



**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE ANNOUNCES  
Examination Open To The Public**

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED CONTINUOUSLY  
TESTS HELD PERIODICALLY**

Examination No. & Title	Salary Grade	Beginning Salary	Job Rate
20-777 { State Program Examiner 1 (Fiscal) Senior Examiner of Municipal Affairs Senior Abandoned Property Accounts Auditor	18	\$51,268	\$65,190
20-778 State Program Examiner 1 (Systems)	18	\$51,268	\$65,190

**ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESSING ONLY**

*Appointees who work in the five boroughs of New York City or in Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, or Westchester Counties receive an additional \$3,026 annual downstate adjustment. Appointees who work in Dutchess, Orange, or Putnam Counties receive an additional \$1,513 annual mid-Hudson adjustment.*

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** On or before the date of filing your application, you must have:

**For No. 20-777:**

- A. a bachelor's degree including or supplemented by twenty-four undergraduate or graduate credit hours in accounting and/or auditing; **AND**
- B. two years of qualifying professional accounting and/or auditing experience (gained after meeting the educational qualifications in "A") in one or more of the following areas:
  1. As an accountant/auditor with responsibility for a full range of professional activities involved in the review, analysis and management of accounting systems, resulting in the rendering of opinions or recommendations on financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. See Note 1.
  2. As an internal accountant/auditor with responsibility for conducting a full range of operational or financial accounting/auditing activities for an entity. See Note 1.
  3. As an accountant with ongoing responsibility for the design, implementation, and review of accounting systems.
  4. As a professional staff member of a private accounting/auditing practice with broad experience in conducting financial compliance, economy and efficiency, or program results audits.
  5. As a field auditor with a federal, state, or municipal agency, with the responsibility for conducting comprehensive audits of governmental agencies in accordance with generally accepted government audit standards to determine the compliance with laws, rules, and regulations.

**For No. 20-778:** a bachelor's or graduate degree in accounting; business administration; business management; computer science, computer information systems, or related IT field; criminal justice; economics; engineering; finance; mathematics; public administration; public or community health; public policy; political science; or statistics **AND** either a currently valid Certified Information Systems Auditor designation issued by I.S.A.C.A. or two years of appropriate information technology experience in one or more of the following areas:

1. As an accountant/auditor with responsibility for a full range of professional activities involved in the review, analysis, and management of accounting systems or management information systems. See Note 1.
2. As an internal accountant/auditor with responsibility for conducting a full range of accounting/auditing activities for an entity. See Note 1.
3. As an accountant with ongoing responsibility for the design, implementation, and review of accounting systems.
4. As an information systems professional with the responsibility for the analysis and evaluation of information systems including hardware and software platforms; network and telecommunications infrastructure; development, acquisition, and maintenance; operational practices; and business processes.
5. As a computer programmer or systems analyst with ongoing responsibility for designing, developing, testing, and/or implementing information systems. See Note 2.
6. As a professional staff member in information resource management with responsibility for analysis, design, programming, or data modeling. See Note 2.
7. As a professional staff member in information resource management with responsibility for development or maintenance of data communications networks within a mainframe, minicomputer, client server, WAN, or LAN computing environment.
8. As an information systems professional responsible for the technical security review and assessment of complex, diverse, and interconnected computing environments including the major applications that operate in such environments.

**SUBSTITUTION:** For both examinations, a master's or doctoral degree in accounting, business administration, business management, criminal justice, economics, engineering, finance, mathematics, public administration, public or community health, public policy, political science, or statistics may be substituted for one year of qualifying experience.

**NOTES:**

1. Experience limited to teaching courses, bookkeeping, maintaining payroll records, accounts payable, accounts receivable, or preparing tax returns is not considered professional accounting/auditing experience.
2. For Examination No. 20-778, State Program Examiner 1 (Systems), experience limited to the instruction or use of business software (e.g., Microsoft Office Suite, WordPerfect) is not considered professional Information Technology experience.
3. If you apply for these examinations, you will automatically be applying for Examination Nos. 20-722, State Program Examiner Trainee 1; 20-723, State Program Examiner Trainee 1 (Systems); and 20-724, State Program Examiner Trainee 1 (Fiscal), Examiner of Municipal Affairs Trainee 1, and Abandoned Property Accounts Auditor Trainee 1. Applying for all of these examinations may increase the chances that you are considered for appointment. Applying for the Trainee-level examinations will not affect your salary if you are appointed.
4. Experience as an Examiner of Municipal Affairs or State Program Examiner (Fiscal) may be qualifying for **Certified Public Accountancy**.
5. Your degree and/or college credit must have been awarded by a regionally accredited college or university or one recognized by the NYS Education Department as following acceptable educational practices. If your degree and/or college credit was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. You can write to the Examination Information Desk of the Department of Civil Service for a list of acceptable companies who provide this service. This information can also be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.state.ny.us/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. You must pay the required evaluation fee. If you are applying on the Internet, you must mail the independent verification of equivalency to the New York State Office of the State Comptroller, Human Resources Office, 110 State Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Albany, New York 12236. Attn: Exam Series #20.

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6. Appropriate part-time and volunteer experience, which can be verified, will be accepted on a prorated basis.
7. There is no processing fee for this examination.
8. New York State residence is not required.

**THE POSITIONS:** State Program Examiner positions exist in the Office of the State Comptroller in Albany, Menands, North Greenbush, Rochester, and New York City. Examiner of Municipal Affairs positions exist in the Office of the State Comptroller in Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Glens Falls, Hauppauge, Newburgh, Rochester, and Syracuse. Abandoned Property Accounts Auditor positions exist in Albany, North Greenbush, and New York City.

**DUTIES:** As a **State Program Examiner** in the Division of State Financial Services, you would assist in the performance audits of all state agencies, institutions, and authorities, directed at management effectiveness and efficiency, and program performance.

As a **State Program Examiner (Systems)** or **State Program Examiner (Fiscal)** in the Division of State Financial Services, you would assist in the financial and performance audits of all state departments, agencies, institutions and authorities, directed at financial accountability, management effectiveness and efficiency, and program performance.

As an **Examiner of Municipal Affairs**, in the Division of Local Government and School Accountability, you would assist in providing a variety of services to counties, towns, villages, schools, and various districts of the State. These services include financial and performance audits that are conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, technical assistance, budget reviews, regional training, and other consulting services. Examiners in the central office assist in the review of annual financial information submitted by local government entities and other functions analyzing and evaluating local government fiscal health.

As an **Abandoned Property Accounts Auditor**, in the Office of Unclaimed Funds, you would assist in the audit and investigation of banks, insurance companies, utilities, stockbrokers, collateral loan makers, or any other organization that may hold unclaimed property to ensure accurate and complete reporting and remittance of unclaimed property to the State Comptroller.

**Extensive travel may be required, including overnight travel. Appointees must have a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State or otherwise demonstrate their ability to perform the required field work, if public transportation is not available. Field work and travel expenses are reimbursed on a fixed schedule.**

**SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION:** There will be no written test. Your **education and experience** will be evaluated against the general background/critical activities of the position. No written test or test date is involved. If you meet the "Minimum Qualifications," you will be required to complete an education and experience questionnaire online. Your answers to the questionnaire will be the only basis for evaluating your education and experience.

Your score will be based on the following: overall grade point average; grade point average in your major (for No. 20-777 in accounting/auditing); other relevant coursework; internships and/or community/campus/professional activities; and qualifying work experience.

It is essential that you describe your education and experience as completely as possible. Ambiguity, vagueness, or omissions will not be decided in the candidate's favor. All statements concerning education and experience are subject to verification. If references fail to respond or give contradictory information, you may be required to furnish written verification of the education and experience claimed. False statements or lack of verification may result in termination of employment.

Your final score must be 70 or higher in order to pass. Rank on the eligible list will be determined after adding any wartime veterans' and Civil Service Law Section 85-a credits to your final passing score.

The New York State Office of the State Comptroller will update the eligible list and notify successful candidates of their final scores and eligibility dates on a periodic basis throughout the year.

**HOW AND WHERE TO APPLY:** You **MUST** apply using the online application process at [http://www.cs.state.ny.us/announ/cr\\_announcements/20-777.htm](http://www.cs.state.ny.us/announ/cr_announcements/20-777.htm). If you apply for one examination, you will automatically compete in all of the examination numbers listed. **In addition to completing the on-line application, you must forward your resume and your college transcripts or applicable independent verification equivalency of your foreign degree(s)** via email to: [transcripts@osc.state.ny.us](mailto:transcripts@osc.state.ny.us) or mail to: New York State Office of the State Comptroller, Human Resources Office, 110 State Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Albany, New York 12236. Attn: Exam Series #20. **For additional information about these examinations, email [recruit@osc.state.ny.us](mailto:recruit@osc.state.ny.us) or call (518) 474-1924.**

The New York State Office of the State Comptroller has an ongoing need for persons qualified for appointment to these positions and will accept applications at any time and rate applications monthly.

**RETEST POLICY:** Qualified candidates may file as frequently as once every six months, but a new application, resume, and transcripts are required each time.

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**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

**NEW YORK STATE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER:** It is the policy of the state of New York to provide for and promote equal opportunity in employment, compensation, and other terms and conditions of employment without discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, religion, disability, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, domestic violence victim status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or arrest and/or criminal conviction record unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification or other exception.

Appointment to many positions in State government require candidates to undergo an investigative screening. This may include a thorough character investigation, a Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Record History Check, a Child Abuse Registry clearance, or other similar procedures. Candidates may be fingerprinted and may be required to pay any necessary fees for that procedure. Depending on the nature of the job, the criminal convictions discovered, or any falsified or omitted information revealed, the investigative findings may bar appointment or result in removal after appointment.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS IN TESTING:** It is the policy of the Department of Civil Service, in accordance with the New York State Human Rights Law and the Americans with Disabilities Act, to provide qualified persons with disabilities equal employment opportunity and equal opportunity to participate in and receive the benefits, services, programs, and activities of the Department. It is the policy of the Department to provide such persons reasonable accommodations and reasonable modifications as are necessary to enjoy equal opportunity. Persons with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in an examination must note this on their application. Further information is available from the Test Administration Unit of the Department of Civil Service. In the Albany area, call 518-457-2487 [press 2, then press 2]. Outside of the Albany area, call toll free at 1-877-697-5627 [press 2, then press 2]. For TDD services, call NY Relay at 711 (requires a fee) or 1-800-662-1220.

**NEW YORK STATE RESIDENCE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR MOST POSITIONS:** However, you must be eligible for employment in the United States.

**CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT/ELIGIBLE LISTS:** Candidates who meet the qualifications and pass this examination will have their names placed on the eligible list in the order of final scores, regardless of the date on which they filed or took the test. Generally, the names of qualified candidates will remain on the eligible list for one year. Appeal of ratings will not be allowed as the opportunity for retest exists. The Department of Civil Service reserves the right to terminate this special recruitment program.