



WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR
WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE
EXAM #DEC-10-23 (OC)

ONEIDA COUNTY ANNOUNCES

EXAMINATION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED CONTINUOUSLY

**A NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE PROCESSING FEE
MUST ACCOMPANY EACH APPLICATION
\$15.00 MONEY ORDER ONLY -- PAYABLE TO ONEIDA COUNTY**

EXAM DATES: THIS EXAM WILL BE SCHEDULED PERIODICALLY. CANDIDATES WITH APPROVED APPLICATIONS FOR THIS EXAM WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED EXAM DATE.

STARTING SALARY/RANGE: \$33,645 - \$39,582 WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR (2010)
Mohawk Valley Water Authority
Other Civil Divisions May Vary
WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE
Varies by Civil Division

VACANCIES: The eligible list, established as a result of this examination, will be used to fill existing vacancies and any other appropriate vacancies which may occur in these titles under the jurisdiction of the Oneida County Commissioner of Personnel.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXAMINATION: NONE

When preference in certification is given to residents of a municipality pursuant to subdivision 4-a of Section 23 of the Civil Service Law, an eligible must have been a resident of such municipality for at least one month prior to the date of certification in order to be included in a certification as a resident of such municipality and must be a resident of such municipality at the time of appointment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR: Possession of an appropriate level Water Treatment Plant Operator Certification for grade level of Water Treatment Plant at time of appointment.

NOTE: Pursuant to NYS State Sanitary Code, Subpart 5-4, an operator's certification must be renewed every three years. Appointees must maintain a current certification for the duration of their employment in this title.

NOTE: Operator must be available at all times to respond, within one (1) hour, to emergencies **OR** must establish other approved supervision coverage available to respond to emergencies, e.g., assistant operator, contractual or in-kind assistance from neighboring communities.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: If the position requires operation of a motor vehicle and/or heavy machinery, then the following special requirement applies: Eligibility for an appropriate level NYS driver's license at time of application. Incumbent must possess a valid, appropriate level driver's license at time of appointment. This license must be maintained throughout appointment. Eligibility for appropriate Commercial Drivers' License at time of application. Incumbent must possess a valid, appropriate Commercial Drivers' License at time of appointment. This license must be maintained throughout appointment.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

NOTE: Trainee appointments are for a period of up to one (1) year; during which time, employees are required to satisfactorily complete the training and experience requirements of the NYS Sanitary Code for the grade certificate appropriate to the plant designation. Upon satisfactory completion of the appropriate level certificate, incumbents will be advanced to the title of Water Treatment Plant Operator.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Eligibility for a current valid NYS Motor Vehicle Operator's license at time of application. Possession of a valid license at time of appointment.



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- NOTES:**
1. Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications on or before the date of the examination.
 2. Candidates applying for Water Treatment Plant Operator must submit a copy of the appropriate grade level Water Treatment Plant Operator Certification.
 3. There will be two (2) eligible lists 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 appropriate grade level certificate, will be certified first for appointment at the Water Treatment Plant 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 training requirements. The trainee eligible list will be certified when the operator list is non-mandatory.

DUTIES:

Water Treatment Plant Operator: Responsible for the efficient operation and maintenance of a water treatment plant, which may have facilities for the application of chemicals to the water or other means of treatment. Employee performs related work as required.

Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee: This is a trainee position, which involves responsibility for assisting in the operation and maintenance of a water treatment plant, by aiding a certified operator and/or maintenance personnel. The incumbent performs related work as required.

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SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: There will be a **PC-administered test** which you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. The test will be administered on a personal computer (PC). Candidates need no prior knowledge of computers in order to take the test. The test uses a simple point-and-click system that is thoroughly explained through an animated instruction program. Candidates will be given a sample test on which to practice before the actual test begins.

PC-administered test: This test is designed to test for knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. **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.
2. **Elementary Chemistry and General Science:** These questions test your knowledge of basic processes and concepts in chemistry and general science.
3. **Mechanical Aptitude:** These questions test your ability to identify and understand how basic mechanical instruments such as motors and gears work.
4. **Safety Practices:** These questions test your knowledge of basic safety practices.
5. **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.
6. **Understanding and Interpreting Written Material:** These questions test how well you comprehend written material.

CALCULATORS ARE RECOMMENDED: Unless specifically prohibited, candidates are permitted to use QUIET, hand-held, solar- or battery-powered calculators ONLY. Devices with typewriter keyboards, such as cell phones, computers or devices which can be hooked up to a computer, spell-checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries and any similar devices are **PROHIBITED**.

NOTE: A "Guide to Taking the Examination for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator/Trainee Series" is available on the New York State Department of Civil Service web site <http://www.cs.state.ny.us/testing/localtestguides.cfm> or at the Oneida County Department of Personnel's Office, Oneida County Office Building, third floor. You may also call (315) 798-5726 or write the Oneida County Department of Personnel, 800 Park Avenue, Utica, NY 13501, to request a copy.

RETEST POLICY: Retest for this continuous recruitment examination is permitted after six months.

ELIGIBLE LISTS: Candidates who meet the qualifications, and pass this examination, 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. The names of qualified candidates will remain on the Eligible List for one year. Appeal of ratings will not be allowed, as the opportunity for re-test exists.

TERMINATION OF THE PROGRAM: Oneida County Department of Personnel reserves the right to terminate this special recruitment program at any time, and re-establish a program of periodic testing for this title.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS SCHEDULED ON THE SAME DATE

If you have applied for other civil service exams in another jurisdiction (state, county, city) scheduled on the same date, **YOU** must make arrangements to take all the exams at one test site. Please contact the Oneida County Department of Personnel at **315-798-5726** **AND** submit a completed **CROSS-FILER NOTIFICATION** form to our office at least two weeks prior to the test date. If you have applied for a State exam, **YOU MUST** also make arrangements to take all exam titles at the State Exam site by calling **518-457-7022** two weeks prior to the test date.

For further information contact:
TELEPHONE: (315) 798-5726

ONEIDA COUNTY DEPT. OF PERSONNEL, 800 PARK AVE., UTICA, NY 13501
JOHN P. TALERICO, COMMISSIONER

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. **APPLICATIONS:** Unless otherwise indicated on this announcement, the candidate will complete one "Oneida County Application for Employment" form for each examination he/she wishes to take. NO COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Applicants must answer every question on the application form, and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISAPPROVED. All applications shall be filed with the Oneida County Dept. of Personnel. This office reserves the right to reject all applications received after the last filing date.
2. **ADDRESS CHANGE:** Failure to notify this office of a change of address may result in disqualification for examination or certification for appointment following examination. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved.
3. **RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS/DISABLED PERSONS/MILITARY MEMBERS:** Please indicate on your application if special arrangements for testing are needed. Military Services Members: See instructions and information E on application.
4. **ALTERNATE TEST DATES:** In certain circumstances that fall under the Alternate Test Date Policy established by this department, an alternate test date may be arranged.
5. **EMERGENCIES:** If an emergency prevents you from appearing for the examination 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.
6. **VETERANS:** See instructions and information F on application.
7. **ADMISSION NOTICE:** See instructions and information C on application. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR ADMISSION NOTICE THREE DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN OR PERFORMANCE TEST, NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.
8. **ELIGIBLE LISTS:** Appointments from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept appointment. The duration of an eligible list may be fixed for a minimum period of one (1) year and a maximum period of four (4) years. Changing conditions may make it advisable to certify to future vacancies at higher or lower salaries than those announced.
9. **COLLEGE DEGREE/CREDIT:** If your degree and/or college credit was awarded by an educational institution outside of the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies providing this service may be obtained in person from the Oneida County Department of Personnel, by mail (include a self-addressed, stamped envelope) OR on the New York State Department of Civil Service web site: www.cs.state.ny.us/jobseeker/degrees.cfm . You will be responsible for the required evaluation fee.
10. Federal and State Law prohibit discrimination because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status or genetic predisposition or carrier status.
11. 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, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service will apply to this examination.
12. **ADDITIONAL CREDIT:** 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.
13. **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION:** 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.

14. **APPLICATION FEE WAIVER:** A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the 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, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a “Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification” form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. If you can not download this form by clicking on its title, the form is available at the Oneida County Department of Personnel, 800 Park Avenue, Utica, NY 13501. You may also call (315) 798-5726 or write to the Oneida County Department of Personnel to request a copy.**

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