

BROOME COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL  
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## CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT

### PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION FOR

### SENIOR TYPIST

Exam Number: 23-705

**Examination will be held on an as needed basis**  
**Applications Accepted Continuously**

**\*Processing Fee:** Ten dollar (\$10.00) non-refundable payment is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The required processing fee must accompany your examination application. **Credit cards, checks, or money orders payable to the Broome County Office of Management and Budget will be accepted.** Please be sure to include applicant's name and examination number on your check or money order. A check returned for insufficient funds may disqualify your application and result in further action and/or service charges.

If your application is disapproved, the fee will not be refunded. Compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements specified on this announcement and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. Be specific when completing the application; include all pertinent information including credit hours if applicable. Work experience must be paid unless otherwise specified. Part-time experience will be prorated. **FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Admission notices will be mailed to all approved candidates.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Broome County Department of Personnel of any change in name or address. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved. The candidate change of information form is available at [www.gobroomecounty.com/personnel/forms](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/personnel/forms).

**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. Fee waiver forms are available at the Broome County Department of Personnel, the Department of Social Services or on line at [www.gobroomecounty.com](http://www.gobroomecounty.com).**

#### MINIMUM SALARY

Varies with location

#### VACANCIES

Anticipated

#### LOCATION OF WORK

Towns, Villages, School Districts and Special Districts

**Eligible list:** The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in all Broome County departments, towns, villages, school districts and special districts under Broome County jurisdiction. The eligible list resulting from this examination may be used for appointment to other titles deemed to be similar and appropriate. The names of the candidates who pass this examination are ranked and interfiled according to their grade.

**DUTIES:** This position is responsible for the accurate performance of a wide variety of typing and clerical duties which require specialized knowledge of office policies and procedures and/or the supervision of a number of clerical subordinates. The work is performed under general supervision in accordance with established routines. The position differs from that of typist because the duties are more complex and/or include the supervision of others. Does related work as required.

**PROMOTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:** On or before the date of the examination, candidates must be permanently employed in the competitive class (or designated as non-competitive in accordance with Section 55A of Civil Service Law) in any town, village, school district or Special District under Broome County jurisdiction and must have served continuously on a permanent or contingent permanent basis for 24 months preceding the date of the written test as a Typist or Receptionist-Typist.

**Religious accommodations/handicapped persons/military personnel:** If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application.

**RETESTING:** Once you have participated in the written examination, you will not be permitted to participate in the same written examination for a period of six (6) months. Under no circumstances will a candidate be allowed to take more than four (4) typing tests within a six (6) month period.

**SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION:** Written test designed to test for knowledge, skills and/or abilities in such areas as:

**1. Spelling**

These questions test for the ability to spell words that are used in written business communications

**2. Grammar, Usage, Punctuation**

The grammar and usage questions test for the ability to apply the basic rules of grammar and usage. The punctuation questions test for a knowledge of the correct placement of punctuation marks in sentences.

**3. Keyboarding practices**

These questions test for a knowledge of preferred practices in such areas as letter format, capitalization, hyphenation, plurals, possessives, word division, word and figure style for numbers, and common proofreading marks. In addition, you will be given a passage to proofread and asked questions about how to correct the errors in the passage.

**4. Office record keeping**

These questions evaluate your ability to perform common office record keeping tasks. The test consists of two or more "sets" of questions, each set concerning a different problem. Typical record keeping problems might involve the organization or collation of data from several sources; scheduling; maintaining a record system using running balances; or completion of a table summarizing data using totals, subtotals, averages and percents.

**5. Office Practices**

These questions test for knowledge of generally agreed-upon practices governing the handling of situations which stenographers, typists and secretaries encounter in their work, as well as a knowledge of efficient and effective methods used to accomplish office tasks. The questions will cover such topics as planning work flow; setting priorities; dealing effectively with staff, visitors and callers; filing and retrieving information; safeguarding confidentiality; using office equipment; and making procedural decisions and recommendations which contribute to a well-managed office.

Candidates must bring their picture ID and two sharpened #2 pencils to the examination. Candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held 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.

**Seniority Credit:** Seniority is based on the length of continuous permanent classified service in the jurisdiction in which promotion is sought, with points added to an eligible's passing score for each appropriate five year period or fraction thereof in accordance with the following schedule:

Less than 1 year.....0 points	Over 11 years up to 16 years.....3 points
1 year up to 6 years.....1 point	Over 16 years up to 21 years.....4 points
Over 6 years up to 11 years .....2 points	Over 21 years.....5 points

**A study guide for the written test is available on the Broome County Website: [www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm) . If you have a question about the website or would like a study guide mailed to you call the Broome County Department of Personnel.**

Successful candidates will have their names placed on the eligible list in order to their score, regardless of the date on which they take the test. The rank of eligible's changes when new eligibles are added to the existing list. An eligible's name will remain in effect for one year from the date he/she appears on the list.

**TERMINATION OF PROGRAM:** The Personnel Officer reserves the right to terminate this special recruitment program at any time and re-establish a program of periodic testing for this title.

**Rating:** This written examination is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service, in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this test.

**Military Law provides special rights for members of the armed forces whose military service conflicts with scheduled civil service testing.** Section 243-b (2) of Military Law states that "any member of the organized militia or reserves, who, because of active military duty other than for training purposes, missed the application filing period for an examination and as a result is deprived of the opportunity to compete in an examination, shall be given a special military make-up exam". Please contact the Department of Personnel for more information.

**Special Requirement for Appointment in School Districts and BOCES**

Per Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

**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.

**Veteran's Information**

Veterans or disabled veterans who want to apply for the credits, must submit an **Application for Veteran's Credits**. Candidates who served during creditable years and indicate on their application that they wish to claim Veteran's Credits, but have not submitted the form with their application will be sent the Application for Veteran's Credits and a **Veteran's Information Sheet**. To claim credit, the completed forms must be submitted prior to the establishment of the eligible list.

**Children of Firefighters and Police Officers killed in the line of duty:** "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 the Department of Personnel 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."

**General Information/Instructions:** A copy of the general instructions may be obtained upon request to the Broome County Department of Personnel or from our website at [www.gobroomecounty.com](http://www.gobroomecounty.com).

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