

ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE

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ANNOUNCES AN OPEN-COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR **DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Exam # 61697

FILING FEE: \$20.00 non-refundable filing fee for each application submitted. Submit application and credit card payment online via the Civil Service Portal at the web address above. If submitting a paper application, make check/money order payable to the Albany County Director of Finance. Include exam number on your check. Cash will be accepted if applying in person. **THERE IS NO COUNTY RESIDENT, COUNTY EMPLOYEE OR MILITARY VETERAN/ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBER FILING FEE WAIVER FOR THIS EXAM.** The filing fee is waived for those receiving public assistance or unemployment benefits and the application must be accompanied by a completed Fee Waiver Request Form (ACS-04).

TO BE HELD: Saturday, **January 14, 2023.** Applicants will be mailed notification of time and exam site the week of exam.

LAST FILING DATE: Application must be received by or postmarked by Friday, **December 16, 2022.**

VACANCIES: List will be used to fill future vacancies as they occur in Town of Guilderland.

SALARY: **\$98,000-\$100,000**

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: None to sit for the exam. Pursuant to NYS Civil Service Law Sec. 23.4-a, preference in appointment may be given to those eligibles who are legal residents in the municipality where the vacancy or anticipated vacancy exists. Must be a resident of such municipality at time of appointment if the municipality's appointing authority requests a resident list only.

DUTIES OF POSITION: These duties involve responsibility for the development and implementation of public safety methods relating to emergency medical services. Incumbent develops and implements EMS public safety methodology through the development and supervision of a Advance Life Support (ALS)/Paramedic Program that compliments law enforcement and volunteer EMS agencies in the town. Incumbent in this class works with the law enforcement in responding and improving upon emergency medical services. Work is performed under the direction of the Town Supervisor or a Public Safety official with considerable leeway allowed for independent judgment in carrying out assignments. Supervision may be exercised over medical personnel, sworn officers and civilian professional and clerical staff in EMS. Does related work as required

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must meet the following requirements on or before the last date for filing:

- Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma; **AND**
- The equivalent of five years of experience as a paramedic, included or supplemented by three years of experience in a supervisory role in emergency medical services; **AND,**
- Possession of valid, current certification as a Paramedic (A-EMT-4, A-EMT-P) issued by the New York State Department of Health in accordance with Part 800, Chapter IV of the State Emergency Medical Service Code at the time of application; **AND,**
- A grant of medical control privilege.

NOTE: See general instructions to applicants' page for the experience rating scale.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION: There will be a written test which you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. It will evaluate knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. **Ensuring effective inter/intra agency communications:** These questions test for understanding of techniques for interacting effectively with individuals and agencies, to educate and inform them about topics of concern, to clarify agency programs or policies, to negotiate conflicts or resolve complaints, and to represent one's agency or program in a manner in keeping with good public relations practices. Questions may also cover interacting with the staff of one's own agency and/or that of other agencies in cooperative efforts of public outreach or service.
2. **Preparing written material:** These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.
3. **Understanding and interpreting written material:** These questions test for the ability to understand and interpret written material. You will be presented with brief reading passages and will be asked questions about the passages. You should base your answers to the questions **only** on what is presented in the passages and **not** on what you may happen to know about the topic.
4. **Administrative techniques and practices:** These questions test for a knowledge of management techniques and practices used in directing or assisting in directing a program component or an organizational segment. Questions cover such areas as interpreting policies, making decisions based on the context of the position in the organization, coordinating programs or projects, communicating with employees or the public, planning employee training, and researching and evaluating areas of concern.
5. **Principles and practices of staff development and training:** These questions test for the knowledge and abilities used to develop and deliver training. They address topics such as the assessment of training needs; instructional design; training methods and techniques; the use of training aids, materials, and technology; motivation; learning theory; classroom management; the evaluation of learning outcomes; and the usage of training-related data.

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>.

- ♦ If submitting a paper application, use form ACS-21, the Albany County Application for Examination and Employment. All forms and other information may be found on our website, www.albanycounty.com/civilservice.
- ♦ Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held battery or solar calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, PDA'S, address books, language translators, dictionaries or any similar devices are prohibited.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) FOR ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

APPLICATION PROCESS/FORMS: Submit application and credit card payment online via the Civil Service Portal: <https://albany-portal.mycivilservice.com/> . If submitting a paper application, make check/money order payable to the Albany County Director of Finance. Include exam number on your check. Cash will be accepted if applying in person. If submitting a paper application, use form ACS-21, the Albany County Application for Examination and Employment. All forms and other information may be found on our website: www.albanycounty.com/civilservice . If you do not have access to a computer, you can request application forms or announcements by mail or by visiting our office at:

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The applicant should be certain that all required sections of the application are completed or disqualification may result. **Education and work experience should be documented on the application regardless if the candidate has elected to attach a résumé.** All statements made by candidates in their applications are subject to verification.

TRANSCRIPTS: If a college transcript is required per the announcement, copies of the original are acceptable and should be submitted with the application or as soon as possible after applying. See our transcript policy at: www.albanycounty.com/civilservice

EXPERIENCE RATING SCALE: Experience will be rated as follows: 1-10 hours worked per week = ¼ time; 11-20 hours worked per week = ½ time; 21-30 hours worked per week = ¾ time; 31-40 hours worked per week = full time. On a paper application, when entering average number of hours worked per week, enter a single number that is the closest approximation and **not** a range.

LAST FILING DATE: It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application and appropriate filing fee are received by the Albany County Department of Civil Service or postmarked by the United States Postal Service on or before the last filing date of the examination.

VETERANS' CREDITS: For the purpose of claiming veterans' credits on a civil service examination, an applicant must have been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances after serving on active duty with the armed forces of the United States during time of war.

- Disabled and non-disabled veterans who establish eligibility for additional credits and are successful in the examination are entitled to have 10 and 5 points, respectively, (5 and 2.5 points in the case of promotional examinations) added to their earned scores, and provided they have not previously used such credits to obtain permanent appointment or promotion. Veterans may determine to waive the use of their credits at any time up to the time of permanent appointment or promotion.
- Veterans and disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit a copy of their separation papers (DD-214) within two (2) months of the last filing date for the examination. Veterans' credits can only be added to a passing score on the examination.
- A candidate currently in the armed forces may apply for and be conditionally granted veterans' credits 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 the 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.
- If a veteran previously received five (non-disabled) points on an open-competitive examination and subsequently became certified as disabled, he or she would be entitled to receive another five (disabled) points on a subsequent examination whether an open-competitive or a promotion examination.
- If a veteran previously received two and one-half (non-disabled) points on a promotion examination and subsequently became certified as disabled, he or she would be entitled to receive another seven and one-half (disabled) points on a subsequent examination whether an open-competitive or a promotion examination.

ADDITIONAL CREDITS FOR CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY: 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 (10) 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 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.

ALTERNATE TEST DATE POLICY: This policy and the required application can be found on our website: www.albanycounty.com/civilservice . The policy clearly states the specific circumstances whereby a candidate may be eligible for an alternate test date. The candidate will be contacted by email or phone to make arrangements. Be aware that alternate test dates are during our normal business hours.

SABBATH OBSERVERS/DISABLED CANDIDATES/MILITARY MEMBERS: Applicants whose religious beliefs or military service prevent their taking examinations on the scheduled date and disabled candidates who require special accommodations to take the test should indicate the need for special arrangements when applying. Candidates who are called to military service after filing an application should contact Albany County Civil Service as soon as possible at csinfo@albanycounty.com or (518) 447-7770.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND 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. Eligible candidates may be required to pay a fingerprint-processing fee associated with this special requirement.

ELIGIBLE LISTS:

- For continuous recruitment exams, candidates will have their names placed on the eligible list for a maximum period of one year in the order of their exam score regardless of the date on which they took the exam. Rank on the list changes regularly depending on declinations, appointments and new names being added to the list.
- For all other types of exams, eligible lists are in effect for a minimum of one year up to a maximum of four years unless superseded by a new exam.
- Changing conditions may make it necessary to canvass future vacancies at higher or lower salaries than those originally announced.

CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT CSINFO@ALBANYCOUNTY.COM OR (518) 447-7770 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

THE NEW YORK STATE HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (ARTICLE 15) PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF AGE, RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MILITARY STATUS, SEX, MARITAL STATUS OR DISABILITY.

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