

**MIDDLETOWN CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
ANNOUNCES  
AN OPEN COMPETITIVE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION  
FOR  
PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

**Written Test To Be Held  
September 09, 2017**

**Applications MUST Be Received No Later Than  
August 07, 2017 by 12 Noon**

**EXAMINATION NO. AND TITLE  
#68-784 PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

**SALARY  
UNAVAILABLE**

**PROCESSING FEE  
\$20**

**P L E A S E     P O S T     C O N S P I C U O U S L Y**

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This examination is being held to establish a current eligible list for **PLUMBING INSPECTOR**. The resulting eligible list from this examination will be used to fill all present and future vacancies in the **CITY OF MIDDLETOWN**.

**MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY:** If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. Provide each jurisdiction with a list of all jurisdictions where you have made an application; indicate by each jurisdiction, the number and title of all examinations for which you have applied and note your preference of examination center.

If you have applied to take a local examination and a State examination on the same date, contact the local jurisdiction only, providing the number and title of all examinations for which you have applied. Do not contact the State Department of Civil Service. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center.

**APPLICATION FEES:** There is a \$20 processing fee required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The fee must accompany your application. Send a money order payable to the **MIDDLETOWN CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**. **DO NOT SUBMIT CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS**. Write the examination and your social security number on the money order. **APPLICATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE**. Therefore, we urge you to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only if you are clearly qualified. If you are disqualified from or fail to appear for the examination, your fee is not refundable.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must meet the following requirements on or before the last filing date:

- A. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and five (5) years experience as a journey level plumber: OR
- B. Seven (7) years of experience as a journey level plumber.

**SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS:** Eligibility for a certificate of competency issued by the City Examining Board of Plumbers.

**RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT:** There is no residence requirement for an exam. Preference in appointment from open-competitive lists for the City of Middletown (except the school district, public library and housing authority) positions may be given to residents of the City of Middletown. In accordance with law or resolution, you will be required to become a resident to secure appointment in this municipality. Preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who have been a legal resident of the City of Middletown 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 certification and appointment. Proof of residency is required.

**WHAT THE JOB IS LIKE:** This is important inspection work involving responsibility for the thorough inspection of plumbing installations for compliance with the municipal plumbing codes. Errors on inspections may endanger the health of the community. A Plumbing Inspector receives general supervision from the Commissioner of Public Works but must exercise a considerable amount of independent judgment. The work is checked by a review of reports of inspections. Does related work as required.

**SUBJECTS OF THE EXAMINATION:** A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:

1. Inspection procedures and principles

These questions test for knowledge of the appropriate practices and methods to use when inspecting various types of building facilities and projects, including proper adherence to plans and codes, dealing with residents, owners and contractors, and inspection record keeping.

2. Plumbing plans, installations, practices, materials and tools, including plumbing and sanitary codes

These questions test for the ability to read, analyze and perform computations based on plumbing-related diagrams and plans; for knowledge of the tools, materials and methods used when installing or repairing residential and commercial plumbing-related appurtenances; and knowledge of and the ability to apply provisions of the Plumbing Code of New York and other sanitary and health codes applicable to plumbing installations.

3. Water system components, including backflow preventers

These questions test for knowledge of the operation, repair and testing procedures used for water-related outside mains, piping, building connections, valves, meters, drinking water protection devices (i.e., backflow preventers), and similar types of plumbing installations.

4. Understanding and interpreting written material

These questions test for the ability to understand and interpret written material. You will be presented with brief reading passages and will be asked questions about the passages. You should base your answers to the questions **only on what is presented in the passages and not on what you may happen to know about the topic.**

**The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication “how to take a written test” helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: [www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm)**

**Use of calculators is RECOMMENDED for this exam.**

**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

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CANDIDATES TO INFORM THE MIDDLETOWN CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IN WRITING OF ANY CHANGE IN ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER.**

**NOTICE TO CANDIDATES:** YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS TEST IS PART OF THE EXAMINATION PROCESS. APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT, WITH ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION STATED. THE CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE DOES NOT REFER TO OTHER APPLICATIONS ON FILE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT SHOW TRAINING AND/OR EXPERIENCE TO MEET MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE DISAPPROVED.

ALL CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO BRING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION OR EMPLOYEE BADGE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PHOTO ID, YOU MUST PROVIDE **TWO** DOCUMENTS SHOWING YOUR SIGNATURE.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Joseph G. Masi, Civil Service Executive Administrator

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

When the examination is prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23.2 of the Civil Service Law, the administration of this examination, including rating and review, is governed by the provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations. The passing grade for this examination is 70.

**APPLICATIONS:** For an application, send a stamped, self-addressed business size #10 envelope to the Middletown Civil Service Commission, 16 James Street, Box 5, Middletown, NY 10940. Applications and announcements are also available at [www.middletown-ny.com](http://www.middletown-ny.com)

**HOW TO APPLY:** The application is part of the testing process: it must be completely filled out, with all pertinent information provided, or disapproval may result. The Civil Service Office does not acknowledge receipt of applications and does not accept responsibility for non-delivery or postal delay. **THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION DOES NOT REFER TO OTHER APPLICATIONS OR DOCUMENTATION ON FILE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.** Applications which do not show training and/or experience to meet minimum qualifications will be disapproved. False or deliberately exaggerated statements may result in disqualification. Do not submit a resume in lieu of an application. Ambiguity and vagueness will not be resolved in your favor. If your application is disapproved, you will be so notified and given an opportunity to submit qualifying information. Failure to furnish such information or other requested information within the time frame specified may be cause for disapproval.

**APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE:** An application fee as specified on the front of this announcement must accompany your application. Send a **money order, payable to the MIDDLETOWN CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. Do not send cash or personal check. As application fees are not refundable,** 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.

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**SPECIAL REQUEST FOR MAKE-UP EXAM DUE TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY:** A make-up test will be available for written, physical agility or any medical exams necessary to be placed on an eligible list for persons who are in the active military. A person eligible for a military make-up test does not have to wait until discharge from active duty to take the test. Applicant must submit to this office a copy of military order, DD 214, or other official military document that substantiates active military service PRIOR to the make-up test.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS/SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS/ALTERNATE TEST DATES/MILITARY PERSONNEL:** If you require reasonable accommodations as a disabled person, or special testing arrangements as a Saturday Sabbath observer, 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.

**VERIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS:** In reviewing applications, where a year or more of experience is minimally required, a tolerance of one month is allowed in meeting said experiential requirements. Full-time experience is based upon a thirty (30) hour work week. Part-time experience is pro-rated. Unpaid, verifiable volunteer experience may be substituted for an equivalent amount of the required experience unless the minimum qualifications state otherwise. To be credited as experience of the type specified in the qualifications, the major function and primary emphasis of the duties performed must be of that type. Duties incidental to a person's job may not be credited. The Middletown Civil Service Commission may refuse to examine an applicant or, after examination, to include a candidate on the eligible list, or may remove or restrict from the eligible list an applicant who is found to lack any of the established requirements for admission to the exam or for appointment from the resultant eligible list, or who has falsified or misrepresented any information submitted in the application.

**CREDENTIALS:** Photocopies of necessary licenses, certificates, etc. must be submitted to this office prior to the establishment of eligible list, whenever possession of such credentials is required. A photocopy of a degree is acceptable as proof of college education. When a degree has not been earned, or a photocopied diploma cannot be produced, or when a specific major or courses are required, verifiable transcripts are acceptable. Thirty (30) credit hours equal one year of college in evaluating a candidate's qualification.

**ADMISSION TO EXAM:** Accepted candidates will be notified by letter approximately one week prior to the exam date when and where to appear for the exam. You should call this office if you do not receive a notice three days prior to the exam. You may not be admitted to the exam room without official notice, or more than one half hour after the exam has begun. Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery operated calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards such as computers, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000 and by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position by a school district or BOCES involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education is required.

**BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION:** Applicants may be required to undergo extensive investigation of criminal history and background, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Costs related to such investigation may be borne by the applicant. Failure to meet the standards of investigation may result in disqualification.

**ELIGIBLE LIST:** Eligible lists will be established on the basis of passing grades received by the candidates in the competitive portions of the examination. Medical, physical and other appropriate non-competitive qualifying tests may be conducted as the need for certification from the eligible list may require. The resulting eligible list will be used to fill appropriate vacancies as they occur in the agencies listed on the front of this announcement. Lists resulting from promotional exams are certified first.

**VETERANS:** Non-disabled and disabled war veterans who are eligible for additional credits added to an earned passing score must SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR VETERAN'S CREDITS WITH EACH APPLICATION FILED. IF A CANDIDATE WISHES TO CLAIM VETERAN'S CREDITS, HE/SHE SHOULD REQUEST AN APPLICATION FOR VETERAN'S CREDITS FROM THE MIDDLETOWN CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. IT IS THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION, DOCUMENTATION AND PROOF OF WAR SERVICE (DD 214 FORM) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE VETERAN'S CREDITS. ALL COMPLETED FORMS, APPLICATIONS FOR VETERAN'S CREDITS AND YOUR DD 214 FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELIGIBLE LIST. If you claim credits as a disabled war veteran, you must be certified by the Veteran's Administration as being entitled to receive payments for service-connected disability rate at ten (10) percent or more, incurred during a "Time of War."

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 the 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 the veteran's credit.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** It is the candidate's responsibility to notify this office of any change of name and/or address. Please include the examination number on all correspondence.

**ADDITIONAL CREDITS FOR 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.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** Federal and State law prohibits any discrimination in employment and promotion because of race, color, sex, national origin, marital status, religion, age, disability, arrest record or Vietnam era veteran status.

**WARNING:** Anyone found unlawfully possessing or disclosing questions or answers from civil service exams, or giving or taking test information from another candidate during the exam, or anyone found taking a civil service exam for someone else or enlisting another person to take an exam for another, will be subject to being disqualified from that exam and may be barred from taking any further exams with the Middletown Civil Service Commission and may be subject to other penalties as prescribed by law.

**For further information:  
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Middletown, NY 10940  
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