



**Office of Personnel and Civil Service
Exam Announcement
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TITLE: DEPUTY SHERIFF/POLICE OFFICER #60-070240

SALARY: VARIES WITH LOCATION

LOCATIONS: Essex County Sheriff's Department & Various Towns

ESSEX COUNTY

BENEFITS: Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Sick, Vacation, and Personal time, NYS Retirement, Life Insurance, Flexible Spending Plan, Paid Holidays, Employee Assistance Program, Employee Premium Enhancement, and shifts vary.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS: Candidates for Police Officer must be legal residents of Essex County or one of the contiguous counties (Clinton, Franklin, Hamilton, Warren, and Washington) for at least four (4) months immediately preceding the date of the examination. Preference in certification for appointments may be given to successful candidates who have been residents of the municipality in which appointment is to be made for four (4) months immediately preceding the date of examination. Candidates for Deputy Sheriff must be residents of Essex County at the time of appointment, and such citizenship and residency must continue throughout employment.

JOB SUMMARY: The work involves responsibility on an assigned shift for the enforcement of laws, rules, and regulations governing the custody, security, conduct, discipline, safety, and general well-being of people and property in the county. Work procedures are well defined, but incumbent must be alert to possibilities of emergency situations arising and exercise sound judgement when problems occur. The work is performed under general supervision with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in dealing with day-to-day situations. The incumbent does related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Education: By the date of appointment, candidates must be a high school graduate or holder of a high school equivalency diploma issued by an education department of any of the states of the United States or holder of a comparable diploma issued by any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States or by the Canal Zone or holder of a report from the United States Armed Forces certifying successful completion of the tests of general educational development, high school level.

NOTE: Applicants who do not possess a high school or equivalency diploma are eligible to take the examination but will not be eligible for appointment until they obtain such diploma. For information on how to obtain an equivalency diploma, write to the New York State Education Department, Albany, N.Y. 12234

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 **Essex County Dept. of Personnel & Civil Service**
Essex County Government Center, 7551 Court Street, P.O. Box 217, Elizabethtown, NY 12932

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: AGE: Candidates must be at least 19 years of age on or before October 17th, 2026, to be admitted to the written test. Eligibility for appointment as a police officer begins when the candidate reaches age 20. Candidates who reach their 43rd birthday on or before the date of written examination are not qualified except as follows:* Candidates may have a period of military duty or terminal leave up to seven years, as defined in Section 243 (10-a) of the Military Law, deducted from their age for the purpose of meeting the age requirement.

**Section 58.1(a) requires that applicants not be "more than forty-three years of age as of the date when the applicant takes the written examination..." Candidates who may be impacted by the maximum age requirement and who are requesting an alternate test date (for active military duty, Sabbath observance, or for an alternate test date situation which meets the conditions of the agency's alternate test date policy) are advised to contact Essex County Personnel & Civil Service to discuss their request.*

CITIZENSHIP: United States Citizenship is required at time of appointment. It is not necessary for admission to the examination.

DRIVER'S LICENSE: Candidates must possess a valid New York State Operator's license at time of appointment.

NOTE: *Conviction of a felony will bar appointment, and conviction of a misdemeanor or other offense may bar appointment.*

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION:

There will be a written test which you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. Only your score on the written test will be considered when computing your final score. In addition, candidates must meet the physical fitness and medical standards prescribed by the Municipal Police Training Council. Candidates must pass the written test in order to be scheduled for the qualifying physical fitness test. Candidates who pass the qualifying physical fitness test and who are given a conditional offer of employment will be scheduled to take the required medical examination.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has published a Test Guide intended for candidate preparation use for this particular examination. This Test Guide contains important test-related information as well as sample questions similar to the questions that will be used in this written test.

The New York State Department of Civil Service is making a copy of this Test Guide and other related information available on its Website a www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm. In addition, a copy of this Test Guide can also be obtained at our Local Civil Service Office. Please stop in the office at the Essex County Government Center, 7551 Court Street; Elizabethtown, NY or call this office at (518) 873-3360 for more information on how to obtain a copy of this test guide.

Posting Date: August 10th, 2026

Application Deadline: September 14th, 2026

Exam Date: October 17th, 2026

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Scopes / Subjects of examination: A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas.

Situational Judgment

These questions test for the ability to identify appropriate and effective responses to work-related challenges. You will be presented with scenarios that reflect the types of challenges one could encounter in a work environment. Each scenario will be followed by several responses to the scenario. You must rate the effectiveness of each response.

Language Fluency

These questions test for the ability to read, understand, and present a clear and accurate summary of information. For some questions, you will be given a brief reading passage followed by four statements, each summarizing the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given several sentences, one of which contains a spelling, grammatical, or punctuation error. You must then select the line that contains the error.

Information Ordering and Language Sequencing

These questions test for the ability to properly identify the sequence or order of events, or to organize information to fit a timeline. You will be given a brief reading passage followed by one or more questions. You must identify the proper sequence of events in order to answer one or more questions.

Problem Sensitivity and Reasoning

These questions test for the ability to apply information and to identify a problem or potential problem. For some questions, you will be given information in the form of policies, rules, regulations, or laws, which will be followed by a situation. You must then identify the problem and apply the information to select the best course of action to take. For other questions, you will be given a scenario and mock witness statements. You must use this information to answer one or more questions about the scenario.

Selective Attention

These questions test for the ability to focus on completing a task and to pay attention to important details while performing repetitive and monotonous tasks. You will be presented with a series of letters, symbols, and/or numbers. You must select the choice that contains the series of letters, symbols, and/or number that matches exactly.

Visualization

These questions test for the ability to imagine how something will look when it is moved around or when its parts are changed, moved, or rearranged. You will be presented with an image of a face followed by four images of faces. Each face is disguised or altered in some way. Three of the images have a difference in facial structure or facial features. You must select the choice that contains the image with the identical facial structure and facial features.

Spatial Orientation

These questions test for the ability to understand how to navigate within spaces or how to get from one point to another. You will be provided with a map followed by one or more questions. You must imagine yourself at a certain location and orient yourself to the direction in which you would move to get to another location by the shortest (least distance) route.

Test guide: A Guide for the Written Test for **Entry-Level Law Enforcement** is available at the New York State website: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

Use of calculators is Prohibited

QUALIFYING PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

The three elements measured in the qualifying physical fitness test are muscular endurance, absolute strength, and cardiovascular capacity. The following is a brief description of the physical fitness test.

Muscular Endurance - The requirement is for a number of bent-leg sit-ups to be performed in one minute.

Push Up - This test measures muscular endurance of the upper body (anterior deltoid; pectoralis major and triceps). The requirement is for a number of full body repetitions that a candidate must complete without breaks.

Cardiovascular Activity - 1.5-mile run; the requirement is for the attainment of a score calculated in minutes and seconds.

The Municipal Police Training Council adopted the physical fitness-screening test based on the model formulated by the Cooper Institute of Aerobics Research. The minimum passing scores, depending on age and sex, represent the fortieth (40th) percentile of physical fitness as established by the Cooper Institute. Failure on a part of qualifying test will remove your name from further consideration for appointment.

Copies of the physical fitness and medical standards are available upon request from Essex County Personnel & Civil Service.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each candidate must execute an application form and file it with the Essex County Department of Personnel and Civil Service, Essex County Government Center, 7551 Court Street, P.O. Box 217, Elizabethtown, New York, 12932. Applications should be filed as soon as possible after the announcement of the examination. In writing for application form or information, SPECIFY BY EXAMINATION NUMBER AND TITLE the position for which you wish to apply. Before filing your application, BE SURE EVERY QUESTION IS ANSWERED. AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION MAY BE DISAPPROVED.

2. Accepted candidates will be notified when and where to appear for examination. None will be admitted to the examination without the official admittance letter. If an application is rejected, due notice will be sent. The department does not make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application. If you fail to receive an admission letter at least seven days prior to the examination date, you should contact the Essex County Department of Personnel and Civil Service immediately.

3. There may be restrictions on employment for those who are under 18.

4. There are no residence requirements for taking the examination. Appointing authorities may give preference to legal residents of their jurisdiction.

5. 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 credits can only be added to a passing score on the examination.

Effective January 1, 1998, the State Constitution was amended to permit a candidate currently in the armed forces to 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 veterans credits.

6. VERIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates may be investigated or called for an interview to determine whether they are qualified for appointment. In addition to meeting specific requirements, candidates must be of good moral character and habits.

7. When the written examination 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 provision of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating and review of examinations apply.

8. Eligible Lists will be established in the order of final rating for successful candidates and will be established for a period of one year unless exhausted prior to that date. Lists may be extended by the Personnel Director not to exceed four years.

9. RETIREMENT SYSTEM: It is mandatory that persons appointed to full-time positions in a political subdivision participating in the New York State Employees' Retirement System, join the system on appointment. For other employees, membership is optional.

10. SATURDAY SABBATH OBSERVERS - DISABLED PERSONS: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.

11. RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: If you submit an application to the Department of Personnel and Civil Service other than by personal delivery to this office, this office will not be responsible for the arrival of the application. Therefore, you should contact this office on or before the final date for filing to determine whether or not your application has been received.

12. USE OF CALCULATORS: Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar, or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, 'Spell Checkers', 'Personal Digital Assistants', 'Address Books', 'Language Translators', 'Dictionaries', or any similar devices are prohibited.

13. FOR NON-CITIZENS: At the time of appointment, you must be a legal alien authorized to accept employment in the United States and you must maintain such status throughout the term of your employment with Essex County.

14. COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT: A copy of your college transcript will be required with the official application when applying for any civil service examinations requiring a degree.

15. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY: All persons seeking employment with Essex County shall be required to submit to drug and alcohol screening and testing, as well as a pre-employment physical.

16. 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.

APPLICATION FEE: A fee of \$15 is required for each separate examination for which you apply. The required fee must accompany your application. Your check or money order must be made payable to Essex County Treasurer and have the examination number(s) and your Social Security Number on it. **CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** You are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the Minimum Qualifications and residency requirements for each exam and file only for those for which you are clearly qualified. If you do qualify to take the exam, but fail to participate in the exam, the filing fee will **NOT** be refunded. If you do **NOT** qualify to take the exam the filing fee will **NOT** be refunded. Should you submit a personal check for payment of the application fee, and such check is returned by the bank prior to the date of examination, you will not be admitted to the examination. Should your check fail to clear the bank prior to the examination date and be returned for insufficient funds after you have sat for the examination, the Local Examination Division will be so notified, and a score will not be given to your examination. *For any checks returned, you will be charged \$15.00 payable to Essex County Treasurer.*

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act Eligible through a State or local social service agency. All Claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. *Waiver Request Forms available in the Essex County Dept. of Personnel*

ALTERNATE TEST DATE POLICY: Essex County has an Alternate Test Date Policy which allows a candidate to participate in the examination other than the set examination date. The alternate test date must be set during the week following the examination date. At no time can an examination be set later than one week following the examination unless New York State Civil Service approval is given. If you are unable to take the exam on the set exam date, contact this office for information regarding the policy. For emergency situations which may occur on the exam date, you must contact the Essex County Department of Personnel and Civil Service no later than the Monday following the exam by 4 o'clock p.m. Make-up of Civil Service Examinations by Military Personnel - Pursuant to Conditions S.243.b of the Military Law.

CONFLICTING EXAMS: If you have applied for any other Civil Service examination for employment with New York State or any other local government jurisdiction, you must make arrangements to take all the examinations at one test site.

If you have applied for both State and Local government examinations, you must make arrangements to take all your examinations at the State examination center by calling (518) 457-7022 no later than two weeks before the test date. Be sure to notify your local civil service agency that you have made arrangements to take your examination(s) at the State site, so they do not mark you absent for their examination.

If you have applied for other local government examinations, call or write to each Civil Service Agency to make arrangements. You must make your request for these arrangements no later than two weeks before the date of the examinations. You must notify all local government civil service agencies with whom you have filed an application of the test site at which you wish to take your examination(s). For this examination, call (518) 873-3360 or write to Essex County Department of Personnel and Civil Service, Essex County Government Center, 7551 Court Street, P.O. Box 217, Elizabethtown, NY 12932.

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