



# PROMOTION EXAMINATION

Examination No. & Title	Salary Grade	Beginning Salary	Non-Refundable Processing Fee (Waivers Available)
31-321020 Coastal Resources Specialist 3	25	\$96,336	\$0
31-322020 Coastal Resources Specialist 4	27	\$106,898	\$0

Multiple-Choice Test  
To Be Held:  
FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Applications MUST Be Submitted  
Online or Postmarked By:  
JANUARY 14, 2026

You may be assigned to either Saturday or Sunday to take your test. You cannot request or change your scheduled day.

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS AVAILABLE at <https://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker>

Due to current testing space limitations, candidates may need to travel to a test site to take this examination. Candidates will be notified of their test site location on their admission notice.

**Promotion examination open to all qualified employees of the New York State Department of State.**

**Minimum Qualifications:** On or before February 28, 2026, you must be a qualified employee of the New York State Department of State and have had three months of permanent competitive, non-competitive NY HELPS\*, or 55-b/55-c service as listed below. If you have received a permanent appointment to a qualifying title and served provisionally\*\* in that title immediately preceding your permanent appointment, such provisional service may be counted towards meeting the time in title required for this examination.

**For Exam No. 31-321020:** Coastal Resources Specialist 2.

**For Exam No. 31-322020:** Coastal Resources Specialist 3 **OR** Coastal Resources Specialist 2.

Only the title or titles listed are qualifying.

*If you were permanently appointed to a qualifying title on or before November 28, 2025, and have served continuously in this title since that date, you are eligible to file for this examination.*

*\*If you were permanently appointed via the New York Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide (NY HELPS) program to a qualifying title in the non-competitive class on or before November 28, 2025, and have served continuously in this title since that date, you may apply for this examination.*

*\*\*If you were permanently appointed to a qualifying title and had provisional service in the same title immediately preceding the permanent appointment, such provisional service may be counted towards meeting the time in title required to apply for this examination. Your provisional appointment must have been on or before November 28, 2025, to qualify for this examination.*

**Qualifying Experience For Appointment From The Eligible List:**

**For Exam No. 31-321020:** After one year of the service described in the Minimum Qualifications, successful candidates will be qualified for appointment from the eligible list.

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**Qualifying Experience For Appointment From The Eligible List:**

**For Exam No. 31-322020:** After **one year of service** as a Coastal Resources Specialist 3;

**OR**

After **two years of service** as a Coastal Resources Specialist 2, successful candidates will be qualified for appointment from the eligible list.

Employees appointed to a non-competitive position via the NY HELPS program to a qualifying title in the non-competitive class will have their names restricted from appointment from the eligible list until their position is covered-in to the competitive class by action of the New York State Civil Service Commission or otherwise obtain permanent competitive status in the position.

If you have received a permanent appointment to a qualifying title listed and served provisionally in that title immediately preceding your permanent appointment, such provisional service may be counted towards meeting the time in title required for appointment from the eligible list.

**The Positions:** These positions exist in the New York State Department of State and are located in Albany.

**Duties:** As a **Coastal Resources Specialist 3**, you would administratively supervise Coastal Resources Specialists 2 in the management of planning and construction projects undertaken by waterfront communities and local organizations to advance economic development and protect natural resources; provide oversight of consistency reviews and coordinate with State and federal regulators on coastal programs to ensure proper administration of the New York State Coastal Management Program (NYS CMP); assign work according to established priorities and within budgeted resources; coordinate efforts between State and local agencies; direct the preparation of technical reports; develop and maintain guidelines and other criteria for preparing informational and educational materials; assist in reviewing and preparing legislation; represent the Department on boards, commissions, hearings, and meetings with public and private interest groups and officials; and conduct on-site visits or directly participate in complex projects.

As a **Coastal Resources Specialist 4**, you would administratively supervise Coastal Resources Specialists 3 by establishing priorities, allocating resources, developing work plans, and performing analysis of current and future program needs; coordinate the efforts of the Division with other Divisions and other local, State and federal agencies; conduct required public hearings on projects; direct the review and evaluation of legislation, budgets, programs and policies; initiate research of trends and developments and make recommendations; oversee program evaluations and prepare comprehensive reports required by funding agencies; conduct special studies and supervise the preparation of informational materials; establish and maintain effective relationships with public and private interest groups and officials; and represent the Department and the Secretary of State on various interagency task forces and interstate committees.

<b>Subject of Examination:</b> To be considered for appointment to this title, you must pass the <b>multiple-choice test</b> . The <b>multiple-choice test</b> evaluates your knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in the following areas:	<b>For Examination Nos.</b>	
	<b>31-321020</b>	<b>31-322020</b>
1. <b>Administrative supervision</b> - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices involved in directing the activities of a large subordinate staff, including subordinate supervisors. Questions relate to the personal interactions between an upper level supervisor and their subordinate supervisors in the accomplishment of objectives. These questions cover such areas as assigning work to and coordinating the activities of several units, establishing and guiding staff development programs, evaluating the performance of subordinate supervisors, and maintaining relationships with other organizational sections.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
2. <b>Understanding and applying administrative principles</b> - These questions test for knowledge of how to effectively manage and direct an organization or an organizational segment. These questions cover such areas as developing objectives, formulating policies, making decisions, forecasting and planning, developing personnel, organizing and coordinating work, communicating information, providing leadership, and delegating authority and responsibility.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
3. <b>Evaluating conclusions based on factual information</b> - These questions test your ability to evaluate and draw conclusions from factual information presented. Each question consists of a set of factual statements and a conclusion. You will be asked to determine whether the conclusion can be proven to be true by the facts, proven to be false by the facts, or if the facts are inadequate to prove the conclusion.	<b>X</b>	

Subject of Examination (continued):	For Examination Nos.	
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4. <b>Working and interacting with others</b> - These questions test for knowledge of how to effectively approach work and maintain professional relationships with others in the workplace. Each question presents a situation and a number of possible approaches for handling it. Question topics may include working with supervisors and coworkers, interacting with members of the public, handling conflict, and managing workplace demands and priorities. The questions are not specific to any job title or place of work.	X	X
5. <b>Preparing reports and official documents</b> - These questions test for the ability to prepare reports and other official documents for use within and among governmental agencies, in legal or regulatory settings, or for dissemination to the public. Some questions test for a knowledge of grammar, usage, punctuation, and sentence structure. Others test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, to use the proper tone, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly.	X	X
6. <b>Understanding and interpreting tabular material</b> - 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. <b>You should bring with you a hand-held battery- or solar-powered calculator for use on this test.</b> You will <b>not</b> be permitted to use the <b>calculator</b> function on your <b>cell phone</b> .	X	X
7. <b>Analyzing and evaluating information</b> - These questions test for the ability to analyze, interpret, and draw reasonable conclusions from information presented in text, data, images or symbols. This may involve identifying a significant problem or issue; focusing on relevant data and text; identifying trends, relationships, and significant features; assessing relevant alternatives; suggesting or evaluating possible conclusions; and applying logical principles to information provided. <b>You should bring with you a hand-held battery- or solar-powered calculator for use on this test.</b> You will <b>not</b> be permitted to use the <b>calculator</b> function on your <b>cell phone</b> .		X

**Test Guide & Sample Test Material:** A General Guide to Multiple-Choice Tests is available at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. Sample Test Material for the subject areas described above is available at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/sampletestmat.cfm>.

If you pass, your seniority credit(s), if any, will be included in the computation of your final score. Your final score on the eligible list will be determined after adding any Veterans' credits.

**Credit For Seniority:** Seniority is credited at the rate of one credit for each five-year period (or fraction thereof), excluding the first year of service.

**Admission To The Test:** If approved for a multiple-choice test, you will receive an admission notice which will indicate your assigned test date and the way your test will be administered. Your test may be administered with paper and pencil or online at a state test site. **You cannot request to change your scheduled day or request a specific type of test administration.**

**Applicants are required to have a Personal NY.gov account and keep their email address up to date.** The Department of Civil Service and other state agencies will communicate with you through email correspondence. This may include notification of your application status, your test arrangements, examination results, and canvassing you for interest in appointment. It will be important for you to keep your email address, phone number, and mailing address current by logging into <https://www.cs.ny.gov/home/myaccount>.

**How To Apply:** You will need a **personal NY.gov ID** to apply for these examinations. If you do not have a **personal NY.gov account**, please [create an account](#).

- Online our Internet address is <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker>; or
- Download an examination application [NYS-APP form](#); or
- Email [cs.sm.examinfo@cs.ny.gov](mailto:cs.sm.examinfo@cs.ny.gov) to request NYS-APP forms; or
- Obtain an NYS-APP form from a state agency or facility personnel/business office; or
- Request NYS-APP form by calling the Department of Civil Service in the Albany area at 518-457-2487 or toll free at 1-877-697-5627.

*The NYS Department of Civil Service reserves the right to reject for lateness or to accept applications filed after the advertised filing period. All statements you make on your application are subject to investigation.*

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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**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 employment, compensation, and other terms and conditions of employment without unlawful discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, religion, disability, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, veteran or military service member status, marital status, domestic violence victim status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, arrest and/or criminal conviction record, or any other category protected by law, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification or other exception.

**RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION:** Most multiple-choice tests are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the test on the announced test date, due to a conflict with a religious observance or practice, check the box under "Religious Accommodation." We will make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date (usually the following day).

**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 provide 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 Accommodation Unit of the Department of Civil Service at [Testaccommodation@cs.ny.gov](mailto:Testaccommodation@cs.ny.gov).

**ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION:** Notice to appear for the test may be conditional as review of applications may not be made until after the test. If you have not received your notice to appear for the multiple-choice test three days before the date of the test, email us at [AdmissionNotices@cs.ny.gov](mailto:AdmissionNotices@cs.ny.gov). Please provide your first and last name, address, and the last four digits of your social security number, and we will provide you with the information you need to attend your multiple-choice test. If you have an issue other than not receiving your admission notice, please contact our office at (518) 474-6470 in the Albany area or toll free at 1-877-697-5627. Please leave a clear concise message and provide your first and last name, last four digits of your social security number and a daytime phone number.

**TAKING STATE AND LOCAL EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY:** If you have applied to take a multiple-choice test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this multiple-choice test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date to make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All tests will be held at the state examination center. For your convenience, contact information for all local civil service agencies is available on our website at: <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/local.cfm>.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR EXAMINATION:** To be considered a qualified employee eligible to compete in this examination, you must be employed in, or on leave from, the specified department or agency on a permanent or contingent permanent basis in the competitive class, or in the non-competitive class or labor class if specifically noted on this announcement (or be on an appropriate preferred list), and have the specified time in the specified title or salary grade. You may not compete in a test for a title if you are permanently employed in that title (unless you are still on probation) or in a higher direct line of promotion.

**CELL PHONES OR ELECTRONIC/COMMUNICATION DEVICES AT THE TEST SITE:** The use of cell phones, beepers, headphones, or any electronic or other communication devices at your personal testing site or in the test room, hallways, restrooms, building, grounds, or other areas, except as expressly authorized by the Department of Civil Service, could result in your disqualification.