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CHIEF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

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The announcement issued on August 14, 2024 has been amended as follows:

Pay Rate: City of Canandaigua 2024 starting salary: \$92,850.00. Town of Farmington 2024 salary range: \$90,000-\$115,000/ year. Salary varies by location.

Vacancy: The City of Canandaigua has one (1) position currently held by a provisionally appointed employee, who may be appointed on a permanent basis if found reachable on the Civil Service Eligible List established as a result of this examination.

The Town of Farmington currently has one (1) vacancy which will be filled from the Eligible List resulting from this examination.

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Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
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Residency Requirements: Candidates must have their domicile of Ontario County for at least one month immediately preceding the examination date.

➤ It is the applicants' responsibility to clearly show that they meet the **minimum qualifications** for the position.

Minimum Qualifications: EITHER:

- **Grade 4A (Activated Sludge Plant whose designated point score is 76 points or greater)**
[GRADE 4A CERTIFICATE]
- **Grade 4 (All other treatment processes whose designated point score is 76 points or greater)**
[GRADE 4 CERTIFICATE OR HIGHER]
 1. Possession of a Bachelor's Degree and 30 credit hours of math and/or science; or
 2. Possession of an Associate's Degree in a NYSDEC approved curriculum AND eighteen (18) months of operating experience at a wastewater treatment plant; or
 3. Possession of an Associate's Degree AND three (3) years of operating experience at a wastewater treatment plant; or
 4. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma AND six (6) years of operating experience at a wastewater treatment plant.

PLUS: Completion of an appropriate approved course by the Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation; AND twenty-four (24) months operating experience at an activated sludge wastewater treatment plant with a point score of 76 or greater, AND the ability to perform necessary tests.

- **Grade 3A (Activated Sludge Plant whose designated point score is 56-75 points)**
[GRADE 3A CERTIFICATE OR HIGHER]
- **Grade 3 (All other treatment processes whose designated point score is 56-75 points)**
[GRADE 3 CERTIFICATE OR HIGHER]
 1. Possession of an Associate's Degree in a NYSDEC approved curriculum; or
 2. Possession of an Associate's Degree AND eighteen (18) months of operating experience at a wastewater treatment plant; or

Minimum Qualifications: (Continued):

3. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma AND three (3) years' operating experience at a wastewater treatment plant.

PLUS: Completion of an appropriate approved course by the Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation; AND eighteen (18) months operating experience at an activated sludge wastewater treatment plant with a point score of 56 or greater, AND the ability to perform necessary tests.

NOTE - SUBSTITUTION: POSSESSION OF THE PLANT'S REQUIRED NYS DEC CERTIFICATE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE OPERATING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS: Eligibility for appropriate Chief Operator certificate issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at time of application. Possession of the certificate at the time of appointment and throughout the tenure of appointment.

Special Note: Education: Your degree must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

NOTE: Courses approved by the NYSDEC are noted in DEC Operating Manual to be provided upon request.

NOTE: To credit operating experience it must be of the same point score or higher for which certification is being sought. Experience for "A" operator must be at an activated sludge plant with the same point score or higher for which certification is being sought.

GRADE 4A PLANT: City of Geneva

GRADE 4 PLANT: City of Canandaigua
Town of Farmington

GRADE 3A PLANT: Village of Manchester

Anticipated Eligibility: Applicants who lack thirty days, or less, of meeting the minimum qualifications by the date of the examination will be admitted conditionally to the examination. However, proof of the additional days' qualifications must be submitted prior to the establishment of the eligible list.

Vacancy: The City of Canandaigua has one (1) position currently held by a provisionally appointed employee, who may be appointed on a permanent basis if found reachable on the Civil Service Eligible List established as a result of this examination.

This examination is being held to establish an Eligible List to fill future vacancies in this title, which may occur during the life of the Eligible List. An eligible may receive only one Permanent appointment from this Eligible List. If an eligible accepts a Contingent-Permanent appointment their name will be removed from the Eligible List only for the department or agency in which she/he received the Contingent-Permanent appointment. Once appointed, there will be a probation period of 8 to 52-weeks based on performance of duties.

Eligible Lists established by Ontario County Department of Human Resources are used to fill vacancies in Ontario County Government, its Cities, Towns, Villages, School Districts, Fire Districts, and public libraries, the Finger Lakes Community College, Geneva Housing Authority, and the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES.

In accordance with Section 23-4 (a) of the Civil Service Law, **preference in appointment** may be given to residents in the jurisdiction where the vacancy exists. When preference in certification is given, an eligible must have been a resident of such municipality for at least one month prior to the date of certification and must be a resident of such municipality at the time of certification and appointment. Applicants must list a home address to be considered for preference in certification.

Job Description: This is an important supervisory and technical position involving responsibility for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of a Wastewater Treatment Plant with facilities for chemical precipitation, sludge vacuum filtration, sludge incineration, separate sludge digestion, or any other biological oxidation process and the stabilization or oxidation pond process. General direction is received from the appointing authority with wide leeway allowed for planning work methods and dealing with emergency conditions. While supervision is not a major function of this title, oversight and instruction will be provided to all staff in the wastewater plant and collection system. Does related work as required.

Background Investigation: Candidates may be subject to a thorough background investigation and psychological evaluation to determine suitability for appointment. Applicants may be required to authorize access to educational, employment, criminal history and other records check as part of such investigation. Criminal convictions or other offenses are subject to evaluation and may result in disqualification. Applicants will be required to submit the necessary fees for the fingerprint processing, where required.

Special Requirement for Appointment in School Districts or BOCES: Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a School District or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

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

1. Operation and maintenance of pumps, valves, and related mechanical and electrical equipment - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and procedures involved in the operation, maintenance, and repair of pumps, valves, and related mechanical and electrical equipment, including motors and electric circuitry; and for the ability to identify various types of pumps, valves, and related equipment and understand their functions.

2. Physics, chemistry, and bacteriology related to wastewater treatment and disposal, including laboratory and field tests for plant operations - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices of wastewater treatment, disposal, and testing, including such areas as the principles of physics, chemistry, and bacteriology involved; terminology associated with wastewater treatment and testing; operating principles of the equipment and procedures used in wastewater treatment; measurements and measuring devices used; sampling and testing wastewater and interpreting the results; and identification and characteristics of chemicals and bacteria involved in wastewater plant operations and testing. Some questions may involve basic arithmetic calculations.

3. Practices and equipment used in the operation and maintenance of a Type A wastewater treatment plant - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices associated with the operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment plants employing the activated sludge process or its modifications (Type A plants), including such areas as objectives of plant processes, techniques, and equipment; terminology associated with Type A wastewater treatment plants; conditions and situations encountered in Type A wastewater treatment plants; plant safety and monitoring; and equipment and materials used in Type A wastewater treatment plants. Some questions may involve basic arithmetic calculations.

4. Pumping operations and related arithmetic computations - These questions test for knowledge of pumping operations, including such areas as terminology and basic principles associated with pumps and pumping operations; instruments and equipment used in pumping operations, including various types of pumps and their components; troubleshooting pumping problems and developing solutions; pump inspection and maintenance; and the ability to perform basic arithmetic calculations associated with pumping operations.

Subjects of Examination: (Continued):

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: The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication 'General Guide to Written Tests' helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>.

Candidates are allowed 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. Cell phones, SmartWatches or any similar electronic devices are prohibited. You may not bring books or other reference materials. **You will not be permitted to use the calculator function of your cell phone.**

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF EXAMS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON:

Ontario County Human Resources Webpage at <http://www.ontariocountyny.gov/94/Human-Resources> and NOTICE will be emailed to all approved Applicants no later than 7:30 AM the day of the scheduled exam.

Applications and further information may be obtained by visiting the ONTARIO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES website at www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources. Completed applications and application fees must be electronically submitted by 11:59 p.m. on **OCTOBER 2, 2024**.

It is the candidates' responsibility to keep their contact information (email address, phone number & USPS mailing address) current. The Address Change Form can be found at the Ontario County Department of Human Resources website: www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources. To be considered for preference in certification based on residency, you must include the city and/or town/village and school district you live in. All communication is done electronically through the applicant provided email address.

If candidate **fails to receive an admission letter** at least seven days prior to the examination date, you should contact the Department of Human Resources immediately.

Most written 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 the arrangements for you to take the test on a different date (usually the following business day).

Disabled persons: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.

CROSSFILER: Applying for Civil Service Examinations in Multiple Agencies When The Exams are Scheduled on Same Date: If you have applied to take a written test for other local jurisdictions (county, town, city) that is scheduled on the same test date as this written test, you must notify, in writing, each of the local jurisdictions no later than 15 days before the test date of the test site at which you wish to take your examination. Arrangements for you to take all tests at one site are made through NYS Department of Civil Service. You must provide a list of all exam titles, numbers and locations for which you have applied on a Cross Filing Form. Click [here](#) to access the Cross Filing Form and once completed, please forward to: hr@ontariocountyny.gov. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center.

*The required **NON-REFUNDABLE application and administrative fees** must be submitted at time of application. If your application is disapproved, the fees will not be returned to you. Do not send cash, check or money order. If you are approved and do not appear for the examination, you forfeit the fees as no refunds will be made. In accordance with Civil Service Law, Section 50.5(b), an exception to the fee requirements will be made only for persons who are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household or who are receiving public assistance. The Fee Waiver Form can be found at the Ontario County Department of Human Resources website: www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources.

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 maximum 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.

Any member of the **Armed Forces** of the United States of America, who having duly filed an application to compete in a scheduled competitive examination for Civil Service employment by the State of New York or any of its subdivisions and who due to active military duty is deprived of the opportunity to compete in such examination shall be provided with an opportunity to compete, under terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the State Department of Civil Service or Municipal Commission, by way of a special military make-up examination.

Veterans' Credits: Honorably discharged veterans may apply for additional points to be added to their final passing score on civil service examinations. The *Application for Veterans Credits*, the *Authorization for Disability Record*, and additional information regarding the requirements are available on our website at: www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources. Completed forms must be received by this office before the Eligible List, from this examination, is established.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLFP) - The PSLF Program is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue to work full-time in public service jobs. Under this program, you may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance on your (Direct Loan) loans after you have made 120 qualifying payments on those loans while employed full-time by certain public service employers. For more information about this program go to: <http://studentaid.gov>.

Ontario County is an **Equal Opportunity Employer** and, as such, offers equal opportunities for all qualified applicants with no discrimination as to age, race, color, creed, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status, domestic violence victim status or disabilities and, in certain circumstances pursuant to Executive Law 296, conviction record. Any person with a disability requesting reasonable accommodations in order to participate in examinations will be accommodated.

This examination is announced and will be rated in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law and Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this examination.

Michele O. Smith Director of Human Resources Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Exam No. 61979-010 Issued: August 14, 2024
