



**DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK**  
**EXAM #70-021070 (PROM)**  
**ONEIDA COUNTY ANNOUNCES**  
**PROMOTIONAL CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2026**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE**

**APRIL 18, 2026**  
**EXAMINATION DATE**

- APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 04:30 PM ON THE APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE
- EXAM FEES HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR THIS CIVIL SERVICE EXAM

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**STARTING SALARY/RANGE:**                      \$45,866 (23M)                      Oneida County Government

**VACANCIES:** There is one (1) vacancy in the Oneida County Office of the County Clerk, Oneida County, NY. **The eligible list, established as a result of this examination, will be used to fill any appropriate vacancies which may occur in these titles under the jurisdiction of the Oneida County Commissioner of Personnel.**

In accordance with Section 52 of the Civil Service Law, preference in appointment(s) will be given to employees permanently employed in any Oneida County department in which a vacancy occurs, after which appointments will be made from among all eligibles employed in Oneida County departments.

Appointments to a School, Library, Town, Village, or other civil division will be limited to those people holding full-time, permanent competitive status within the civil division only.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must meet minimum qualifications on or before the date of examination.

Candidates must have permanent, full-time competitive status for a period of **twelve months (12) as a Principal Clerk** in the Oneida County Office of the County Clerk immediately preceding the date of this examination.

**NOTE:** Candidates 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 per Civil Service Law Section 52.10.

**DUTIES:** Employees in this class are responsible for performing specialized clerical work involving the receipt, processing, and filing of various legal documents. The duties and procedures followed in the performance of the work are generally prescribed by federal and/or state laws, rules, and regulations. Supervision may be exercised over subordinate clerical employees. The work is performed under the supervision of the First Deputy County Clerk, who reviews it for conformance with established laws, policies, and procedures. The incumbent performs related work as required.

**SENIORITY CREDIT:** Computation of seniority points will begin from the date of original entry in the permanent, full-time classified service of the jurisdiction in which promotion is sought, followed by continuous service, preceding the establishment of the eligible list. Candidates 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 seniority credit. Points will be added to an eligible score, as follows:

*Less than 1 year -	0 points	*Over 16 years up to 21 years -	4 points
*1 year up to 6 years -	1 point	*Over 21 years up to 26 years -	5 points
*Over 6 years up to 11 years -	2 points	*Over 26 years -	6 points
*Over 11 years up to 16 years -	3 point		

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

**1. NAME AND NUMBER CHECKING:**

These questions test the ability to distinguish between sets of words, letters, and/or numbers that are almost exactly alike. Material is usually presented in two or three columns, and you will have to determine how the entry in the first column compares with the entry in the second column and possibly the third. You will be instructed to mark your answers according to a designated code provided in the directions.

**2. OPERATIONS WITH LETTERS AND NUMBERS:**

These questions test for skills and abilities in operations involving alphabetizing, comparing, checking and counting. The questions require you to follow the specific directions given for each question which may involve alphabetizing, comparing, checking and counting given groups of letters and/or numbers.

**3. CUSTOMER SERVICE:**

These questions test the knowledge of techniques used to interact with other people, to gather and present information, and to provide assistance, advice and effective customer service in a courteous and professional manner. Questions will cover such topics as understanding and responding to people with diverse needs, perspectives, personalities, and levels of familiarity with agency operations, as well as acting in a way that both serves the public and reflects well on your agency.

**4. 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.

**CALCULATORS ARE RECOMMENDED:** Unless specifically prohibited, candidates are permitted to use QUIET, hand-held, solar- or battery-powered calculators **ONLY**. Devices with typewriter keyboards, such as cell phones, computers or devices which can be hooked to a computer, spell-checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries and any similar devices are **PROHIBITED**.

**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 online at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>

**EXAM SERIES:** Higher-Level Clerical

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS  
SCHEDULED ON THE SAME DATE**

If you have applied for other civil service exams in another jurisdiction (state, county, city) scheduled for the same date, **YOU** must decide to take all the exams at one test site. Submit a completed **CROSS-FILER NOTIFICATION** form to our office at time of application. If you have applied for a State exam, **YOU MUST** take all exam titles at the state exam site. You will be advised in your admission letter when and where to report for your examinations. If you have any questions, please contact the Oneida County Office of Civil Service at **315-798-5726** or e-mail [civilservice@oneidacountyny.gov](mailto:civilservice@oneidacountyny.gov)

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF EXAMINATIONS:** Tune to – Spectrum News; WUTR; WKTV; Radio Stations 96.1, 96.9, 97.9. **OR** Like and Follow us on Facebook at ‘Oneida County Civil Service’.

1. **APPLICATIONS:** Candidate must complete a separate Oneida County Civil Service Application for each Civil Service Examination or employment opportunity that they are applying for. Applicants must answer every question on the application and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISAPPROVED.** All applications shall be filed with the Oneida County Office of Civil Service. Applications received after the last filing date will be rejected. Apply online at: <https://oneida-portal.mycivilservice.com/post/exams>
2. **ADDRESS CHANGE:** Failure to notify this office of a change of address may result in disqualification for examination or certification for appointment following examination. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved.
3. **RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS/MILITARY/DISABILITY:** Please indicate on your application if special exam arrangements for testing are needed. Please review instruction F on the civil service application for further instructions.
4. **ALTERNATE TEST DATES:** Please review ‘The Alternate Test Date Policy’ located on our website at <https://oneidacountyny.gov/departments/civil-service/rules-and-policies/>
5. **VETERANS:** Please review instruction G on the civil service application.
6. **ADMISSION NOTICE:** Applications are reviewed for qualifying status. If your exam application is disapproved, you will be notified of the reason and given an opportunity to amend your application. All amendments to applications are due by the amendment due date listed in your letter of disapproval. **IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN ADMISSION LETTER THREE (3) DAYS BEFORE THE EXAM DATE, PLEASE CALL: (315) 798-5726 or e-mail [civilservice@oneidacountyny.gov](mailto:civilservice@oneidacountyny.gov).** Collect calls will not be accepted.
7. **ELIGIBLE LISTS:** Appointments from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept appointment. The duration of an eligible list may be fixed for a minimum period of one (1) year **OR** up to a maximum period of four (4) years depending on examination type. Changing conditions may make it advisable to certify future vacancies at higher or lower salaries than those announced.
8. **FOREIGN EDUCATION:** High school from other than U.S. schools may be verified by a transcript and against college-entry requirements in the corresponding country. Applicable documentation must be submitted. If your degree and/or college credit was awarded by an educational institution outside of the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies providing this service may be obtained in person from the Oneida County Office of Civil Service, by mail (include a self-addressed, stamped envelope) **OR** on the New York State Department of Civil Service website: [www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm). You will be responsible for the required evaluation fee.
9. Federal and State Law prohibit discrimination because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status or genetic predisposition or carrier status.
10. This examination is being prepared and rated in accordance with section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules, and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service, will apply to this examination.
11. **ADDITIONAL CREDIT:** 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 matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two (2) 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.
12. **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION:** Applicants may be required to undergo a state and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for background investigation may result in disqualification.
13. **APPLICATION FEE WAIVER:** A waiver of the application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of the application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, receiving Supplemental Security Income payment, receiving 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. The form is available on our website <https://oneidacountyny.gov/departments/civil-service/forms/> and in the Oneida County Department of Personnel, 800 Park Avenue 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Utica, NY 13501. You may also call (315) 798-5726 or e-mail [civilservice@oneidacountyny.gov](mailto:civilservice@oneidacountyny.gov) to request a copy.**
14. **EXAMINATION ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Failure to appear for two (2) consecutive examinations administered by Oneida County Civil Service within an 18-month period will result in disqualification from future examination for a two-year period, per Oneida County Civil Service Rule IX.

**ONEIDA COUNTY EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE ACCESSED ON OUR WEBSITE:**

<https://oneida-portal.mycivilservice.com/post/exams>

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