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AN OPEN-COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR POLICE OFFICER,
EXAM #60068-550

FILING FEE: EXAM FEES FOR JURISDICTIONS UNDER THE ALBANY MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION HAVE BEEN WAIVED EFFECTIVE JULY 2023.

TO BE HELD: **Saturday, October 17th, 2026**
Candidates will be notified by email of date, time and location of the exam.

LAST FILING DATE: Applications must be submitted **through jobs.albanyny.gov no later than 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16th, 2026.**

Computers are available for use in the Human Resources Office at City Hall, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Individuals who are on military leave or recently discharged from military service are permitted to file for an examination up to ten days prior to the examination.

VACANCY: List will be used to fill future vacancies as they occur in the City of Albany

STARTING SALARY: \$57,456 / Recruit Level (Academy)
\$66,367 / Entry Level (Post-Academy)

DUTIES OF THE POSITION: This is responsible for the enforcement of laws, ordinances and protection of lives and property in an assigned area during a specified period. These duties consist primarily of routine patrol tasks, assisting in investigation of criminal offenses and the apprehension of criminals. Ordinarily a police officer, whether on patrol work or on special assignment, works under the supervision or direction of a higher-ranking officer. However, there is considerable independent responsibility for exercise of sound judgment in emergencies.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school, or possession of a high school equivalency or comparable diploma as described in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law.

EDUCATION: By the date of appointment, candidates must be a high school graduate or holder of a high school equivalency diploma issued by an educational department of any of the states of the United States or holder of a comparable diploma issued by any commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States or by the Canal Zone or holder of a report from the United States Armed Forces certifying successful completion of the tests of general educational development, high school level.

NOTE: Applicants who do not possess a high school diploma or equivalency diploma are eligible to take the examination but will not be eligible for appointment until they obtain such diploma. For information on how to obtain an equivalency diploma, write to the New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234 or call (518) 474-5906.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

AGE: Candidates must be at least nineteen (19) years of age on or before October 16th, 2026, to be admitted to the written test. *According to Civil Service Law, Section 54 which became effective September 4, 2024, applicants who are within 12 months of meeting the minimum age requirement may take the civil service exam but will be restricted for appointment as a police officer begins when the candidate reaches age 20.

Candidates who reach their 43rd 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 (6) years, as defined in Section 243 (10-a) of the Military law, deducted from their age for the purposes of meeting the age requirement. Proof of active service (i.e. DD 214) is required.

*Section 58.1 (a) requires that applicants not be "more than forty-three 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 the agency's alternate test date policy) are advised to contact the Albany Municipal Civil Service Commission to discuss their request.

DRIVER'S LICENSE: Effective July 24, 2013: A valid NYS Driver's License is required at the time of appointment and for the duration of employment.

RESIDENCE: Residency requirements to take the Police Officer exam have been suspended due to recruitment difficulties.

*****RESIDENCY FOR APPOINTMENT*****

Candidates must be legal residents of Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schoharie or Schenectady County at time of appointment.

*****RESIDENCY PREFERENCE FOR APPOINTMENT*****

(ALLOWED FOR UNDER SECTION 23.4-a OF NEW YORK STATE CIVIL SERVICE LAW & CITY OF ALBANY LOCAL CIVIL SERVICE RULE VII)

1. Preference in appointment will be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of the City of Albany for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of the written exam.
2. When preference in certification is given to residents of the City of Albany, in order to be included in certification as a resident of such municipality, an eligible candidate must be a legal resident on the date of the examination and must be a legal resident of the City of Albany at the time of certification and at the time of appointment.

Citizenship: United States Citizenship is required **at time of appointment**. It is not necessary for admission to the examination.

NOTE: Candidates may be subject to a thorough background investigation to determine suitability for appointment. Applicants may be required to authorize access to educational, employment, criminal history and other records check as part of such investigation. Criminal convictions or other offenses are subject to evaluation and may result in disqualification. At the discretion of the employing law enforcement agency candidates may be subject to additional screenings as a term and condition of employment, including but not limited to, fingerprinting and psychological testing. Applicant will be required to submit the necessary fees for the fingerprint processing, where required.

THE USE OF CALCULATORS IS PROHIBITED FOR THIS EXAM. YOU MAY NOT BRING HIGHLIGHTERS, FIREARMS, BOOKS OR OTHER REFERENCE MATERIAL TO THE TEST.

SUBJECT OF THE EXAMINATION

There will be a written test you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. Only your score on the written test will be considered when computing your final score. In addition, candidates must meet the physical fitness and medical standards prescribed by the Municipal Police Training Council. Candidates must pass the written test in order to be scheduled for the qualifying physical fitness test. Candidates who pass the qualifying physical fitness test and who are given conditional offer of employment will be scheduled to take the required medical examination.

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

SCOPES / SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: A test 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 number 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.

QUALIFYING PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

The elements measured in the qualifying physical fitness test are muscular endurance and cardiovascular capacity. The following is a brief description of the physical fitness test.

Muscular Endurance – This requirement is:

Sit-ups: a number of bent-leg sit-ups performed in one minute (core body)

Push-ups: a number of full body repetitions completed without breaks (upper body)

Cardiovascular Capacity*** – This requirement is for the attainment of a score calculated in minutes and seconds for a 1.5 mile run.

***The 1.5 mile run shall only be administered to such individuals who have successfully completed the Muscular Endurance element of the Physical Fitness Test.

Age/Sex	SIT-UP	PUSH-UP	1.5 Mile Run
Male			
20-29	38	29	12:38
30-39	35	24	12:58
40-49	29	18	13:50
50-59	24	13	15:06
60+	19	10	16:46
Female			
20-29	32	15	14:50
30-39	25	11	15:43
40-49	20	9	16:31
50-59	14	NA	18:18
60+	6	NA	20:16

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. If a candidate does not successfully score to the 40th percentile of fitness for each of the elements of the test battery, the candidate shall not be deemed to have successfully completed the physical fitness screening test and is not eligible for hire.

RETEST FOR QUALIFYING PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST: Candidates who pass the written examination but do not qualify on a required physical agility screening test are entitled to one (1) retest of the qualifying physical agility test. Candidates who do not pass the retest will remain on the eligible list but will not be considered for appointment until they have successfully completed the qualifying physical fitness test. One retest will be scheduled for a candidate, and failure to appear at the scheduled retest will disqualify a candidate from further consideration for that hiring cycle.

SECTION 23.2 STATEMENT: This examination will be prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23.2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of New York State Civil Service Law, rules and regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations will apply to this examination.

CROSS-FILER STATEMENT: If you have applied for other Civil service examinations for employment with New York State or any other local government jurisdiction, you must make arrangements to take all the examinations at one test site.

If you have applied for both State and local government examinations, you must notify the City of Albany 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 examinations.

If you have applied for other local government examinations, call or write to each Civil Service agency to make arrangements. You must make your request for these arrangements no later than 14 days before the date of the examination. You must notify all local government Civil Service agencies with which you have filed an application of the site where you wish to take your examinations. A cross-filer application must be completed for City of Albany examinations.

VETERAN'S CREDIT: Veterans or disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veteran's credit with their application for examination or at any time between the dates of their application for examination and 60 days after the last filing date of the examination. Veteran's credits can only be added to a passing score on the examination.

Effective January 1, 1998, the State Constitution was amended to permit a candidate currently in the armed forces to apply for and be conditionally granted veteran's credit in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. **No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list.** It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof indicating that the service was in time of war, as defined

in Section 85 of Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran's credits.

Veterans or disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veteran's credit and a DD-214 with their application by the last filing date of the examination. Applications for veteran's credit are available from this office by emailing Civilservice@AlbanyNy.Gov and on the "Info on Taking Exams" tab of the website. **If you are claiming Veterans Credits, you must indicate it within the online exam application, answer all questions accurately and completely, submit an application and a DD-214 form.** Candidates who are currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States on a full-time active duty basis (other than active duty for training) may file for Veterans Credits by providing documentation of active duty status.

Veterans Credits will not be added after the establishment of an eligible list unless the candidate has submitted an application for credit and supporting documentation by the last filing date of the examination and a scoring error has been made. If an error has been made, you must notify our office in writing no later than 30 days after receiving your score.

If you are claiming credits as a disabled veteran, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs must also certify that you were disabled in the actual performance of duty in a war, that the disability is rated at ten percent or more, and that the disability existed at the time of application for appointment or promotion. In addition to the proof above, applicants must also submit a "Veterans Disability Records Release" form.

All requests for Veterans Credits must be verified and all statements you make in support of your claim for Veterans Credits are subject to investigation and substantiation by the City of Albany Civil Service Office. In the event of subsequent discovery of any material misstatement or fraud in your claim, your appointment may be rescinded and you may be disqualified from further appointment to any position on which you have been granted additional credits.

Effective January 1, 2014, additional Veterans Credits may be granted to veterans who (1) used non-disabled Veterans Credits to obtain a civil service appointment or promotion with New York State or a local government, and (2) were certified by the US Department of Veterans Affairs as having a service connected disability rated at 10% or more after that civil service appointment.

FINGERPRINTING REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT TO CERTAIN POSITIONS: If appointed on or after September 1, 2013, employees of the Police Department who have access to unencrypted Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) shall be subject to a state and national fingerprint-based background check for the purpose of a criminal history check.

A COPY OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT MAY BE SECURED AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS OR AT THE CITY OF

ALBANY WEBSITE: jobs.albanyny.gov/exams

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

#1 AGE LIMITS:

Unless otherwise specified in the examination announcement, there are no age restrictions. However there may be statutory restrictions on your employment if you are under 40 or over 70 years of age.

#2 APPLICATIONS:

Applications can be submitted by visiting jobs.albanyny.gov/exams

A standard application must be submitted for each examination. The applicant should be certain that every question is answered and that the application is complete in all respects, including the title of the examination.

#3 VETERAN'S CREDITS:

For the purpose of claiming veteran's credits on a civil service examination, an applicant must have been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances after serving on active duty with the armed forces of the United States during time of war. Disabled and non-disabled veterans who establish eligibility for additional credits and are successful in the examination are entitled to have 10 and 5 points, respectively, (5 and 2.5 points in the case of promotional examinations) added to their earned scores, provided they have not used such credits to obtain permanent appointment or promotion. Veterans may determine to waive the use of their credits at any time up to the time of permanent appointment or promotion.

#4 TRANSCRIPTS:

Whenever college transcripts or diplomas are requested, they should be submitted with the application for the examination or as soon thereafter as possible BEFORE the examination.

#5 ADMISSIONS TO EXAMINATION:

The Commission does not acknowledge receipt of applications but all applicants are notified of the disposition of their applications. Approved candidates will be notified at least four days in advance of the place, date and hour of the examination. Applicants who have not received notice by this deadline should contact the office of the Commission.

Every candidate should bring his or her notice to appear, social security number and photo ID to the examination. Do not interpret a notice to appear for, or an actual participation in, the examination to mean that you have been found to meet fully the announced requirements. Applicants are admitted to the examination on the basis of statements made in the application. These statements may not be verified until after the examination has been held. Those candidates not meeting the requirements are disqualified at that time.

Inquiries may be made as to character and ability of candidates. All statements made by candidates in their applications are subject to verification.

#6 SATURDAY SABBATH OBSERVERS & HANDICAPPED PERSONS:

If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.

#7 RATINGS REQUIRED:

This examination will be prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23.2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of New York State Civil Service Law, rules and regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations, will apply to this examination.

#8 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS:

Candidates may be required to have a medical examination to determine if they are physically capable of performing the duties of the position.

#9 ELIGIBLE LISTS:

This examination is being held on a continuous recruitment basis. The written exam will be held periodically. Candidates who meet the qualifications and pass the exam will have their names placed on the eligible list in the order of final scores, regardless of the date on which they filed or took the test. Generally, the names of qualified candidates will remain on the eligible list for one year. Any qualifying tests (pass/fail) will be scheduled as needed. This civil service agency or the Department of Civil Service reserve the right to terminate this special recruitment program.

#10 CHILDREN OF POLICE/FIREFIGHTERS KILLED ON DUTY CREDITS:

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.

