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REQUIRED FORMS
APPLICATION FORM
EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE
TEST PAPER

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

CLIMBER AND PRUNER
Exam. No. 7004
AMENDED NOTICE - March 21, 2007

WHEN TO APPLY: From: **March 7, 2007** **APPLICATION FEE: \$45.00**
To: **April 10, 2007** Payable only by money order to D.C.A.S. (EXAMS)
THE TEST DATE: The qualifying practical test is expected to begin on **June 5, 2007.**

The Notice of Examination is amended to extend the end of the filing period from March 27, 2007, to April 10, 2007.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Climber and Pruners, under supervision, perform all types of work required for the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees and large shrubs; climb, prune, brace, cut and fell trees and large shrubs; spray trees and large shrubs to protect them against insects, fungi, or other parasites; plant, transplant, and care for trees and large shrubs; perform tree inspection work; operate manual and power-driven equipment; operate cars and trucks; operate other motorized equipment incidental to the performance of the above duties.

Some of the physical activities performed by Climber and Pruners and environmental conditions experienced are: Climbing in and out of an aerial lift device (bucket truck); climbing up in a tree using rope and harness or bucket; operating a chain saw; operating heavy motorized equipment such as bucket truck, chipper, loader, and stump grinder; lifting and moving heavy objects; standing for extended periods of time; and working outdoors in a restricted space in an urban environment in all kinds of weather, including severe weather conditions.

Special Working Conditions: When responding to emergency conditions. Climber and Pruners may be required to work all hours of the day or night and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

(This is a brief description of what you might do in this position and does not include all the duties of this position.)

THE SALARY: The current minimum salary is \$43,364 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO APPLY: If you believe that you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, refer to the "Required Forms" section below for the form(s) that you must fill out. Return all completed form(s) and the application fee to DCAS Applications Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007 **by mail only**. DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.

HOW TO QUALIFY:

Experience Requirements: By the **last day of the Application Period** you must have:

Six months of satisfactory, full-time experience as a climber and pruner or an arborist performing all types of tree work required for the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees and large shrubs including climbing, pruning, bracing, cutting and felling trees and large shrubs and operating manual, power driven and motorized equipment required for performance of these duties. Experience as a grounds person is not acceptable towards meeting this requirement.

You will be given the qualifying practical test before we verify your qualifications. You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the qualification requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If you are marked "Not Qualified," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

Driver License Requirement: You must obtain a Motor Vehicle Driver License valid in the State of New York prior to appointment and a Class B Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York, within one year of being appointed to this position. This Class B Commercial Driver License must be maintained for the duration of your employment. Such license must not include any restrictions which would preclude the performance of Climber and Pruner work.

Drug Screening Requirement: You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed.

Residency: City residency is not required for this position.

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English Requirement: You must be able to understand and be understood in English.

Proof of Identity: Under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, you must be able to prove your identity and your right to obtain employment in the United States prior to employment with the City of New York.

REQUIRED FORMS:

1. **Application for Examination:** Make sure that you follow all instructions included with your application form, including payment of fee. Save a copy of the instructions for future reference.
2. **Education and Experience Test Paper:** Write your social security number in the box at the top right side of the cover page, and the examination title and number in the box provided. Fill out Section B and Section C. This form must be filled out completely and in detail for you to receive your proper rating. Keep a copy of your completed Education and Experience Test Paper for your records.

ADMISSION CARD: You should receive an Admission card in the mail about 10 days before the first date of the qualifying practical test. If you do not receive an Admission card at least 4 days before the first test date, you must go to the Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, Manhattan, to obtain a duplicate card.

THE TEST: Your score will be determined by an experience test and a qualifying practical test. Your score on the experience test will determine 100% of your final score. You will be summoned to take the qualifying practical test before your experience test is rated.

On the experience test, you will receive 70 points for meeting the requirements specified in the Experience Requirements section. After the qualification requirements are met, you will receive additional credit up to a maximum of 100 points on the following basis:

Additional Credit:

For full-time satisfactory experience within the last five years performing climbing and pruning duties as described in the Experience Requirements section you will receive:

- 10 points for at least two years but less than three years of experience; or
- 20 points for at least three years but less than five years of experience; or
- 30 points for five years of experience.

For current certification as a certified arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture, you will receive 5 points.

You will receive a maximum of one year of experience credit for each year you worked. If you have any of the above experience on a part-time basis, it will be credited according to the equivalent percent of full-time experience. Experience used to meet the minimum requirements cannot be used to gain additional credit.

Experience must be obtained by **the last day of the application period.**

The practical test will consist of two subtests. Candidates who do not satisfactorily complete both subtests will be given a failing rating on the entire examination. In the first subtest: each candidate will be required to tie into a clip using an accepted safety knot; properly attach the clip to the safety saddle; tie a tautline hitch, or Blake's hitch (use of a secured foot lock is acceptable) and demonstrate its use; climb a tree, using the above equipment and crotch in at a designated spot; move through the tree to designated spots; and descend to the ground. In the second subtest: each candidate will be required to demonstrate how to safely operate an aerial lift device (bucket) and use a chain saw to prune and remove tree limbs.

THE TEST RESULTS: If you pass the experience test and the qualifying practical test, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list and you will be given a list number. You will be notified by mail of your test results. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment when your name is reached on the eligible list.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Application Receipt: You will be mailed a receipt within three months of the last date of the application period. If you do not receive this item, write to this agency, Attention: Examining Service Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007 to request verification that your application was received. Include your social security number and the examination number and title in your request.

SPECIAL TEST ACCOMMODATIONS: If you plan to request special testing accommodations due to disability or an alternate test date due to your religious belief, follow the instructions included with the "Application for Examination."

The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted and copies are available in the Applications Center of the Division of Citywide Personnel Services, 18 Washington Street, NY, NY.

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