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GREENE COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE

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Announces an

OPEN-COMPETITIVE DECENTRALIZED EXAMINATION FOR

ACCOUNT CLERK & ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST - EXAM NO: 271D

REFER TO GENERAL INFORMATION ON PAGE 3 BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

LAST FILE DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

EXAMINATION DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2020

(Postmarked on or before 9/8/2020, or hand delivered to Gr. Co. Civil Service Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on that day.)

ACCOUNT CLERK & ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST: Administration of this exam does not imply there is a vacancy. Currently there are no vacancies for this title. The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill future vacancies as they may occur within any Greene County Department, School District or Municipality. **Preference in appointment may be given to Greene County residents or municipalities or district residents where a vacancy may occur.** (C.S. Law#23, Par 4, Sub Par A).

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS: Candidates must be legal residents of Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Schoharie or Ulster Counties for at least one (1) month immediately preceding the date of the examination.

SALARY: GREENE COUNTY AGENCIES: \$14.85 PER HOUR (Salary will vary depending on location of vacancy.)

NON REFUNDABLE FILING FEE: A \$15.00 filing fee must be submitted with your application in the form of a check or money order. Credit cards can be accepted when filing applications in **person only**. Please be advised the service fee is 2.49% or a flat fee of \$1.50, whichever is greater, for each credit card transaction.

CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED.

*****ATTENTION***** One examination will be given for the **ACCOUNT CLERK & ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST** positions. As vacancies become available, the appointing agency will decide which title is appropriate for the position.

****NOTE** ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST – PERFORMANCE TEST**

The Typetest performance test has been discontinued, and typing skill is now determined during the probationary period. It is expected that incumbents in this class that type at a rate of at least 35 words per minute with at least 96% accuracy at hire would reach a level of acceptable proficiency during the probationary period. The appointing agency bears sole authority in determining if a probationer's typing skill is deemed satisfactory.

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

- A. Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and one (1) year of clerical experience;
OR
- B. Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma, including or supplemented by coursework in accounting or bookkeeping;
OR
- C. Two years clerical experience which must have included at least six months experience in financial recordkeeping;
OR
- D. An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (a), (b), and (c) above.

NOTE: Clerical experience is defined as activities involving the performance of routine office tasks, such as keeping of records and accounts, correspondence, recording/entering and retrieving data and/or information or i.e. filing, answering phones, typing correspondence, and using modern computer software. This experience should be the primary function of the job and not incidental.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Reviews a variety of documents such as claim forms, vouchers, bills, purchase orders to determine eligibility for payment or to verify accuracy of payment made, according to defined procedures and policies; Verifies all calculations and codes on documents; Posts figures to appropriate accounts either manually or through a computer, verifying all data entered; Reconciles all entries, both debits and credits; Prepares simple financial or statistical reports from data entered, including status of accounts, current balances, cash received or paid; Produces data needed for State and Federal reimbursement claims; Receives cash payments, issues receipts; Prepares checks for disbursement, deposits funds into appropriate accounts, prepares reconciliation of balances and posts balances to appropriate ledgers; May make bank deposits; Contacts clients, vendors, etc. to obtain additional information; Provides routine information orally or in writing in response to inquiries on financial records; Files and maintains all related records such as records related to processing of payrolls, invoices, voucher's, bills and correspondence; Receives, balances and audits simple payroll time records; Processes data either for computer or other records; Makes computations as necessary; Operates calculator, computer terminal and other related office equipment.

****ADDITIONAL DUTIES REQUIRED WHEN HIRED AS AN ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST:** Types forms, form letters, transcripts, invoices, vouchers, records, payrolls, reports, letters and memoranda.

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

1. **OPERATIONS WITH LETTERS AND NUMBERS:** These questions test your skills and abilities in operations involving alphabetizing, comparing, checking and counting. The questions require you to follow the specific directions given for each question which may involve alphabetizing, comparing, checking and counting given groups of letters and/or numbers.
2. **ARITHMETIC COMPUTATION WITH CALCULATOR:** These questions test for the ability to use a calculator to do basic computations. Questions will involve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. You may also be asked to calculate averages, to use percents, and to round an answer to the nearest whole number. **You should bring with you a hand-held battery-or solar-powered calculator for use on this test.** You will **not** be permitted to use the calculator function of your **cell phone**.
3. **ARITHMETIC REASONING:** These questions test your ability to solve an arithmetic problem presented in sentence or short paragraph form. You must read the problem, understand the situation presented, decide what must be done to solve it, and apply the appropriate arithmetic operation(s) in the appropriate order in order to determine the correct solution. Knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division is necessary. Questions may also involve the use of percents, decimals, and fractions. **You should bring with you a hand-held battery-or solar-powered calculator for use on this test.** You will **not** be permitted to use the calculator function of your **cell phone**.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has published a test guide intended for candidate preparation use for this particular examination. This test guide contains important test-related information as well as sample test questions similar to the questions that will be used in this written test. The New York State Department of Civil Service is making a copy of this test guide and other related information available on its web site at <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. **If you do not have access to the web site please contact Greene County Civil Service at (518)719-3253 to request a copy.**

******THE USE OF A CALCULATOR IS RECOMMENDED******

APPLICATIONS AND FORMS MAY BE OBTAIN FROM THE OFFICE OR AT www.greene.gov

1. APPLICATIONS: Mail to: Greene County Civil Service Commission, 411 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414. Applications accepted up to the last filing date indicated on an announcement. This department does not make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application, or take responsibility for non-delivery of mail or postal delays. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject or accept applications after the advertised filing period. Read and compare your qualifications carefully with the minimum qualifications as outlined. Only apply for those exams for which you are qualified. Resumes are not accepted as a substitution in indicating work experience on your application, but are accepted as an addition to your application. All experience is considered as paid work experience, **unless** specified under the minimum qualifications; volunteer experience, unpaid internship experience (if paid, verification must be provided) and education will not be accepted and/or substituted for experience in meeting the qualifications. **FAXES & COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED--THE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE MUST APPEAR IN INK.** **2. NON-REFUNDABLE FILING FEE & FEE WAIVER:** A \$15 fee is required for **EACH** exam **being filed** for with the exception of POLICE OFFICERS, DEPUTY SHERIFFS, OR CORRECTIONS OFFICERS exams which require a \$25 filing fee. The required fee must accompany your application. **Do not send cash! A check or money order payable to Greene County Civil Service Commission is required OR if filing in person, charge card payments are now accepted. Please be advised the service fee is 2.49% or a flat fee of \$1.50, whichever is greater. This will appear as a separate charge on your statement.** Include the exam title and exam number on your check or money order. Fees may be waived per C.S. Law §50.5(b). In order to be eligible for the FEE WAIVER, the completed Fee Waiver form must be submitted with your exam application. A \$10 SERVICE CHARGE will be imposed on any checks returned to the Greene County Treasurer. **3. TIME AND PLACE OF EXAM:** Accepted candidates will be notified by letter approximately two (2) weeks prior to the exam date when and where to appear for the exam. You are required to bring your admission letter and social security number to the exam site. Call this office at (518) 719-3253 if you do not receive a notice up to three (3) days prior to the exam. **4. MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS & CROSS FILER SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY:** If you have applied to take a written exam announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same exam date as this written exam, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the exam date, so they can make arrangements for taking all exams at one exam site. All exams for positions in State government are held at a State exam center. When taking both **State and Local** government exams, you are required to take all exams at the **STATE** exam site. For Greene County call (518) 719-3253, or obtain a cross filer form from our website or write to the above address no later than **two (2) weeks** prior to the date of the exams. **5. SPECIAL EXAM ARRANGEMENTS & RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS:** If you require particular accommodations or special testing arrangements as a person with a disability or alternate test date candidate (in accordance with alternate test date policy) clearly indicate this on your application. All such requests must be supported by appropriate documentation. Special arrangements to provide access for disabled persons will be made in compliance with local, state and federal laws and regulations. For religious accommodation, most written exams are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the exam on the announced exam date due to a conflict with a religious observance or practice, please check the box under #5 "RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION." We will make arrangements for you to take the exam on a different date, usually the following Monday. **6. AGE REQUIREMENT:** Unless otherwise specified in the exam announcement, there are no age restrictions. However, there may be statutory restrictions on your employment if you are under 18 or over 70 years of age. **7. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:** Unless otherwise specified in the exam announcement, candidates in all open competitive exams must at the time of the exam have been legal residents for at least one (1) month of the political subdivision in which they seek appointment. **8. VETERANS' CREDIT:** Disabled and non-disabled veterans who establish their eligibility for additional credits and are successful in the exam are entitled to have 10 and 5 points respectively (5 and 2 ½ points of credits in the case of promotion exams), added to their earned scores provided they have not used such credits to obtain permanent appointment or promotion. You will be allowed the option of waiving these credits after the completion of the exam. Effective 1/1/98 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 exams. 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 TO THIS OFFICE** indicating that the service was in time of war, as defined in Sec. 85 of C.S. Law and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified a score including veterans' credit. An appropriate application form may be obtained at the Civil Service Office. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROOF PRIOR TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELIGIBLE LIST WILL RESULT IN NO ADDITIONAL CREDIT BEING GRANTED.** **9. ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT FOR CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:** In conformance with Section 85-a of the C.S. 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 exam for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this exam 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 exam. 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. **10. TRANSCRIPTS & COLLEGE DEGREES:** Whenever college transcripts or diplomas are requested, they should be submitted with the application for the exam or as soon as possible thereafter before the exam. Degrees must be awarded by a regionally accredited college or university or one recognized by NYS Education Dept. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside of the United States or its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. Please contact Civil Service for additional instructions. **11. RATING & REVIEW:** The passing grade for examination is 70. Unless the announcement states otherwise, this exam is being prepared and rated by the NYS Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23.2 of the NYS C.S. Law. The provisions of the NYS C.S. Rules and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of written exams will apply to this exam. **12. TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:** Training and Experience will not be a subject of the exam unless specified on the front of the announcement. If a subject of the exam, training and experience may not be rated if all passing candidate are expected to be immediately reachable for appointment. If rated, training and experience will be based on the statements in your application which are subject to verification. **13. ELIGIBLE LIST:** Eligible lists will be established on the basis of passing grades received by the candidates in the competitive portions of the exam. Lists are established for a duration of **one year** unless further extended. The resulting eligible list will be used to fill appropriate vacancies as they occur. Lists resulting from promotion exams are certified first. **14. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOCES:** Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required. **15. FOR POSITIONS REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION & FINGERPRINTING:** Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification. Fingerprints to be used in performing the background checks would be collected from applicants pursuant to regulations promulgated by the DCJS, which will perform the State background check. DCJS will also submit the fingerprints to the FBI for the completion of the national background check. Individuals found to have criminal histories that bar their appointment to the position sought would then be disqualified by the municipal civil service agency pursuant to Section 50(4) of the Civil Service Law. As mentioned above, this Chapter applies to applicants or eligibles for original appointment to positions in the classified service. Current employees, transfer candidates, individuals reinstated from preferred lists pursuant to Section 81 of the Civil Service Law and applicants for promotion examinations or current eligibles on promotion eligible lists are specifically exempted from the provisions of this Chapter. This act took effect July 22, 2003. **16. USE OF CALCULATORS:** Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. **The calculator function on cell phones & devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries or any similar devices are prohibited.** You may not bring reference materials unless notified to do so. **17. WEATHER:** Listen to your local TV & Radio Stations, (WNYT, WRGB, WTEN, WXXA and 98.5 THE CAT, OLDIES 93.5, 1230 WHUC, FLY 92, 810 WGY, 107.7 WGNA) **18. EMERGENCIES (OTHER THAN WEATHER):** If an emergency prevents you from appearing for the exam please notify this office no later than 10:00 AM on the Monday following the test date. (Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday), providing verifiable documentation of the reason.

NOTE: As a condition of employment only within Greene County Depts., candidates receiving a conditional offer of employment must successfully pass a drug screen, failure to meet the above standards may result in disqualification. Also, any other entity or employer making a conditional offer of employment may also impose these same conditions.