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**Application
 Deadline
 03/02/2021**

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

Open Competitive Exam #00-716 use application form #p-200
 (Open to the Public)

Office Hrs M-F
 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Exam Date
 04/10/2021**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE ONONDAGA COUNTY PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

\$15.00 Non-Refundable Application Fee You are, therefore, urged to carefully compare your qualifications with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. Payable by check or money order to "Chief Fiscal Officer", or by VISA, MC or Discover. Cash will be accepted only if paying in person.

SALARY AND VACANCIES: Changing conditions may make it necessary to certify vacancies at higher or lower salaries than those announced.

This title exists in the following department:
 Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection - \$46,731-\$51,670

DUTIES: The work involves assisting in the operation of a wastewater treatment plant during an assigned shift. Under immediate supervision of a higher level Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, the employee assists in the safe and efficient operation of a wastewater treatment plant. Does related work as required.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT: OPEN COMPETITIVE examination candidates must have resided in the United States of America or one of its territories for not less than one (1) month immediately preceding the date of exam. **Preference** in appointment **may be given to local residents.** Appointments to positions in some municipalities are subject to residence requirements pursuant to local laws.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: On the **date of examination**, candidates **must meet** the following **requirements:**

- A) Graduation from a high school or possession of a New York State High School Equivalency diploma, **plus** one (1) year of work experience, or its part-time equivalent, in the actual operation* of a wastewater treatment plant, which will include, but are not limited to: takes samples of wastewater and laboratory testing on these samples; keep a log of plant operations and related records; start, stop and adjust pumps, motors, air compressors and related machinery and equipment; record readings from meters and gauges; **or,**
- B) Successful completion of thirty *(30) credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees in a program of Public Health Technology, Environmental Technology, Environmental Studies or Sciences, or the Water Wastewater Technology option of Science Laboratory Technology, approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; **or,**
- C) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B) above.

*Experience in Wastewater Treatment Plant maintenance alone, either mechanical or electrical, is **not** qualifying.

NOTE: Satisfactory completion of the New York State Operator's Course for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, and New York State Laboratory Course for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, and New York State Activated Sludge Course for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators may be substituted for the above minimum qualifications.

****COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS AS QUALIFYING PROOF (SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS):**

If you are trying to qualify for this examination on the basis of your college training, you will need to submit either a verifiable, student copy or official transcript of college level studies you have completed to verify course work required for this examination. In lieu of a transcript, you will need to list all courses successfully completed in the curricula listed above, the names of the courses, number of hours earned, grades awarded, approximate dates of completion, and name(s) of college(s) where you took the course.

Volunteer Experience: Volunteer experience will be allowed to substitute for paid work experience as long as the volunteer experience is equivalent in nature to the paid work experience required for the position.

SPECIAL NECESSARY REQUIREMENT AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT: When required to operate motor vehicles, employees must possess a valid non-CDL or CDL with appropriate endorsements as required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for the class of vehicle(s) being operated.

SPECIAL NECESSARY REQUIREMENT: Prior to completion of probationary period, must obtain Grade 1A Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: There will be a written test, which you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. The written test will be designed to test for knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:

1. Mechanical Aptitude: These questions test your ability to identify and understand how basic mechanical instruments such as motors and gears work.

2. Safety Practices: These questions test your knowledge of basic safety practices.

3. 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.

4. Elementary Chemistry and General Science: These questions test your knowledge of basic processes and concepts in chemistry and general science.

5. Understanding and Interpreting Written Material: These questions test how well you comprehend written material.

6. 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.

TEST GUIDE – The Test Guide for the ***Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator/Trainee Series*** is available on the New York State Department of Civil Service web site at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. Copies are also available at the following address or to request a copy by mail send a written request to: Onondaga County Personnel Dept, 421 Montgomery St. 13th fl, Syracuse NY 13202.

CALCULATORS: Unless otherwise notified, candidates are **RECOMMENDED** to use quiet, hand-held, and 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. You may **not** bring books or other reference materials. You may **not** bring cellular phones, beepers, pagers, or headphones.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Applications and credit card payment forms may be obtained in person from the Onondaga County Department of Personnel, by mail (include a self-addressed, stamped envelope) or downloaded at www.ongov.net/employment/document_center

APPLICATION FEE: Although a separate application is required for each examination number, candidates applying for more than one examination may pay all fees with a single check/money order or credit card form. You may pay by check, money order or by VISA, MasterCard, or Discover, payable to "Chief Fiscal Officer". Cash will be accepted only if paying in person. Payment must accompany your application(s) (indicate examination number(s) on your check or money order). We do not accept applications by fax.

APPLICATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. You are, therefore, urged to carefully compare your qualifications with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. If proofs (i.e. copy of license, certification, or transcript) are required, be sure that they accompany your application. If you want "Proof That You Submitted Your Application and/or Examination Fee", ask for a receipt or, if mailing your application, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and request a receipt.

NOTE: *A bounced check fee will be charged to you for any checks returned. Unless such fees are paid in full, you will not be permitted to participate in any examination(s) or be considered for appointment from resultant eligible lists. In addition, any subsequent application fees will not be refunded unless all such fees are paid in full.*

FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments (SSI); or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance of Safety Net Assistance); or are receiving Foster Care or are certified Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local service agency. A waiver of application fee will also be allowed if you are an Onondaga County resident and have honorably served or are now honorably serving in the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves (attach DD-214, NGB-22, or current DD2-Military ID card or a Statement of Honorable Service from Unit to completed "Application Fee Waiver Request and Certification" form). All claims for application **fee waiver** are **subject to verification**. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, **complete** an "Application Fee Waiver Request and Certification" **form** and **submit** it **with** your **application**. Application Fee Waiver Request and Certification forms are available in person from the Onondaga County Department of Personnel or downloaded at www.ongov.net/employment/document_center.

EVALUATION OF FOREIGN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION: If your degree and/or college credit was awarded by an educational institution outside of the United States or its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies providing this service may be obtained in person from the Onondaga County Department of Personnel or downloaded at www.ongov.net/employment/document_center. You will be responsible for the required evaluation fee.

ADDITIONAL CREDIT TO CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

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, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination.

VETERAN CREDITS: War veterans applying for additional credit must submit a copy of their DD-214 (discharge papers) with their application for examination or by one month following the date of examination. Veteran's Credit Instructions and Application Forms are available in person from the Onondaga County Department of Personnel or downloaded at www.ongov.net/employment/document_center.

APPLICATION DEADLINE POLICY: All **applications** along **with** application **fees** or proofs of **waiver** **must be submitted** to the Onondaga County Department of Personnel **before** the close of business at **4:30 p.m. on the application deadline date** as listed on the Examination announcement. Applications received via U.S. Mail will be accepted only if postmarked on or before the Application Deadline. Applications that are received through inter-office mail after the Application Deadline or that are submitted to any other department, office or agency and are not received in the Department of Personnel by the Application Deadline will not be accepted.

MILITARY APPLICANTS: In accordance with Section 243 of Military Law, military personnel serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States during the filing period may be permitted to file an application for the examination after the application deadline date, but prior to the scheduled date of the examination. Contact the Onondaga County Personnel Department at (315)435-3537 for further information.

EXAM INFORMATION:

EXAM NOTICE: Candidates found eligible will be notified when and where to appear for examination. If you have not received notice of the examination location three (3) days prior to the examination, contact the Examination Unit at 435-3537. If an application is disapproved, due notice will be sent. Reasons for disapproval may be discussed with the reviewer.

FOR EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF EXAMINATIONS TUNE TO: WIXT NEWS CHANNEL 9, WTVH NEWS CHANNEL 5, NEWS 10 NOW or **any Clear Channel Radio Station.**

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: If you desire accommodation at the exam site due to disability, please **indicate** the disability and desired conditions necessary to accommodate your disability **on the application or on a separate paper** attached firmly to your application. Candidates requesting an accommodation are required to furnish documentation of the disabling condition prior to the examination date. The accommodation required must be stated on the application for examination and the documentation must be forwarded at least 2 weeks prior to the exam date.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION: Applicants whose religious beliefs prevent them from taking examinations on the scheduled date should indicate the need for special arrangements on their application.

EXAM RATING: When the written 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 provision of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations will apply.

ELIGIBLE LIST: Eligible lists are established, on average, within three months after the examination date. In accordance with the New York State Civil Service Law, an eligible list must remain in existence for one year from the date of its establishment. When the eligible list is established you will be able to view the current eligible list and your status on-line by going to our website at **Civil Service Exam Test Results** www.ongov.net/employment/ranking.

CANDIDATE FITNESS: Inquiries may be made as to character and ability of all candidates. All statements made by candidates are subject to verification. Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" may result in disqualification and possible legal action.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) 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 weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center.

Onondaga County Cross Filer Notification Forms are available in our office or online at www.ongov.net/Employment/document_center. Send completed form to Onondaga County Dept. of Personnel, 421 Montgomery St 13th Fl, Syracuse NY 13202 OR FAX 315-435-8272 OR call 315-435-3537.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Onondaga County Personnel Department in writing of any change in address. Address change forms are available in the Personnel Department during normal office hours or online at www.ongov.net/employment/document_center

MILITARY MAKE-UP EXAMINATION: Any member of the armed forces of the United States who has filed an application to compete in a scheduled competitive examination but is deprived of the opportunity to compete in the examination due to ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY can be provided with a special military make-up examination upon written request to the Onondaga County Personnel Department. The applicant must submit a copy of military orders, DD-214, or other official military document that substantiates active military service at the time of the examination. Request must be no later than sixty (60) days after release from active duty.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION ACT OF 1985, candidates for appointment to Onondaga County government positions which involve regular and substantial contact with children will be required to complete a State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment clearance form. Failure to complete this form may result in decertification of your name from this eligible list for appointments in Onondaga County.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG TESTING / BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION: **May be required** for appointment or promotion.

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