of this position are specified in section 58(1)(a) of the Civil Service Law. There are various laws, rules and regulations governing appointments to the title of Police Officer in areas such as, but not limited to: age, height, weight, physical fitness and training. To be appointed, candidates must meet all established requirements applicable to specific positions at the time of appointment.

Special Requirements:

Age: Candidates must be at least 19 years of age on or before September 28, 2024 to be admitted to the written test. Eligibility for appointment as a police officer begins when the candidate reaches age 20. Candidates who reach their 35th birthday on or before the date of the written examination are not qualified except as follows. * Candidates may have a period of military duty or terminal leave up to six years, as defined in Section 243 (10-a) of the Military Law, deducted from their age for the purpose of meeting the age requirement. **YOUR DATE OF BIRTH IS REQUIRED ON YOUR APPLICATION.**

*Section 58.1(a) requires that applicants not be "more than thirty-five years of age as of the date when the applicant takes the written examination..." Candidates who may be impacted by the maximum age requirement and who are requesting an alternate test date (for active military duty, Sabbath observance or for an alternate test date situation which meets the conditions of the agency's alternate test date policy) are advised to contact the Ulster County Personnel Department to discuss their request.

Citizenship: United States Citizenship is required at time of appointment. It is not necessary for admission to the examination.

Driver's License: Candidates must possess a valid New York State Operator's License at time of appointment.

Investigative Screening: As stated in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law, there will be a background investigation conducted in accordance with the standards of the municipal police training council (MPTC). Derogatory information will be evaluated and may result in disqualification. All convictions must be reported. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor, or any falsified or omitted information, may bar appointment or result in removal after appointment, depending upon the relationship of the violation or omission to the duties of the position. Candidates are responsible for all fees associated with Investigative Screening.

Psychological Evaluation: As stated in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law, you will be required to participate in a psychological evaluation to determine your fitness to perform the essential duties of the position prior to appointment. Failure to meet the standards may result in your offer of employment being rescinded or in your disqualification. An eligible will be called for a psychological assessment as needed to fill existing and anticipated vacancies. Candidates are responsible for all fees associated with Psychological Evaluation.

Medical and Physical Fitness Tests: Applicants who successfully pass the written examination and a physical fitness test who are conditionally offered employment, will be required to participate in a medical fitness test. The medical and physical fitness standards are those established for police officers by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council, Division of Criminal Justice Services. Candidates are responsible for all fees associated with Medical and Physical Fitness Tests.

Substance Abuse Testing: All candidates for Police Officer/Deputy Sheriff will be substance abuse tested prior to appointment at the time of the medical fitness test. Evidence of substance abuse or refusal to submit to a urinalysis shall result in disqualification from appointment. Candidates are responsible for all fees associated with Substance Abuse Testing.

APPLICATION REVIEW TOLERANCE POLICY

For the purposes of this policy, "tolerance" shall mean the leeway given regarding work experience when reviewing an application. Applicants lacking a small amount of work experience when applying for promotional or open-competitive examinations may qualify under the following conditions:

- 1) Candidates will be given a maximum tolerance of one (1) month.
- 2) Tolerance will be given only when the minimum qualification requires one or more years of work experience.
- 3) Tolerance Policy does not apply to education or licensure/certification requirements. (See particular examination announcement for "Anticipated Eligibility" information).
- 4) Tolerance Policy does not apply where required work experience is set forth by law or rules.
- 5) Tolerance Policy does not apply to enable applicants to meet residence requirements.

For more information regarding Tolerance Policy, please contact our office at (845) 340-3550.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for the enforcement of laws, ordinances and the protection of lives and property in an assigned area of the county during a specific period. The work consists primarily of routine patrol tasks, the investigation of criminal offenses and the apprehension of criminal offenders. Work is performed under the direct supervision of a higher-ranking officer whether performing patrol duties or on special assignment, with leeway allowed for the exercise of sound judgement in emergencies and when the direction or guidance of a higher-ranking officer is unavailable. Supervision over the work others is not normally a function of this position, however, advisory supervision over the work of less experienced personnel may be required on occasion. Does related work as required

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION:

There will be a written test which you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. Only your score on the written test will be considered when computing your final score. In addition, candidates must meet the physical fitness and medical standards prescribed by the Municipal Police Training Council. Candidates must pass the written test in order to be scheduled for the qualifying physical fitness test.

WRITTEN TEST: Written test will cover knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

Situational Judgment

These questions test for the ability to identify appropriate and effective responses to work-related challenges. You will be presented with scenarios that reflect the types of challenges one could encounter in a work environment. Each scenario will be followed by several responses to the scenario. You must rate the effectiveness of each response.

Language Fluency

These questions test for the ability to read, understand, and present a clear and accurate summary of information. For some questions, you will be given a brief reading passage followed by four statements, each summarizing the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given several sentences, one of which contains a spelling, grammatical, or punctuation error. You must then select the line that contains the error.

Information Ordering and Language Sequencing

These questions test for the ability to properly identify the sequence or order of events, or to organize information to fit a timeline. You will be given a brief reading passage followed by one or more questions. You must identify the proper sequence of events in order to answer one or more questions.

Problem Sensitivity and Reasoning

These questions test for the ability to apply information and to identify a problem or potential problem. For some questions, you will be given information in the form of policies, rules, regulations, or laws, which will be followed by a situation. You must then identify the problem and apply the information to select the best course of action to take. For other questions, you will be given a scenario and mock witness statements. You must use this information to answer one or more questions about the scenario.

Selective Attention

These questions test for the ability to focus on completing a task and to pay attention to important details while performing repetitive and monotonous tasks. You will be presented with a series of letters, symbols, and/or numbers. You must select the choice that contains the series of letters, symbols, and/or number that matches exactly.

Visualization

These questions test for the ability to imagine how something will look when it is moved around or when its parts are changed, moved, or rearranged. You will be presented with an image of a face followed by four images of faces. Each face is disguised or altered in some way. Three of the images have a difference in facial structure or facial features. You must select the choice that contains the image with the identical facial structure and facial features.

Spatial Orientation

These questions test for the ability to understand how to navigate within spaces or how to get from one point to another. You will be provided with a map followed by one or more questions. You must imagine yourself at a certain location and orient yourself to the direction in which you would move to get to another location by the shortest (least distance) route.

Test guide:

A Guide for the Written Test for Entry-Level Law Enforcement is available at the New York State website: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. Candidates not having access to a computer, or the internet may request copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES: THE USE OF CALCULATORS/CELL PHONES IS PROHIBITED FOR THIS EXAMINATION.

QUALIFYING PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

The three elements measured in the qualifying physical fitness test are muscular endurance, absolute strength and cardiovascular capacity. The following is a brief description of the physical fitness test.

Muscular Endurance – The requirement is for a number of bent-leg sit-ups to be performed in one minute.

Push Up – This test measures muscular endurance of the upper body (anterior deltoid, pectoralis major and triceps). The requirement is for a number of full body repetitions that a candidate must complete without breaks.

Cardiovascular Activity – 1.5-mile run; the requirement is for the attainment of a score calculated in minutes and seconds.

The Municipal Police Training Council adopted the physical fitness-screening test based on the model formulated by the Cooper Institute of Aerobics Research. The minimum passing scores, depending on age and sex, represent the fortieth (40th) percentile of physical fitness as established by the Cooper Institute. Failure on a part of qualifying test will remove your name from further consideration for appointment. **Please note: Candidates may cancel or defer their physical fitness test a maximum of three times. Canceling or deferring beyond three times will result in candidates name being removed from future consideration for appointment.**

Copies of the physical fitness and medical standards are available upon request from the Ulster County Personnel Department.

VETERANS CLAIMING ADDITIONAL CREDITS: Non-disabled and disabled veterans who wish to claim additional credits **MUST** request a Veterans Credits application from our office. This form must be completed and submitted along with a war service (DD214) form prior to the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Veterans credits may only be added to a passing score and may only be used for appointment once. Candidates currently in the armed forces may apply for and be conditionally granted veteran's credits. Any candidate who applies for such credits must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credits. **You may not claim additional Veterans Credits after the eligible list has been established. It is the candidate's responsibility to request the Veterans Credits application forms and submit these forms and any required supporting paperwork before the eligible list is established.**

On November 5, 2013, New York State voters approved an amendment to Article 5, section 6, of the New York Constitution regarding the award and use of additional credits for certain disabled veterans on open competitive and promotion civil service examinations for positions with New York State and local governments.

For eligible lists established after January 1, 2014, disabled veterans may be entitled to additional credits on a civil service examination. Every situation is different. If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact our office.

ADDITIONAL CREDITS FOR CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY: 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.

Applications **MUST** be filled out electronically within the Ulster County Employment/Examination Portal, <https://ulster-portal.mycivilservice.com/post/exams>.

You can also apply in person, using any available computer at the Ulster County Personnel Department, Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm at the following address:

Ulster County Personnel Department
County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, 5th Floor
Kingston, NY 12401

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION POLICY: In accordance with Ulster County Local Law Number 14 of 2007, a criminal background check (including fingerprinting) will be initiated by the Ulster County Personnel Department upon initial employment or re-hire to Ulster County positions, and conducted by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the New York State Office of Court Administration, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Verification Information System (IMAGE Program), or any law enforcement agency.

SPECIAL NOTE: All public agencies are required by law to provide full and equal opportunities for minorities, women and to people with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to compete without regard to race, creed or national origin. Applicants requesting special testing arrangements as a Saturday Sabbath Observer, alternate test date candidate (in accordance with Alternate Test Date Policy), or an active member of the military away from the area on the scheduled test date must clearly indicate this fact on the application. All such requests must be supported by appropriate documentation.

APPLYING FOR CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS IN MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS WHEN EXAMINATIONS ARE SCHEDULED ON SAME DATE: If you have applied for any other Civil Service examinations for employment with any other local government jurisdiction, you must make arrangements to take all the examinations at one test site. **Please indicate your intentions within the REMARKS text box on the application for examination.**

If you have applied for both State and local government examinations, you must inform the Ulster County Personnel Department of your intent to participate in both exams no later than **two weeks** before the date of the examinations. When taking local and State examinations on the same day, all of these examinations must be taken at the State test site. You will be informed by letter when and where to report for the examinations and you should bring the Ulster County admission notice with you to the State test site along with the State admission notice you will receive from the State.

If you have applied for other local government examinations, you must inform all local government civil service agencies of the test site at which you wish to take your examination(s) no later than **two weeks** before the date of the examinations.

*If candidates have not received notification of this examination within four (4) days of the examination, they should contact this office immediately.

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