



SCHUYLER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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Examination Open to the Public Correction Officer—Exam #69806

EXAM DATE: December 10, 2022

***LAST DATE TO FILE EXTENDED**

LAST DATE TO FILE: **November 7, 2022 by 4:30pm*** **SALARY:** \$21.50/hr. (2022 FT rate)

EXAM FEE: \$25.00 examination fee payable by cash, money order, or check made payable to the Schuyler County Treasurer. Please write the name and number of the examination on the check.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants **must** submit an original Civil Service “Application for Employment and/or Examination” to Schuyler County Civil Service office. **Faxed or emailed applications will be accepted.**

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: Candidates must have been **legal residents of Schuyler or a contiguous (Chemung, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins and Yates) county** for at least one month immediately preceding the date of the written examination. Preference in appointment may be given to a resident of the jurisdiction for which there is a vacancy.

VACANCY: Vacancies in this title have been filled provisionally in the Schuyler County Sheriff’s Department. Permanent appointments will be made from the eligible list that results from this examination. **The eligible list will also be used to fill any appropriate full-time and/or part-time vacancies as they occur.**

JOB DESCRIPTION: The work involves responsibility on an assigned shift for the enforcement of rules and regulations governing the custody, security, conduct, discipline, safety and general well-being of inmates in a county facility. The duties involve considerable inmate contact and supervision in a work, recreation or learning environment. Work procedures are well defined but incumbents must be alert to possibilities of emergency situations arising and exercise judgment when problems occur. The work is performed under general supervision of a higher-level correctional supervisor with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in dealing with day-to-day situations in the facility. If assigned to the Control Room, will also perform duties of Emergency Services Dispatcher. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Makes periodic rounds, supervises the movement and activities of inmates and maintains jail security at an assigned post or cell tier;

Locks and unlocks cells and access doors using mechanical and electrical devices;

Watches for unusual incidents or activities on the part of inmates involving violation of facility rules, or a life threatening situation and reports these to supervisor either verbally or in writing;

Checks cell and corridor areas for faulty bars, gates, etc. and makes routine fire and safety checks;

Transports inmates to courts, prisons, jails, medical facilities, funerals and other locations as necessary;

Issues clothing and bedding and instructs inmates in its proper care;

Books inmates by preparing appropriate records and taking fingerprints and photo identification;

Inventories and records inmates clothing and property;
Escorts visitors and observes inmates visitations;
Dispenses a variety of prescription and nonprescription medications;
Searches cells, frisks inmates and confiscates contraband;
Mediates minor incidents and takes direct action to break up fights or other disturbances between inmates;
Supervises inmates assigned to work details, advises them of what is expected and of the rules and regulations of the work area including possible safety hazards;
Operates a variety of equipment including handcuffs, leg irons, firearms, electronic gate equipment and two-way radios;
Listens to inmate problems, informs them of rules and regulations, and where they cannot be resolved, makes referrals to appropriate staff;
May use chemical agents, weapons or restraining devices and protection equipment in case of fights or other disturbances;
Prepares a variety of records and reports related to the care of inmates and security of the facility;
May on occasion operate a variety of office equipment during the processing of inmates or report preparation;
May be required to answer phones, receive complaints and dispatch emergency vehicles.

Note: If assigned to the Control Room, Correction Officers will be assigned these duties:
Answers, screens, and processes incoming emergency calls;
Queries the caller to determine the seriousness and nature of the situation, the location, the services needed, and other information necessary to evaluate the situation;
Maintains a log of all telephone and radio calls sent out or received.
Utilizes computerized databases (including NYSPIN, SJS, JMS systems) to access and record data and information;
Practices proper radio dispatching techniques using appropriate terminology in a calm and professional manner;
Controls jail security doors and gates, and monitors video security cameras.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

AGE: Candidates must be at least 17 years of age on or before June 1, 2021, to be admitted to the written examination. Eligibility for appointment begins when the candidate reaches age 18.

Note: *You must record your birthdate on item 7 on page 1 of the application form.*

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Training: Completion of New York State Commission of Corrections training prior to completion of the probationary period. *Note:* If assigned to the Control Room and dispatching, must complete dispatcher training including NYSPIN and EMD.

Citizenship: New York State Law requires all Peace Officers, including Correction Officers, to be United States citizens at time of appointment.

Background Investigation: A thorough background investigation will be done to determine suitability for appointment. **Conviction of a felony will bar appointment and conviction of a misdemeanor or other offense may bar candidates from examination and appointment.**

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: Use of calculators is ALLOWED

A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

Preparing written material

These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.

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.

Applying written information in a correctional services setting

These questions test for the ability to read, interpret, and apply rules, regulations, directives, written narratives and other related material. You will be required to read a set of information, and to appropriately apply the information to situations similar to those typically experienced in a correctional services setting. All the information needed to answer the questions asked concerning the situations presented is contained in the rules, regulations, etc., which are cited.

Observing and recalling facts and information

These questions test for the ability to observe and recall information presented. You will be presented with information describing or depicting prison scenes or other facts. You will have a short time to observe and memorize the information before it is collected by the monitor. You will then be asked to recall specific details about the information presented.

A Guide for the Written Test for **Correction Officer** is available at the New York State website: [A multiple-choice format written test covering the following four subjects \(ny.gov\)](#). Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

Applications and announcements are available at www.schuylercounty.us or the Schuylers County Civil Service Office 105 Ninth St., Unit 21, Watkins Glen, NY 14891
(607) 535-8190

Issue Date: September 9, 2022

SCHUYLER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE—GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXAMINATIONS

Application: An original application must be filed for each separate examination. **Applications must be received in the Civil Service office by 4:30 p.m. on the “Last Filing Date” to be considered for this examination.** We do not make formal acknowledgement of the receipt of an application or take responsibility for non-delivery or postal delay. Submission of a resume does not relieve you of the responsibility for completing all sections of the application. Answer every question; incomplete applications will be disapproved. Be sure to read the detailed announcement to determine whether or not you meet the announced requirements. No fee refund will be made to applicants who are disqualified or fail to appear for the examination. Notify this office if your address changes after applying as no attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved. Download application and forms at web site www.schuylercounty.us.

Education: A copy of your diploma should be submitted if you qualify by possession of a degree. Transcripts should be submitted whenever the qualifications require a specific college major or specified number of credits.

Application Fee: Application fee of \$25 must be submitted with application. Pay by cash, money order or check made payable to Schuyler County Treasurer. Write exam name and number on check.

Application Fee Waiver: A waiver of examination fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household or if you are eligible for Medicaid, receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, 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 an “Application Fee Waiver Request and Certification” form and submit it with your application.

Application Review: Disqualified candidates will receive a letter and will have the opportunity to submit facts in opposition to disqualification. Approved candidates will receive an admission letter a week before the date of the exam telling when and where to appear for the examination. If you do not receive a letter within five days of the examination, call Civil Service at 607-535-8190. Falsification or material misstatements of any part of the application may result in disqualification from the exam or from permanent competitive appointment. Statements on the application may be verified after the examination is held. At that time those candidates not meeting the requirements will be disqualified.

Residency: Candidates must be legal residents of Schuyler County or one of the contiguous counties (Yates, Seneca, Steuben, Chemung, or Tompkins) for at least one month immediately preceding the examination date. For some examinations, residency may be waived. Under Section 23-4a of Civil Service Law, a municipality may request a certification of eligible candidates who have been residents of that municipality for at least one month prior to certification.

Multiple Examinations: Qualified candidates may take a combination of examinations being given on the same date. The time limit for any combination or series of examinations cannot exceed eight (8) hours.

Crossfiling - Multiple Examinations Scheduled For The Same Day: If you have applied for any other civil service examinations to be given on the same test date by New York State or any other local government jurisdiction, you must notify Schuyler County Civil Service of your intent to take both a State and local government examination. When taking both a State and local government examination you will be required to take all your examinations at a State examination center. You will be advised by letter when and where to report for your examination. (2) If you have applied for examination with another local civil service agency, submit a crossfiling form with each agency to make arrangements no later than two weeks before the date of the examinations; indicate the test site at which you wish to take your examination.

Calculators: Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use a quiet hand-held, solar or battery powered calculator. Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited. No headphones, books or other reference materials are allowed.

Eligible Lists: Unless otherwise noted, the final rank order of the eligible list established as a result of this exam will be determined on the basis of the scores received on the written test, plus veterans and seniority credits where appropriate. The resulting eligible list for this examination will not be less than one year but no more than four years. Appointment from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept the appointment.

Rating: 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 Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of exams will apply to this examination.

Veterans/Military: Veterans or disabled veterans who wish to claim additional credit must submit a copy of their DD-214 and supporting paperwork before the eligible list is established. The requirements set by NYS for these credits must be met. Military Service members on active duty on the exam date may request a military make-up examination.

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. You must inform this office when you submit your application and must also submit documentation before the eligible list is established.

Alternate Test Date for Religious Observers: Most tests are held on Saturdays. If the test date conflicts with a religious observance or practice, check the box on the application. Arrangements will be made for an alternate test date, usually the following Monday.

Disabled Persons: If special accommodations for testing are required, please indicate in writing the disability and desired conditions necessary to accommodate your disability by the last filing date of the exam.

School District Positions: Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from that state education department is required.

Background Investigation: Candidates may be required to pass a pre-employment drug test and/or undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, including a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment.

NYS Civil Service Test Guides for certain exams and *How to Take a Written Test* are at <http://www.cs.state.ny.us/testing/localtestguides.cfm>. This examination may be rescheduled if there is a weather emergency. Listen to radio station WFLR for information.