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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

AUTO MECHANIC (CUNY)
Exam No. 6026
(For The City University of New York Only)

WHEN TO APPLY: From: April 1, 2026

APPLICATION FEE: \$96.00

To: April 21, 2026

Candidates paying the application fee with a credit, debit, or gift card will incur a nonrefundable 2.00% service fee. However, veterans, unemployed individuals, and those receiving public assistance or supplementary security income qualify for a fee waiver.

THE TEST DATE: Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on **Thursday, July 16, 2026.**

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS ENTIRE NOTICE
BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.**

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Auto Mechanics (CUNY), under supervision, overhaul, repair and maintain engines and component assemblies used in automotive and construction activities and all other equipment powered by internal combustion engines. They act as "troubleshooters" in determining mechanical and electrical problems through the use of diagnostic equipment as necessary; make minor repairs and adjustments in the field so that a vehicle may be returned to the garage or repair shop under its own power; overhaul and make repairs to internal combustion engines, brake systems, automatic and manual transmissions, ignition systems, electronic systems, differential assemblies and fuel systems; align wheels and repair steering equipment; may make minor auto body repairs; may transmit orders to other assigned personnel as needed; supervise and are responsible for the work of other assigned personnel; train other related personnel in the performance of various maintenance and/or repair tasks; follow all appropriate safety procedures in the performance of assigned tasks; prepare reports, cost estimates or work and orders, and maintain records and inventories of supplies and materials; access job related information from a computer; operate motor vehicles or equipment in the performance of assigned duties. All Auto Mechanics (CUNY) perform related work.

Special Working Conditions:

Auto Mechanics (CUNY) may be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Auto Mechanics (CUNY) and environmental conditions experienced are: working in a non-temperature controlled environment; climbing ladders; moving heavy automotive parts; carrying heavy tool boxes; crawling and working in narrow spaces; working in the vicinity of hazardous, flammable materials and solvents and engine exhaust fumes.

(This is a brief description of what you might do in this position and does not include all the duties of this position.)

THE SALARY:

The current minimum salary is \$43.32 per hour for a 40-hour work week. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO QUALIFY:

You may be given the test before we verify your qualifications. It is your responsibility to ensure that you meet the education and experience requirements for the examination before submitting your application. If you are deemed "Not Qualified," your application fee will not be refunded and you may not receive an Admission Notice or score. (For more information see Exam Site Admission section.)

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Five years of full-time satisfactory experience as an auto mechanic; or
2. Not less than three years of full-time satisfactory experience as an auto mechanic, plus relevant education acquired in a college, university, technical school, trade school or vocational high school to make up the equivalent of five years of acceptable experience. Six months of acceptable experience will be credited for each year of relevant full-time education.

The trade school, technical school, vocational high school, high school diploma or its educational equivalent must be approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization. The

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college or university must be accredited by regional, national, professional, or specialized agencies recognized as accrediting bodies by the U.S. Secretary of Education and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

If you were educated outside the United States, you must have your foreign education evaluated to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. This is required only if you need credit for your foreign education in this examination. For more information see the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide in the Required Information section.

During the Education and Experience Exam (EEE), you will get instructions on converting part-time experience to the full-time equivalent.

You must Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period, and once you Final Submit, no changes can be made.

Failure to click Final Submit by the deadline will result in an incomplete application, and you will not receive a score or a refund of the application fee.

As per Section 54(2) of the Civil Service Law, the education requirement needed to qualify must be met by April 21, 2027. The experience requirement needed to qualify must be met by the last day of the Application Period (April 21, 2026).

Driver License Requirement: At the time of appointment, you must possess either:

1. A Class B Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York; or
2. A Motor Vehicle Driver License valid in the State of New York and a Learner's Permit for a Class B Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York.

If you qualify under "2" above, your appointment will be subject to the receipt of a Class B Commercial Driver License valid in the State of New York within six months of appointment.

For all appointments, if you have serious moving violations, license suspension or accident record, you may be disqualified. The Class B Commercial Driver License with no restrictions must be maintained for the duration of your employment.

Drug Screening Requirement:

You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed.

Residency Requirement:

City residency is not required for this position.

English Requirement:

You must be able to understand and be understood in English.

Proof of Identity:

Under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, you must be able to prove your identity and your right to obtain employment in the United States prior to employment with the City University of New York.

HOW TO APPLY:

Apply through the Online Application System (OASys) at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs. Follow the onscreen application instructions to submit your application and payment. A valid email address is required. Free email accounts are available from Google, Yahoo!, AOL, Outlook.com, or Mail.com.

New OASys accounts must be verified to confirm your email address is valid and that you have access to the email account. You will receive a confirmation email from OASys to confirm your account upon registering for your OASys account. If any issues arise, contact DCAS at nyc.gov/CivilServiceNowNYC and select the applicable subject. If you do not receive the confirmation email, check your spam or junk mail folder before contacting DCAS.

You can pay with major credit cards, bank cards, or prepaid debit cards with a credit card logo. Veterans and individuals receiving certain public assistance may qualify for a fee waiver. For more information on eligibility and required documentation, visit the Fee Waiver FAQs on OASys at <https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/faqs>.

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers to apply for this examination online.

The centers will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM:

Manhattan

2 Lafayette Street
17th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Brooklyn

210 Joralemon Street
4th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Queens

118-35 Queens Boulevard
5th Floor
Forest Hills, NY 11375

Staten Island

135 Canal Street
3rd Floor
Staten Island, NY 10304

Bronx

1932 Arthur Avenue
2nd Floor
Bronx, NY 10457

Application Receipt:

You will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, check "Junk", "Trash", or "Spam" folder for the primary email linked to your Online Application System (OASys) account. If you are unable to locate the email, you can view a summary of the notification email to you on your OASys Dashboard, then Notifications. If you are still unable to find the email, please email DCAS via the Contact feature available in OASys with a description of the issue and include the exam number and your profile number located on your Profile page. While on your Profile page, check that the email addresses you provided are correct and/or updated.

Special Circumstances Guide:

This Guide provides instructions for requesting alternate test dates for religious observances, how to apply for disability accommodations, Legacy credit, and address changes. Following the relevant instructions in the guide is crucial when filling out the "Application for Examination." Guide Link:
https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/pdf_c_special_circumstances_guide.pdf

Civil Service Guidance for Veterans:

There are a range of benefits available to eligible veterans in their civil service careers. Specifically, veterans and disabled veterans may be eligible for application fee waivers, preference credits, make-up exams, retroactive seniority, and age deduction where the exam has maximum age requirements. Review the Civil Service Guidance for Veterans at:
<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/faqs-for-veterans.pdf>

PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:

Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after appointment, and may result in criminal prosecution.

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

1. Application for Examination: Follow the online instructions, including those relating to the payment of fee and, if applicable, those found in the Special Circumstances Guide.

2. Education and Experience Exam: Complete the exam by following the on-screen instructions. You must provide detailed information about your licenses, education, and experience and finalize your submission in the Online Application System (OASys) by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the application period. Once you click on Final Submit, no further changes can be made. Failure to submit by the deadline will result in your examination being deemed incomplete, and you will not receive a score or be invited to any subsequent exam portions. Additionally, your application fee will not be refunded.

3. If applicable, ensure your foreign education evaluation is submitted directly to DCAS by an approved evaluation service within eight weeks after the application deadline. Approved evaluation services are listed in the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide which is located on the DCAS website at <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/nyc-dcas-foreigneducation-evaluation-guide.pdf>. Request a "**document-by-document**" (general) evaluation.

THE TEST:

The multiple-choice test will be given at a computer terminal. Your score on this test will be used to determine your place on an eligible list. You must achieve a score of at least 70% to pass the test.

The multiple-choice test is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain knowledge and abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of an **Auto Mechanic (CUNY)**. Task areas to be tested are as follows: repair work; basic principles and research; diagnostics; safety and ethics; reports; supervision /training; driving; and other related areas.

The test may include questions on operating principles of internal combustion engines and automotive components; electrical and electronic principles and systems; repair, maintenance and troubleshooting of transmissions, steering and suspension, brakes, cooling and heating, ignition, fuel, hydraulic and other automotive systems; proper selection and use of tools and equipment (shop and diagnostic); proper safety practices; automotive inspections and emissions testing; New York State Department of Motor Vehicle operating rules; standards of proper employee ethical conduct; and other related areas.

The test may also include questions requiring the use of any of the following abilities:

Deductive Reasoning: applying general rules to specific problems to come up with logical answers.

Example: An Auto Mechanic (CUNY) may use this ability when testing to prove failure of a system.

Inductive Reasoning: combining separate pieces of information, or specific answers to problems, to form general rules or conclusions. **Example:** An Auto Mechanic (CUNY) may use this ability when drawing conclusions about a gasoline "no start."

Information Ordering: following correctly a rule or set of rules or actions in a certain order. **Example:** An Auto Mechanic (CUNY) may use this ability when conducting "pin point" tests.

Mathematical Reasoning: understanding and organizing a problem and then selecting a mathematical method or formula to solve the problem. **Example:** An Auto Mechanic (CUNY) may use this ability when determining values of older vehicles.

Number Facility: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing quickly and correctly. **Example:** An Auto Mechanic (CUNY) may use this ability when completing timekeeping records.

Problem Sensitivity: being able to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. **Example:** An Auto Mechanic (CUNY) may use this ability when determining whether to replace or repair.

Written Comprehension: understanding written sentences and paragraphs. **Example:** An Auto Mechanic (CUNY) may use this ability when researching vehicle histories.

Written Expression: using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. **Example:** An Auto Mechanic (CUNY) may use this ability when maintaining records of daily work activities.

Certain questions may need to be answered on the basis of documents or other information supplied to the candidates on the date of the multiple-choice exam.

There will also be a **qualifying practical test**. Candidates who pass the multiple-choice test and meet the education and experience requirements will be scheduled to take the qualifying practical test.

The qualifying practical test may assess your ability to: troubleshoot, adjust, diagnose, repair and replace faulty automotive components; use automotive test equipment; and perform other related tasks. A score of at least 70% is required to pass the qualifying practical test.

EXAM SITE ADMISSION:

Your Admission Notice will be available on your Dashboard in OASys 14 days before the first date on which testing is expected to begin. Test site assignments will take your address into consideration, but nearness to your address cannot be guaranteed.

Warning: The use of electronic devices at the test site is strictly prohibited. This includes phones, smart watches, cameras, e-cigarettes, vape pens and/or other portable media or electronic devices. Any of these items brought to the test site will be placed in a Yondr pouch and sealed until after the exam event (Examination, Protest Review Session, TVB session). Headphones and earbuds are also not allowed. Only basic, hand-held calculators with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division functions are permitted; calculators with additional features are banned and will be sealed in a Yondr pouch if brought to the site. If you use any prohibited devices or remove them from your Yondr pouch without authorization-whether in the testing area, restroom, hallway, or any other location-you will have your test score nullified, be barred from taking civil service tests for up to five years and forfeit your application fee.

If you have a medical assistive device that sends alerts or vibrates, you must obtain written authorization from DCAS to use during the test. To request authorization, contact DCAS at testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov. Furthermore, you cannot bring anyone with you while being processed or taking the test, and no one is allowed to wait for you inside the Computer-based Testing & Application Center during the exam.

Required Identification: To enter the test site, you must bring one valid (non-expired) ID that includes both your signature and photo. The name on your ID must match the first and last name used in your exam application. If you fail to provide an acceptable form of identification, you may be denied entry to the test. Acceptable forms of identification (bring one) are as follows: State issued driver's license, City or State issued identification card, IDNYC, US Government issued Passport, US Government issued Military Identification Card, US Government issued Alien Registration Card, Employer ID with photo, or Student ID with photo.

Leaving: After completing your test, you must leave the test site immediately. If you exit the site after being fingerprinted but before finishing the test, you will not be allowed to re-enter. Ignoring this instruction and attempting to re-enter could result in not receiving your test results, nullification of your test score, and forfeiture of your application fee.

CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER:

It is essential to promptly notify DCAS of any changes to your mailing address, email address, or phone number. Without your correct contact information, you may miss important updates regarding your exam(s), appointment considerations, or critical information that requires a timely response. To update your contact information, follow these steps:

- City Employees: update your information in NYCAPS Employee Self-Service (ESS) at www.nyc.gov/ess
- All Others: Log into your OASys account at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs, navigate to your Dashboard, and update your Profile page.

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

To change your name and/or social security number with DCAS, use the Data Correction Form and follow all instructions provided. You can access the DCAS Data Correction Form at the following link: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/dp148a.pdf>.

THE TEST RESULTS:

If you meet the education and experience requirements, pass the multiple-choice test and the qualifying practical test, your name will be placed on a CUNY eligible list in final score order. You will receive a list number and be notified of your test results via email. This eligible list determines the order of candidates considered for appointment if your name is reached on the CUNY eligible list.

If you believe your test was rated incorrectly, you can appeal your score to DCAS, Committee on Manifest Errors, using the Online Application System (OASys). Your appeal must clearly state the reasons for requesting a higher score and may result in a different rating.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Make-up Test:

You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the test on the regular test date(s) for any of the following reasons:

1. being ordered to military duty; or
2. compulsory attendance before a court or other public body or official having the power to compel attendance; or
3. on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City; or
4. absence from the test within one week after the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner where you are an officer or employee of the City; or
5. a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible; or
6. a temporary disability; or
7. pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition.

To request a make-up test, contact Administration, Customer, and Exam Support (ACES) by email at testingaccommodations@dcas.nyc.gov, as soon as possible, and include documentation of the special

circumstances that caused you to miss your test.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Appointment of New York City Civil Service Employees: Please note that CUNY is a separate municipal employer; therefore, employees of New York City agencies cannot transfer to CUNY. If an employee of a New York City agency accepts a position with CUNY, the employee's date of appointment for the purposes of salary, seniority, and time and leave accruals is his/her date of appointment to CUNY.

Selective Certification for New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector: The eligible list resulting from this examination may be selectively certified to fill positions which require, at the time of appointment, either:

1. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Light Vehicles, Group 1 (**ILV**); or
2. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Heavy Vehicles, Group 2 (**IHV**);
or
3. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Motorcycles, Group 3 (**IMO**); or
4. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Light Vehicles, Group 1 and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Emissions, Group D (**ILE**); or
5. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Heavy Vehicles, Group 2, and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Emissions, Group D (**IHE**); or
6. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Light Vehicles, Group 1, and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Heavy Vehicles, Group 2, and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Emissions, Group D (**IVE**); or
7. New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Light Vehicles, Group 1, and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Heavy Vehicles, Group 2, and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Motorcycles, Group 3, and New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector certified in Emissions, Group D (**IME**).

If you have a New York State Certification as a Motor Vehicle Inspector for any of the aforementioned groups, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this certification through a process called Selective Certification. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. Your certification(s) will be checked by CUNY at the time of appointment. If you are appointed through Selective Certification, you must maintain your Motor Vehicle Inspector Certificate for the duration of your employment.

The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at any time during the duration of the list. If you meet the Selective Certification requirement at some future date, please submit request by contacting DCAS via the following link: nyc.gov/CivilServiceNowNYC using the "Selective Certification" subject. Please include the examination title and number, your full name, OASys Profile ID number, and the Selective Certification(s) you are requesting in your submission.

List Termination:

The eligible list resulting from this examination will be terminated one year from the date it is established, unless extended by CUNY.

This examination is for positions with The City University of New York (CUNY) only. If you would like to apply for the open competitive examination for Auto Mechanic with City agencies, you must submit a separate application and fee for Exam No. 6025 from April 1, 2026 through April 21, 2026.

The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted at nyc.gov/dcas and copies are available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers.

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