



# PROMOTION EXAMINATION

Examination No. & Title	Salary Grade	Beginning Salary	Non-Refundable Processing Fee (Waivers Available)
<b>31-492020 Architect 2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>\$106,898</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Multiple-Choice Test  
To Be Held:  
AUGUST 8, 2026**

**Applications MUST Be Submitted  
Online or Postmarked By:  
JUNE 24, 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.

**Interdepartmental promotion examination open to all qualified employees of New York State.**

**For Promotion in State Departments, Facilities, and Agencies**

- 1. Within Promotion Units    2. Within Entire Departments    3. To Other Departments**

**Minimum Qualifications:** On or before August 8, 2026, you must be a qualified employee of New York State and have had three months of permanent competitive, non-competitive NY HELPS\*, or 55-b/55-c service as Architect 1\*\*, **AND** you must possess a New York State Architect license and current registration at the time of appointment. 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 this examination.

\*\*Due to the May 23, 2024, title structure change, permanent competitive or 55-b/55-c service as a Senior Architect is also qualifying.

Only the title or titles listed are qualifying.

*If you were permanently appointed to a qualifying title on or before May 8, 2026, 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 May 8, 2026, 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 May 8, 2026, to qualify for this examination.*

**Qualifying Experience For Appointment From The Eligible List:** After one year of service described in the Minimum Qualifications, successful candidates will be qualified for appointment from the eligible list.

Employees appointed 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.

**Additional Requirements for Appointment:**

- **Background Investigation/Justice Center Review:** In some agencies, the names of all prospective employees **will**:
    - be checked against the Staff Exclusion List (SEL), maintained by the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs. Prospective employees whose names appear on the SEL as having been found responsible for serious or repeated acts of abuse or neglect will be barred from appointment and may have their names removed from the eligible list(s) for the title(s);
    - be investigated through a Criminal Background Check (CBC). You must report all convictions. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor or any falsified or omitted information may bar appointment or result in removal after appointment. Each case will be determined on its own merits, consistent with the applicable provisions of state and federal law;
- And **may**:
- be screened against the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR). Prospective employees whose names appear on the SCR may be barred from appointment.
- You are responsible for payment of all required fees.

**The Positions:** These positions exist in New York State in multiple agencies and are located across the state.

**Duties:** As an **Architect 2**, your duties may include, but are not limited to the management and coordination of all in-house and consultant design work. You would direct, supervise and mentor a staff of subordinate architects and/or engineers, drafting technicians and project managers in the design and managing of state building projects; oversee the interaction of your staff with in-house or consultant design professionals, technical specialists, cost control, and other units; direct and review the technical content and presentation of architectural designs and construction documents; act as the point of contact with client agencies for technical aspects of in-house and consultant design projects and programs; participate in the procurement/selection of consultant contracts; lead or participate in various International Standards Organization and Quality Improvement Teams; prepare necessary reports and correspondence; and provide expert testimony at litigation proceedings as required. At certain agencies you will also supervise subordinate professional staff in the review and approval of architectural construction documents for capital construction projects relating to public school districts, Boards of Cooperative Education Services, healthcare projects, institutional projects or the building and/or renovating of affordable housing projects to ensure plans meet all applicable codes and regulations. You may also draft or propose regulations and modifications. In other agencies, you may be assigned to coordinate the engineering and architectural design activities by supervising the construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of a region's facilities or historic preservation capital projects.

**Note:** Continued employment as an Architect 2 is dependent upon continued possession of a New York State Professional Architect's license and current registration. Failure to maintain this license with current registration will result in removal from the position.

**Subject of Examination:** To be considered for appointment to this title, you must pass the **multiple-choice test**. The **multiple-choice test** evaluates your knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in the following areas:

1. **Analyzing and evaluating information** - 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.
2. **Working and interacting with others** - 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.
3. **Understanding and interpreting written material** - These questions test how well you comprehend written material. You will be provided with brief reading selections and will be asked questions about the selections. All the information required to answer the questions will be presented in the selections; you will not be required to have any special knowledge relating to the subject areas of the selections.

**Subject of Examination (continued):**

4. **Preparing reports and official documents** - 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.
5. **Supervision** - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.

**Test Guide & Sample Test Material:** A General Guide to Multiple-Choice Tests is available at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. If Sample Test Material is available for a subject area described above, it can be found 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.