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MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
WAMPSVILLE, NEW YORK

#89581010 ACCOUNTANT
(Open Competitive)

DATE OF EXAMINATION:
March 1, 2025

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL:
January 10, 2025 by 4:00 p.m.

To apply for exams:

- **Online:** Go to <https://madison-portal.mycivilservice.com/exams>.
- **By Mail:** Applications can be downloaded from the Department of Human Resources website at: <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/301/Human-Resources-Forms>.
- Applications must be received or postmarked by the application deadline. Carefully compare your qualifications against the minimum qualifications listed on the announcement and apply for only those examinations for which you clearly meet the required qualifications.

SALARY: \$28.55/hour (2025 Hire Rate)

VACANCIES: The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in the Madison County Finance Office.

RESIDENCY: There are no residency requirements to take this examination. Preference in certification may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of Madison County for at least one month prior to the date of certification.

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. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves responsibility for performing multiple fund accounting with County departments and funds. This class differs from that of Junior Accountant by virtue of the more complex accounting procedures performed and the increased level of responsibilities. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Department Head with leeway allowed for exercise of independent judgment. An Accountant performs related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- (A) Possession of a Bachelor's degree, or higher, in accounting, business administration or closely related field and one (1) year of full-time paid, or its part-time equivalent, experience in multiple fund accounting or financial auditing; or
- (B) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and five (5) years of full-time paid, or its part-time equivalent, experience in multiple fund accounting or financial auditing; or
- (C) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B) above.

NOTE: Bookkeeping experience will NOT be credited toward meeting the above qualifications.

NOTE: Degrees 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 was awarded by an educational institution outside of the United States and its territories, the candidate 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>. Candidates will be required to pay the evaluation fee.

ANTICIPATED ELIGIBILITY – EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicants may be approved conditionally to take civil service examinations if the minimum educational requirement is met within twelve (12) months from the examination date. As proof of satisfactory completion of the minimum educational requirement, conditionally approved candidates are responsible for submitting appropriate documentation to the Madison County Department of Human Resources within twelve (12) months of taking the exam. Names of conditionally approved candidates will be restricted on the eligible list and will not be certified for appointment(s) until appropriate documentation is received.

PRE-PLACEMENT PHYSICAL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SCREENING: When you are offered a permanent, full-time or permanent, part-time appointment at Madison County, the offer of employment will be contingent upon successful completion of a pre-placement physical and controlled substance screening prior to employment.

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: 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.

General Accounting - These questions test for knowledge of the general accounting principles and practices used in the preparation of financial statements, in the recording and reporting of financial transactions, and in financial decision-making. Candidates will be required to demonstrate a current knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Knowledge of computerized information systems as it applies to accounting may be required.

General Auditing - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and procedures involved in substantiating and examining transactions and financial statements. It will require a knowledge of auditing techniques and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). Knowledge of the use of computerized accounting or auditing systems as it pertains to auditing may be required. Questions relating to internal controls applicable to manual and computerized accounting systems may be included.

Governmental Accounting - These questions test for knowledge of the accounting practices employed to provide financial information used in determining and forecasting the condition of governmental units, and used for monitoring governmental performance, in terms of legal, contractual and fiduciary requirements. These questions will test for knowledge of and familiarity with common governmental funds, appropriation and encumbrance accounting, accounting for revenue and expenditures and other aspects of accounting relating to the governmental sector.

Understanding and Interpreting Tabular Material - These questions test your ability to understand, analyze and use the internal logic of data presented in tabular form. You may be asked to perform tasks such as completing tables, drawing conclusions from them, analyzing data trends or interrelationships and revising or combining data sets. The concepts of rate, ratio and proportion are tested. Mathematical operations are simple and computational speed is not a major factor in the test. **You should bring with you a hand-held battery- or solar-powered calculator for use on this test.** You will **not** be permitted to use the **calculator** function of your **cell phone**.

CALCULATOR: Use of a hand-held, battery or solar powered calculator for this exam is **RECOMMENDED**. Cell phones and devices with typewriter keyboards, "spell checkers", "personal digital assistants", "address books", "language translators", "dictionaries" or any similar devices are prohibited. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

TEST GUIDE: 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 'General Guide to Written Tests' helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available online at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>.

TIME AND PLACE OF EXAMINATION: Accepted candidates will be notified by letter when and where to appear for this examination. If notice of acceptance or disapproval is not received at least three days prior to the examination date, please call this office at (315) 366-2341.

IDENTIFICATION: Bring positive identification to the written examination such as a driver's license, passport or student identification which contains a photo and your signature. Candidates will not be admitted without the proper identification.

SECTION 23-2 STATEMENT: The written test 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 the written test.

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.

VETERAN'S CREDIT: 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 credit can only be added to a passing score on the examination.

Candidates currently in the armed forces may 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 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 veteran's credit.

THOSE REQUIRING RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS, DISABLED PERSONS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY: IF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TESTING ARE REQUIRED, INDICATE THIS ON YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

BE SURE TO ENTER YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON YOUR APPLICATION WHEN YOU FILE. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES MUST BRING THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO THE EXAMINATION AS THIS WILL BE USED AS THEIR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IN THE EXAMINATION.

ISSUED: December 11, 2024

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