

**WAYNE COUNTY
CIVIL SERVICE - PERSONNEL OFFICE**

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**Continuous Recruitment Program For
WATER – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE 2011-02**

EXAM DATE: August 17, 2011

LAST FILING DATE: July 27, 2011

\$ 5.00 (Non-refundable) Must be submitted with completed application

APPLICANTS MUST BE A RESIDENT OF WAYNE COUNTY AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR TO EXAMINATION

The eligible list will be used to fill vacancies that occur within Wayne County Towns and Villages.

SALARY: Varies with each district.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must meet the following requirements on or before the date of the written test::
Graduation from high school or possession of an appropriate equivalency diploma.

A single eligible list will be established as a result of this examination and will be used to fill vacancies as they occur. Candidates who are successful in this examination and who have the proper grade certificate issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or Health, will be certified for appointment at the operator level. Other eligibles will be certified at the Trainee level and will be advanced to the journey level without further examination upon satisfactory completion of the certificate requirements.

DUTIES: A trainee undergoes on-the-job training to be a qualified operator of a Water or Wastewater Treatment Plant; assists in the operation and maintenance of a water/wastewater treatment plant. An Operator is responsible for the operation and maintenance of a Water or Wastewater Treatment Plant.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: The Written test is designed to test for knowledge, skills and/or abilities in such areas as:

- ◆ **MECHANICAL APTITUDE:** These questions test a candidate's ability to identify and understand how basic mechanical instruments such as motors and gears work.
- ◆ **SAFETY PRACTICES:** These questions test your knowledge of basic safety practices.
- ◆ **TOOLS AND READING OF SCALES AND GAUGES:** These questions test your ability to recognize or identify basic tools and their common uses and to make accurate readings of various types of dials, scales and gauges.
- ◆ **ELEMENTARY CHEMISTRY AND GENERAL SCIENCE:** These questions test your knowledge of basic processes and concepts in chemistry and general science.
- ◆ **UNDERSTANDING AND INTERPRETING WRITTEN MATERIAL:** These questions test how well you comprehend written material.
- ◆ **BASIC MATHEMATICS:** These questions test your ability to use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve basic arithmetic problems that might be encountered in water and wastewater treatment plant operations. Questions may also involve the use of fractions, decimals, averages and percents.

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A Guide to Taking the Written Test for Water/Wastewater is available on our website at co.wayne.ny.us or you may either pick up a copy or send a self-addressed envelope to Wayne County Personnel w/letter requesting the guide.

Note: Candidates are permitted to use a hand held, battery/solar powered calculator for this examination. A slide rule or a calculator may facilitate the performance of routine calculation but is not necessary to answer questions in this examination.

RETEST POLICY: A candidate may not be tested more than once every six months. Candidates may not be tested more than once with the same form of test booklet. The waiting period for retest applies whether the candidate passed or failed.

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

RESIDENCY: Candidates must be legal residents of Wayne County for at least ONE month immediately preceding the date of the examination. For some examinations, residency may be waived where recruitment is difficult. A municipality or district may exercise its right under **Section 23-4a of Civil Service Law** to request a certification of eligible candidates who have been residents of that municipality or district for at least **30 days** prior to appointment. After the names of residents have been exhausted, Wayne County must then certify the names of non-residents on the list.

APPLICATION: Applications are available from the **Wayne County Civil Service Personnel Office**, 26 Church Street, Lyons, NY 14489, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **WEB SITE IS NOW AVAILABLE co.wayne.ny.us you may download application and review current positions/exam announcements.** The candidate **MUST** complete and submit an Application for Examination for each examination they wish to apply for. Falsification of any part of the Application will result in disqualification. Applicants must complete every question on the application form. Incomplete applications will be disapproved. **Submission of a resume** does not relieve you of the responsibility for completing all sections of the official application. The resume is a supplement of the application and not a substitute for it. To receive credit for experience on a job, basic information such as address, name, title of supervisor, hours in a work week, final salary, etc. Must be shown on the application. We do not make any formal acknowledgement of the receipt of an application or take responsibility for non-delivery of mail or postal delay.

APPLICATION FILING FEE: A non-refundable filing fee must be submitted for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. Send check or money order payable to Wayne County, write the examination number on your check/money order. Cash will be accepted if returning application in person. **AS NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE, YOU ARE URGED TO CHECK THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS CAREFULLY.**

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICT: Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

ADMISSION LETTER: Approved candidates will receive an "Admission Letter" by mail at least 10 days before the exam date stating -Place, date and time of the exam. Candidates will not be admitted to the exam unless they have an "Admission Letter". If you do not receive an admission letter at least 10 days prior to the examination please call the Personnel Office at (315)946-7483. Disqualified candidates will be sent a notice of disqualification.

CROSS FILERS AND MULTIPLE COUNTY EXAMS: If you have applied for both STATE and LOCAL government examinations you must make arrangements to take all your examinations at the STATE examination center by calling 518-457-7022.

If you have applied for other local government examinations, write to each civil service agency to make arrangements. You must make your request for these arrangements no later than two weeks before the date of examination. You must notify all local government agencies with whom you have filed and application of the test site at which you wish to take your examination.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVERS - DISABLED PERSONS - ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBER: If you need special arrangements to take this examination because of Religious Observer, Active Military Duty, or a Disabled Person and need special accommodations in order to participate in the examination, you must notify the Personnel Office on or before the last filing date of the examination. The request must be in writing and should describe the accommodations you need. Most written tests are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the test on the announced test date due to a conflict with a religious observance or practice, check the box under "Religious Accommodations." We will make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date (usually the following Monday).

VETERANS' PREFERENCE: Veterans or Disabled Veterans who have served on active duty during the creditable periods of war will be eligible for veterans credits (Dates are on the back of Civil Service Application). If you desire to claim additional credits you may make application for such additional credit on the back of the application and **MUST SUBMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF YOUR DD-214**. In order to be considered for veteran credits, the proper forms **MUST** be submitted to the Personnel Office before the eligible list is established. Veteran credits will only be added to a passing score of 70 or higher.

PREPARATION & RATING OF EXAM: 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 will apply to this examination.

ELIGIBLE LISTS: The duration of an eligible list may be fixed for a minimum period of one and not more than four years. Appointment from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates' will to accept appointment. **DECENTRALIZED EXAMS:** The Personnel Office reserves the right to terminate the special recruitment program at any time for decentralized examinations and re-establish a program of periodic testing for decentralized examinations.

USE OF CALCULATORS: Unless otherwise specified on the examination announcement, candidates are permitted to use quiet hand held solar/battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell check, address books, language translators, dictionaries or similar devices are prohibited. You may not bring cellular phones, beepers, pagers, or headphones.

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 and 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.