



DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES ANNOUNCES AN
OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR:

Title: Senior Plumber
Number: 85087010
Salary: \$65,924 – Dutchess County (2024 Salary)

Date of Examination: 11/01/2025
Applications Accepted Until: 09/24/2025
Applications postmarked 09/24/2025 will be accepted.
Applications accepted until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Administration of an exam does not imply a vacancy exists.

A \$15.00 fee and examination application are required for each separately numbered examination: Application processing fee is payable by check, money order or credit card. Cash is **NOT** accepted. Check or money order must be made payable to “Commissioner of Finance” with the examination number and title indicated on the check or money order. The fee may be waived for candidates meeting certain criteria. See application for more details regarding fee waiver. **Read the announcement carefully; the application processing fee will NOT be refunded to disapproved applicants.**
NOTE: When applying for both open competitive and promotion or open competitive and interdepartmental promotion examinations for the same title, the examination fee will be waived for the promotion or interdepartmental promotion examination only.

VACANCY: The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used, when appropriate, to fill vacancies as they occur in all units under the jurisdiction of the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources.
NOTE: A Promotion examination is being given in conjunction with this Open Competitive examination. The Promotion eligible list will be certified FIRST.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: On or before November 1, 2025, to be eligible for this examination, applicant must meet the following minimum qualifications:
Five (5) years of experience in a position involving the performance of skilled plumbing repairs, three (3) years of which were unsupervised.

Anticipated Eligibility – Age and Educational Requirements:
According to Civil Service Law, section 54 which became effective September 4, 2024, applicants who are within 12 months of meeting the minimum age or attaining the minimum educational requirements following the date of examination, may take the civil service exam, but will be restricted from certification until such a time that the minimum age or educational requirements are met.
NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, part-time experience will be pro-rated towards meeting the full-time experience requirements.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:
1. Possession of a valid New York State Driver License at time of appointment and to maintain position.
2. Certification as a New York State Class C Water Treatment Operator by completion of probationary period and to maintain position.
3. Certification as a New York State Backflow Prevention Device General Tester by completion of probationary period and to maintain position.

DUTIES: This is an advanced skilled trade position which involves responsibility for the performance of a wide variety of plumbing duties in the installation, alteration, repair, and preventive maintenance of plumbing lines, water supplies, fittings, and fixtures according to specifications. This position differs from Plumber in its overall broader range of duties including acting as a certified water treatment operator and as a backflow device tester. Incumbents receive general instructions in regard to assignments and may be required to perform building maintenance tasks other than plumbing. Considerable leeway is allowed as to the methods and procedures employed in the completion of assignments. Work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level employee. Supervision may be exercised over helpers in plumbing projects. Employees are required to report to work as needed to cover emergency situations and to participate in snow and ice control activities. **EXAMPLES OF WORK (Illustrative Only):** Services, repairs, replaces and applies preventive maintenance to all plumbing fixtures, related flush valves, mixing valves, faucets, water supply pipes, fittings, drain lines and traps; installs plumbing fixtures and water supply lines; works from building plans, blueprints, diagrams, drawings, and manuals to plan and lay out the routing, placement, type, and proper operation of plumbing lines and fixtures; maintains a complete plumbing material inventory for repairs and projects; maintains library of plumbing catalogs; estimates plumbing materials and costs; performs plumbing work connected with the maintenance and repair of heating and cooling systems; installs, replaces, and repairs gas appliances; instructs and supervises maintenance personnel in routine plumbing activities; tests, services, repairs and reports backflow devices per New York State Sanitary Code; monitors and samples drinking water; investigates, designs and installs water treatment systems; performs general building maintenance tasks; participates in snow and ice control activities, which may include working overtime hours, reporting to work early, or reporting to work on scheduled days off, in cold and wet conditions; may be required to operate a motor vehicle in connection with assignments.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:
Operation, maintenance, and repair of pumps, motors, valves, and 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.

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.

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.

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.

Test guide:
The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication 'General Guide to Written Tests' helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at:
<https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>.

The use of calculators is **RECOMMENDED** for this exam.

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AT <https://dutchess-portal.mycivilservice.com/> or dutchessny.gov/jobs**

When the examination is prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23.2 of the Civil Service Law, the administration of this examination, including rating and review, is governed by the provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

RETURNED CHECK FEE: A \$20.00 fee will be required for all returned checks. Failure to submit the returned check fee will disqualify you from the exam in which you participated.

FINGERPRINTING: An appointing authority may require a fingerprint supported background investigation before appointment. The candidate may be responsible for paying any associated fees with this service.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS: If you are applying for civil service examinations offered by other government jurisdictions (New York State, another county, city, etc.) that are being held on the same date as this examination, you must make arrangements to take all examinations at one test site. Note: If you have applied for both New York State and Dutchess County examinations, you must take all examinations at the State site. **You are required to complete and return a Cross-Filer Form**, available on the Dutchess County website www.dutchessny.gov, to the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources **no less than two (2) weeks prior to the examination date**. Failure to provide such information within this time frame may result in disqualification from one or more examinations.

ALTERNATE TEST DATES may be arranged upon review of documented circumstances in accordance with established policy. Such arrangements must be made prior to the exam except for emergency situations or active military service.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION: – If you cannot take the test on the announced test date (most written exams held on Saturdays) due to a conflict with a religious observance or practice, indicate this on your application. You will be granted an alternate test date, usually during the following week.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION: If you require an accommodation or special assistance in taking an exam, indicate this on your application. Documentation will be required.

WEATHER: In case of inclement weather the morning of the examination, please call the Examinations Hotline at 845-486-2167 and select option 3. You may also listen to the following radio stations for possible delays or other updates:

WEOK/WDH	WKIP/Q92	WBNR/WSPK	WCZX	WGNV	WRWD/WBWZ
1390AM	1450AM	1260AM	97.7FM	1220AM	107.3FM/93.3FM
101.5FM	92.1FM	104.7FM		103.1FM	

COLLEGE CREDITS AND/OR DEGREE: Your degree or college credit must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

VETERANS: Military personnel who are either in the service at time of examination or who have already been discharged may apply for disabled or non-disabled veterans’ credits if they meet established criteria. Candidates who are interested in these additional credits should request an application and information sheet from the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources. Veterans’ application forms will also be available on the website and upon request at the examination center. The completed forms and DD-214 (Member 4 Copy) must be received in the office as soon as possible after the examination date or before the eligible list for this examination is established.

CALCULATORS: Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries or any similar devices are prohibited.

ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION: Do not interpret a notice to appear for, or actual participation in the examination to mean that you have been found to meet fully the announced requirements.

Depending on the time available before an examination, *applicants may be admitted to the examination on the basis of statements made on the application or conditionally, without prior review of the application. Such statements may not be reviewed and/or verified until after the examination is held.* At that time, those candidates not meeting the requirements are disqualified. Candidates who are subsequently disqualified after taking the test will NOT be notified of their score.

If you do not receive a notice three days prior to the date of examination informing you whether or not you are to be admitted to the examination, call the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources immediately at 845-486-2169.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Notify this office immediately of any change of address. The appropriate change of address form is available on the website, in the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources, and will be available at the examination center.

RESIDENCE PREFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 23.4a of Civil Service Law, preference in appointment from open-competitive lists may be given to candidates who have been residents in a locality or school district in which appointment is to be made for at least 30 days prior to certification of the eligible list. For appointment in some jurisdictions you may be required to become a resident thereof in accordance with law or resolution.

NOTE: 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: May be obtained online at www.dutchessny.gov, by sending a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope or visiting the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

“HOW TO TAKE A WRITTEN TEST” and questions and answers about **MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS** publications are available on and can be fully downloaded from the New York State Department of Civil Service website www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm.