



HAMILTON COUNTY PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
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**announces a Civil Service examination
for the following:**

No. 66126 Open-Competitive (REVISED)
***** DEPUTY SHERIFF *****
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

LAST FILING DATE:
AUGUST 21, 2020

EXAMINATION DATE:
SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

APPLICATIONS: Applications are available at the Hamilton County Personnel Department or on the Hamilton County website: www.hamiltoncounty.com. Examination applications must be obtained and filed with the Hamilton County Personnel Department. The Department recommends that you do not wait until the last day to file your application. When received in our office after 4:30 p.m., on the last filing date, the application will be rejected and returned to the applicant. The correct examination number and title must appear on the application form. EVERY question on the application should be answered and complete in all aspects. Under "Duties" you must describe the nature of the work personally performed by you, with estimated percentages of time spent on each type of work. This Department does not acknowledge receipt of applications or take responsibility for non-delivery or postal delay.

Failure to notify this office of a change of address may result in disqualification for examination or certification for appointment following examination.

Any application you may have previously filed will not gain you admittance to this exam and will not be used to obtain additional information. You must refile a separate Application for Examination during the official period as set forth in this announcement.

DISQUALIFICATION OF EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS: When an application for an examination is disapproved by the Director of Personnel, the candidate will be given ten (10) calendar days to appeal this determination. Your appeal must clearly demonstrate that you meet or exceed the minimum qualifications as set forth on the examination announcement. Additional information must be pertinent, detailed and accurate. Your appeal must be in writing, addressed to the Personnel Office, P.O. Box 174, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108, and received in this department no later than 4:30 p.m. of the tenth calendar day. If the tenth calendar day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the candidate will have until 4:30 p.m. that following Monday to submit their appeal.

LOCATION OF POSITIONS/VACANCY: The location of the position is within the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

THE ELIGIBLE LIST ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF THIS EXAM WILL BE USED TO FILL DEPUTY SHERIFF VACANCIES IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

ELIGIBLE LIST: The eligible list will remain in existence for a period of one (1) year, unless extended by the Personnel Officer to a maximum of four (4) years. When a list has existed for more than one year, it may terminate upon the establishment of a new list. This list will be used to fill all appropriate full-time or part-time competitive vacancies occurring in an agency under the jurisdiction of the Hamilton County Personnel Officer, anytime during the life of the eligible list.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: May be made if you require a religious accommodation, are a disabled person, or deprived of participation on the scheduled date due to active military service. Specific information must be requested when filing your application.

APPLYING FOR CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS IN MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS WHEN EXAMINATIONS ARE SCHEDULED ON THE SAME DATE: If you have applied for any other civil service examinations to be given on the same test date for employment with New York State or any other local government jurisdiction excluding New York City, you must make arrangements to take all the examinations at one test site.

PLEASE POST CONSPICUOUSLY AT A HEIGHT REACHABLE BY PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS AND WITH OTHER MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS – REMOVE AFTER LAST FILING DATE

If you have applied for both State and local government examinations, you must notify Hamilton County of your intent to take both a State and a local government examination. When taking both a State and a local government examination you will be required to take all your examinations at a State examination center. You will be advised by letter when and where to report for your examination.

If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two (2) weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center. For this examination call (518) 548-6375 or write to the Hamilton County Personnel Office, P.O. Box 174, 102 County View Drive, Lake Pleasant, NY 12108.

2020 Salary: \$45,771 - \$76,764

RESIDENCY: Candidates must, at the time of examination and at least one (1) month prior thereto, be a resident of Hamilton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Herkimer, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren or Washington County. Preferences in appointment from open-competitive lists may be given to candidates who have been residents of the locality in which appointment is to be made for four (4) months prior to the date of the written test. For appointment in some jurisdictions you may be required to become a resident thereof in accordance with law or resolution.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES (Illustrative but not exhaustive):

- Maintains law and order patrolling assigned areas to enforce laws, investigate crimes and arrest violators;
- Drives patrol vehicle through assigned area, observing traffic violations and issuing citations;
- Assumes control at traffic accidents to maintain traffic flow, assist victims and investigates causes of accidents;
- Notifies supervisors of major accidents or crimes, contacting coroners if necessary and making preliminary investigations;
- Investigates illegal or suspicious activities of persons and quells disturbances;
- Locates and takes persons into custody on arrest warrants;
- Maintains order in crowds, parades, fairs, funerals and other public gatherings;
- Prepares a variety of records and reports associated with law enforcement work;
- Attends court and presents evidence in connection with arrests made or cases investigated;
- May transport or escort prisoners of Family, Justice and County Courts to penal institutions and state hospitals;
- Answer questions for, directs and assists the public;
- May serve court orders and processes, such as summonses, subpoenas and income executions;
- May perform marine patrol, operating boats in navigable waters of the County;
- May investigate navigation accidents and drownings;
- Makes premises and property checks for security reasons;
- May be assigned to work as a Correction Officer;
- On assignment, may work in the communications center of the Corrections facility;
- May oversee inmates on work details;
- Maintains security, order and decorum in the court room as they are assigned to the court;
- Maintains vehicles including cleaning, oil change and tire change;
- May investigate animal complaints – domestic/wild – which may be infected with rabies;
- Maintain repeater sites.

The above examples of duties are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: (Either) Candidates must meet the following requirements on or before the last filing date: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Age – Candidates must be at least 19 years of age on or before September 26, 2020 to be admitted to the written test. Eligibility for appointment as a Deputy Sheriff 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.

*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 Hamilton County’s Alternate Test Date Policy), are advised to contact Hamilton County Personnel Department to discuss their request.

APPLICANTS MUST INDICATE THEIR DATE OF BIRTH ON THE APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION.

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.

Special Requirement – In order to be eligible for appointment, candidates must meet all current requirements of Section 58 of the Civil Service Law.

All experience required to meet the minimum qualification section is PAID.

Part-time experience will be pro-rated as follows:

16-23 hrs./wk....1/2 time 24-31 hrs./wk....3/4 time 32+ hrs./wk....full-time

CONVICTION OF A FELONY WILL BAR APPOINTMENT, AND CONVICTION OF A MISDEMEANOR OR OTHER OFFENSE MAY BAR APPOINTMENT.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Each potential appointee will be subject to a thorough investigation to help determine character and fitness, and to verify information provided by the applicant. Applicants must authorize access to educational, financial, military, employment, mental health and criminal history records. Such records will be reviewed and evaluated and, if found to be inconsistent with the qualifications for appointment, will result in disqualification. Candidates who receive a satisfactory evaluation on the background investigation and meet all other requirements, which may include, but not limited to, drug testing, polygraph and psychological testing, may be considered for employment. Applicants may be required to pay the fingerprinting fee. Section 652 of County Law empowers the Division of Criminal Justice Services to charge a fee when it conducts a search of criminal history records in connection with an application for employment. If appointed, eligibles may be required to pay this fee.

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: The written, multiple-choice test will be designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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 numbers that matches exactly.

6. 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.

7. 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 Officer 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 a copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

CALCULATOR POLICY: The use of a calculator is **PROHIBITED** for this exam.

Devices with typewriter keyboards, "Spell Checkers", "Personal Digital Assistants", "Address Books", "Language Translators", "Dictionaries", or any similar devices are prohibited.

AT THE EXAM THE USE OF CELLUAR PHONES, BEEPERS, ETC. IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

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. <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/ops/docs/registry/policeapptsmed.pdf>, will take you to the NYSDCJS web site. There you can download the pdf version of the MPTC regulations. Copies of the physical fitness and medical standards are available upon request from the Hamilton County Personnel Department.

If a candidate fails to meet any one element of the physical fitness screening test, their name will be restricted from further certification for appointment from that eligible list. Candidates would then have to wait to re-apply for the next announced Deputy Sheriff examination.

VETERANS' CREDITS: Veterans, Disabled Veterans, or candidates currently in the armed forces claiming the additional credit allowed veterans in competitive examination, must apply for such credit while filing their examination application or at any time between the date of the application but prior to the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. The time periods, for which veterans' credit is permitted, are defined on the examination application. To receive additional veterans' credit you must file a separate Veterans' Credit Application including acceptable supporting documentation for each examination. Veterans' Credit is added only to the score of the examination when the candidate's passing grade is 70 or higher.

CHILDREN AND SIBLINGS OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY CREDIT: In conformance with Sections 85-a and 85-b of the Civil Service Law, children and siblings of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten (10) points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent, sister or brother has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child or sibling 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 (2) 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. Children and Siblings of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty credit is added only to the score of the examination when the candidate's passing grade is 70 or higher.

RATING AND REVIEW: This written examination is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23.2 of the Civil Service Law and Section 7.1 of the State's Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

NOTICE TO APPEAR: Approved applicants will receive an Admission Notice for the written examination providing the location and time. Late arrivals will not be admitted into the exam room under any circumstance. Please contact this office if you have not received an Admission Notice for the written examination four (4) days prior to the date of the examination by calling (518) 548-6375.

EMERGENCIES:

If an emergency prevents you from appearing for the examination, please notify this office no later than 10:00 a.m. on the Monday following the test date, providing verifiable documentation of the reasons.

Weather Emergencies: In the case of adverse weather conditions, any delay or cancellation will be on the voice mail message of the Personnel Office at (518) 548-6375 between 6:30 and 8 AM on the date of the examination.

HAMILTON COUNTY DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, RELIGION, AGE OR DISABILITY IN EMPLOYMENT OR THE PROVISIONS OF SERVICES.

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