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**DELAWARE COUNTY PERSONNEL OFFICE ANNOUNCES  
PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION FOR  
INVESTIGATOR  
EXAM #74334**

**DATE ISSUED**

February 15, 2024

**DATE OF EXAMINATION**

June 1, 2024

**LAST FILING DATE**

April 11, 2024

**NOTICE: ONLY APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE DELAWARE COUNTY PERSONNEL OFFICE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS EXAMINATION.**

**EXAMINATION FEE:** A fee of \$20.00 is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The required fee **MUST** accompany your application and be in our office by 4:30pm on the last filing date or you will not be approved to take the examination. Send or deliver your certified check or money order payable to the Delaware County Personnel Office. Write the examination number(s) on your check or money order. **\*\*\*\*PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED\*\*\*\*** No refund of fees will be allowed whether or not you meet the minimum qualifications. You are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified.

**EXAMINATION FEE WAIVER:** A waiver of examination fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of examination 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 examination fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for examination fee waiver, complete a "Request for Examination Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the Last Filing Date as listed on the Examination Announcement. "Request for Examination Fee Waiver and Certification" forms may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at [www.co.delaware.nv.us](http://www.co.delaware.nv.us) click on departments and then personnel. Waivers will not be considered if filed after the last filing date.**

**LOCATION OF POSITION(S):** Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Delhi, NY

**SALARY:** \$72,151 - \$76,696

**DUTIES:** The work involves responsibility for investigating crimes and offenses in violation of law. The incumbent secures and reports facts and information by interview, observation, and investigation. This position is characterized by the performance of extensive field activities concerned with gathering information for use in criminal proceedings. The work is performed under the general supervision of the Senior Investigator, Undersheriff, Sheriff, Police Chief, or Police Commissioner. Does related duties as required.

**REQUIREMENTS TO TAKE THIS EXAMINATION:** Candidates for this examination must have 24 months of permanent full-time status preceding the date of the written test as a Deputy Sheriff within the Delaware County Sheriff's Office; **AND**

- A. Graduation with an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice, Police Science, or related field, or Sixty credit hours with at least fifteen credit hours in the behavioral sciences\*, and three years' experience as a police officer/deputy sheriff; Or
- B. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma, and two years of investigative experience or two years of active military service\*\*, and three years' experience as a police officer/deputy sheriff; Or
- C. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma, certified by Municipal Police Training, registered with Division of Criminal Justice Services, and three years' experience as a police officer/deputy sheriff; Or
- D. An equivalent combination of training and experience as indicated in (A), (B), and (C) above.

**NOTE:** Your degree or credits must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree or credits were awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

**NOTE:** \*Behavioral Sciences are limited to psychology, sociology, and anthropology.

\*\* Military duty is defined as the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and the National Guard when in service for the United States. Such service must have been on a full-time active duty basis other than for training purposes. Proof of an honorable discharge (DD-214) must be provided.

**NOTE:** Jurisdictions may require individuals to complete a supervisory course provided by the Division of Criminal Justice Services, Bureau of Municipal Police prior to permanent appointment.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS:**

- A. In order to be eligible for appointment, candidate must meet current requirements of Section 58 of the Civil Service Law.
- B. Must be eligible for a driver's license issued by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and must possess same at the time of appointment and maintain it during employment.

**Candidates claiming college credits MUST submit a copy of their official transcript(s).**

**RESUMES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR YOUR APPLICATION BUT WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY AS AN ADDITION TO YOUR APPLICATION.**

**NOTE:** Unless otherwise specified, all required experience must be full-time paid or its part-time paid equivalent. **You are responsible for submitting an accurate, adequate and clear description of your experience. Omissions or vagueness will NOT be interpreted in your favor.** Applicants for examination must meet all minimum qualifications on or before the examination date with no tolerances allowed. If an applicant lacks the required experience or has not completed all required training at the time he/she submits an application, but is serving in a qualifying position or will complete all required course work by the date of the examination, he/she may be approved conditionally to take an examination pending verification of successful completion of all experience and training requirements.

**NOTE:** **Rating of seniority** is based on the length of continuous permanent classified service in the jurisdiction, 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; 1 year up to 6 years..1 point; Over 6 years up to 11 years..2 points; Over 11 years up to 16 years..3 points; Etc.

A guide for the written test for **Police Supervisors/Investigators** is available at the New York State website: [www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm). Also, a guide "How to Take a Written Test" is available. Candidates who wish a copy of the Guide should call or write the Delaware County Personnel Office, One Courthouse Square, Suite #2, Delhi, New York 13753 (607-832-5678) or access our web site at [www.delcony.us](http://www.delcony.us). Click on "departments," and then "personnel."

**Scopes / Subjects of examination:** A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas.

**Evaluating information and evidence:** These questions test for the ability to evaluate and draw conclusions from information and evidence. Each question consists of a set of facts and a conclusion based on the facts. The candidate must decide if the conclusion is warranted by the facts.

**Investigative techniques and criminalistics:** These questions test for knowledge of criminal investigation techniques and criminalistics. The questions will deal with, but will not necessarily be restricted to, such concepts as: interviewing; interrogation; evidence gathering and preservation; and surveillance.

**Understanding and interpreting written material:** These questions test how well you comprehend written material. You will be provided with brief reading selections and will be asked questions about the selections. All the information required to answer the questions will be presented in the selections; you will not be required to have any special knowledge relating to the subject areas of the selections.

**Preparing written material in a police setting:** These questions test for the ability to prepare the types of reports that police personnel write. Some questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately. They consist of restatements of information given in note form. You must choose the best version from each set of four choices. Other questions test for the ability to organize paragraphs. They consist of paragraphs with their sentences out of order. For each of the paragraphs you must choose from four suggestions, the best order of the sentences.

**New York State Laws – Police:** These questions test for knowledge of the laws in effect on January 1, 2024 that law enforcement personnel may encounter in the course of their day-to-day work-related activities. The questions are a sampling of job-related sections of the Penal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Vehicle and Traffic Law, Family Court Act and other laws relevant to law enforcement in New York State.

**NOTICE TO CANDIDATES: THE USE OF CALCULATORS ARE PROHIBITED FOR THIS EXAMINATION.**

This examination is announced and will be 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 rating of examinations will apply to this examination.

Applications for examination can be obtained from the Delaware County Personnel Office, One Courthouse Square, Suite #2, Delhi, New York 13753 or online at [www.delcony.us](http://www.delcony.us). Click on “departments,” and then “personnel.” **ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION MUST BE CONTAINED IN YOUR APPLICATION. RESUMES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR YOUR APPLICATION BUT WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY AS AN ADDITION TO YOUR APPLICATION.** A separate application must be filed for EACH examination for which you apply. Applications must contain the correct examination title and/or number in order to be considered. The Delaware County Personnel Office reserves the right to accept or to reject applications/fees submitted/postmarked after the last announced filing date. The Delaware County Personnel Office is NOT responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

**CROSS-FILING: APPLYING FOR CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS IN MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS WHEN**

**EXAMINATIONS ARE SCHEDULED ON SAME DATE:** If you have applied for other Civil Service examinations for employment with N.Y. State or other local governments, **YOU** must make arrangements to take all the examinations at one test site. **If you are taking a state exam you must sit at a State site.** If you have applied for an examination, in another County, City or State, which is scheduled to be given the same date as this exam, you must write our office and the Civil Service office in the other County/City or State and make arrangements to take both exams at either our test site or theirs. **You must make these arrangements with our office no later than the last filing date indicated on this announcement. You must advise our office in writing, by the last filing date contained in this announcement where you intend to take this exam.** Please note that State exams cannot be given at our test site.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE POLICY:** All completed applications along with application fees or proofs of waiver must be submitted to the Delaware County Personnel Department by 4:30pm on the date of last file as listed on the Examination announcement. Applications received via U.S. Mail will be accepted only if received on or before the last file date. Applications that are received after the Application Deadline and are not received in the Personnel Department by the last file date will not be accepted.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, ALTERNATE TEST DATES, MILITARY PERSONNEL:**

If you require reasonable accommodations as a disabled person, or special testing arrangements as one in need of religious accommodation, or are an alternate test date candidate (in accordance with Alternate Test Date Policy), or an active member of the military away from the area on the scheduled test date, clearly indicate this fact on the application. All such requests must be supported by appropriate documentation. If you are unable to take this examination due to an emergency situation, and you wish an alternate test date, you MUST call the Delaware County Personnel Office, with your request, by noon of the Monday following the test date.

**\*\*\*Religious Accommodation\*\*\*** Most written tests are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the test on the announced test date due to a conflict with religious observance or practice, check the box under “Special Arrangements.” We will make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date (usually the following Monday).

**\*\*\*Handicapped Persons:\*\*\*** If special arrangements for testing are required, please indicate this on your application.

**\*\*\*Active Duty Military Personnel:\*\*\*** Pursuant to Section 243b of the Military Law, applicants who are unable to take this exam on the regular exam date because of active military duty may be eligible to take a special military makeup examination. If you are on active military duty and unable to take this exam on the regularly scheduled exam date, please indicate this on your application. You will then be sent additional information regarding a military makeup exam.

**\*\*\*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 the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Applications for veteran's credit are available from this office. Veteran's credits can only be added to a passing score. 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's the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate proof, as defined in Section 85 of the Civil Service Law, 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.

**\*\*\*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 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.

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**DELAWARE COUNTY PERSONNEL OFFICE  
CARRARA KNOETGEN, PERSONNEL OFFICER**