



DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES ANNOUNCES A
PROMOTION EXAMINATION FOR:

Title: Heating and Ventilating Technician
(Dutchess County Department of Public Works)
Number: 76052010
Salary: \$65,924-80,317 – Dutchess County (2024 Salary)

Date of Examination: 11/01/2025
Applications Accepted Until: 10/03/2025
Applications postmarked 10/03/2025 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 the Dutchess County Department of Public Works.
NOTE: An Open Competitive examination is being given in conjunction with this Promotion examination. The Promotion eligible list will be certified FIRST.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXAMINATION: On or before November 1, 2025, to be eligible for the promotion examination, employees must meet the promotion qualifications listed below:
Candidates must possess one (1) year of permanent competitive class status as a Building Maintenance Mechanic III (Heating and Ventilating) in the Dutchess County Department of Public Works immediately preceding November 1, 2025.
NOTE: According to Civil Service Law, section 52.10(a) which became effective September 4, 2024, time served provisionally immediately preceding permanent appointment shall count towards meeting the time in title and the employee shall be eligible to take the promotion examination.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: A department head may require the possession of a valid New York State Driver License at time of appointment and to maintain position.

DUTIES: This is skilled maintenance work involving the responsibility for the operation, maintenance and repair of building heating, ventilating, air conditioning and plumbing* systems. Work is performed under the general direction of administrative personnel. Supervision is not normally a function of this position, however, large projects may require the supervision of Building Maintenance Mechanic (Heating and Ventilating) employees. 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, and replaces heating, ventilating, air conditioning and plumbing equipment and systems; repairs and replaces electrical controls, thermostats, relays, pumps and related equipment; investigates complaints concerning heating and ventilating and resolves them; operates and troubleshoots Building Management Systems (BMS); makes emergency repairs to equipment and takes emergency action in connection with equipment failure to insure reinstatement of serviceability; installs and repairs electrical systems; installs and repairs plumbing and piping; makes recommendations in the purchase of equipment and supplies; 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 work from building plans, blueprints, diagrams, drawings, and manuals to plan and lay out the placement, type and proper operation of larger commercial and some smaller boilers; may be required to operate a motor vehicle in connection with assignments. may diagnose and resolve technical issues related to control and monitoring, primarily HVAC systems, lock systems, security and generators; may use analytical and technical tools to identify problems with digital controls, actuators, sensors, relays, transducers, and mechanical controls; may install, modify, and maintain system hardware by participating in existing system expansion and new system installations which may require installing control panels, conduit and wiring.
*In those agencies where heating and ventilating units include plumbing responsibility for the agency.

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.
Principles and operation of heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning equipment
These questions test for knowledge of the basic principles, practices, and techniques necessary for the correct operation and maintenance of heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems and equipment, and may include such areas as air supply and exhaust systems, ventilation system requirements, operation and maintenance of heating systems, and troubleshooting and maintaining air-conditioning systems.
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.

SENIORITY shall be computed from the date of original permanent appointment in the classified service.
One point for each creditable five-year period up to a maximum of five points as follows:

Less than 1 year-----	0 points	Over 11 years up to 16 years-----	3 points
1 year up to 6 years-----	1 point	Over 16 years up to 21 years-----	4 points
Over 6 years up to 11 years-----	2 points	Over 21 years up to 26 years-----	5 points

Transfer from service in other government units within New York State shall be included in computing seniority.

GENERAL INFORMATION - PROMOTIONS

The position the promoted individual vacates will only be filled on a temporary basis or contingent permanent basis pending the satisfactory completion of their probationary period. At any time during the probationary period the employee can return to the position that he or she was promoted from.

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-File 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/WPDH	WKIP/Q92	WBNR/WSPK	WCZX	WGNY	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.