

MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

EXAMINATION FOR

NO. 60067500 POLICE OFFICER

BUREAU OF POLICE

An **Open Competitive** examination for the position of **POLICE OFFICER, BUREAU OF POLICE**, will be held on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**, at **LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED**, Binghamton, New York at 9:00 A.M.

Vacancies: The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in the City of Binghamton.

SALARY: \$56,101.00 per year

Posted: 7/2/2026

There is no application fee for this examination. Only applications which are received or post-marked on or before the last date to file will be accepted. All interdepartmental mail must be received by the close of business on the last date to file as indicated below.

ADDRESS CHANGE: It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the City of Binghamton Department of Civil Service/Personnel of any change in name or address. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved.

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 waivers are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for an application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application.**

Application blanks and fee waivers may be obtained at the office of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, 4th floor, City Hall, Government Plaza, Binghamton, New York, or from the **City Web-Site at <https://www.binghamton-ny.gov/government/departments/personnel-civil-service/employment>** and must be filed at said office on or before **Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 4:45 P.M.** An application for examination must be filed during the filing period listed on this announcement.

CROSS FILER STATEMENT: If you have applied for both a City of Binghamton examination and an examination for another jurisdiction, both of which are scheduled for the same date, you must submit a City of Binghamton Cross-filing Form indicating the site at which you intend to take your examination. The application with the cross-filing form is available in our Department or online at <https://www.binghamton-ny.gov/government/departments/personnel-civil-service/employment> and must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the examination. Failure to submit the Cross filing form in a timely manner may result in our not being able to accommodate your request to sit at your choice of exam sites. **When taking both State and City of Binghamton examinations, you will be required to take all your examinations at a State examination center. You will be advised by the State when and where to report for your examinations.**

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS: CANDIDATES MUST BE LEGAL RESIDENTS OF BROOME COUNTY OR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES (CHENANGO, DELAWARE, TIOGA, AND CORTLAND) **AT TIME OF APPLICATION.**

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT: SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES MUST BE LEGAL RESIDENTS OF BROOME COUNTY **AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT. PROOF WILL BE REQUIRED. MUST MAINTAIN BROOME COUNTY RESIDENCY DURING ENTIRE LENGTH OF APPOINTMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON.**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: **Age:** **BE SURE TO INDICATE YOUR BIRTHDATE ON THE APPLICATION.**

AGE: Candidates must be at least 19 years of age on or before the examination date 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 the 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.

*Effective 9/1/2025, 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, Religious observance or for an alternate test date situation which meets the conditions of the agency's alternate test date policy) are advised to contact the Municipal Civil Service Commission, City of Binghamton 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 and provide a copy of a valid New York State Operator's license at time of appointment.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION: Conviction of a felony will bar appointment, and conviction of a misdemeanor or other offense may bar appointment. Applicants will 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 the background investigation may result in disqualification.

****Anticipated Eligibility – Age and Educational Requirements:** According to Civil Service Law, section 54 which became effective September 4, 2024, applicants who are within 12 months of meeting the minimum age or attaining the minimum educational requirements following the date of examination, may take the civil service exam, but will be restricted from certification until such a time that the minimum age or educational requirements are met.

DUTIES: The work involves the responsibility for the enforcement of laws and ordinances and the protection of lives and property in the community. The duties of a Police Officer include routine patrol work, assisting in the investigation of criminal offenses, traffic control and dealing with juvenile problems. Ordinarily, a Police Officer, whether on patrol or on special assignment, works under the supervision or direction of a higher ranking officer. However, there is considerable independent responsibility for exercise of sound judgment in emergencies. Does related work as required.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS: Individuals must satisfactorily complete the Basic Course for Police Officers as prescribed by the Municipal Police Training Council and required by Section 209-q of General Municipal Law within one year of appointment in order to attain permanent status in the position.

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.

******THE USE OF CALCULATORS IS PROHIBITED FOR THIS EXAMINATION******

QUALIFYING PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST: The City reserves the right to give the physical agility test to only as many candidates as are needed to fill vacancies. **CANDIDATES WILL BE MAILED NOTIFICATION OF THE DATE AND TIME OF THE SCHEDULED PHYSICAL FITNESS SCREENING TEST.**

Note: Failure to appear for a scheduled physical fitness screening test will be considered equivalent to failure, removing your name from the list.

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:

1. **Muscular Endurance** – The requirement is for a number of bent-leg sit-ups to be performed in one minute.
2. **Push Up** – This test measures muscular endurance of the upper body – (anterior deltoid, pectorals major and triceps). The requirement is for a number of full body repetitions that a candidate must complete without breaks.
3. **Cardiovascular Activity** – 1.5 mile run: the requirement is for the attainment of a score calculated in minutes and seconds.

Age/Sex	Full Body Push-ups	Sit-ups	1.5 Mile Run
Male			
19-29	29	38	12:38
30-39	24	35	12:58
40-49	18	29	13:50
Female			
19-29	15	32	14:50
30-39	11	25	15.43
40-49	9	20	16:31

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 of appointment. 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.

NOTE: PHYSICAL AGILITY PASSING RESULTS WILL REMAIN VALID FOR NINE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE ACTUAL PHYSICAL AGILITY EXAMINATION. IF YOU REMAIN ON THE ELIGIBLE LIST AND YOUR PHYSICAL AGILITY PASSING RESULTS HAVE EXPIRED YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO RETAKE THE PHYSICAL AGILITY TEST.

QUALIFYING PHYSICAL AND MEDICAL EXAMINATION: Candidates must meet the physical agility and medical standards prescribed by the Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC). At this time, the medical standards include, but are not limited to vision better than or equal to 20/30 in each eye. If a candidate must use corrective lenses (glasses or contacts) in order to satisfy the 20/30 vision standard, then such candidate’s uncorrected vision should be no worse than 20/100 in each eye. All candidates must have acceptable color perception, and acceptable hearing acuity.

QUALIFYING PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION/EVALUATION: Prior to appointment a psychological screening examination/evaluation will be required.

Note: Candidates must pass all of the qualifying tests to be certified for appointment from the eligible list.

Important Information about the Professional Policing Act of 2021

Under the provisions of the Professional Policing Act of 2021, New York State Title 9 NYCRR Part 6000 and Title 9 NYCRR Part 6056 were amended to prescribe minimum training, background, and character standards for appointment of persons to police officer positions. Under the provisions of Part 6000 and Part 6056, applicants may be determined to lack good moral character if:

1. You were previously appointed as a police officer in New York State, were removed from said employment for cause, had your training certificate permanently invalidated by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and are listed on their decertification index;(link)
2. You are listed on the National Decertification Index after having been decertified as a police officer in any state other than New York State;
3. Within 3 years from the date of application, you:
 - a. Engaged in criminal activity, whether criminally charged or prosecuted, regardless of where the act took place, if said conduct would constitute an offense in New York, which is defined as:
 - (i)Any felony offense;
 - (ii) Any sex offense or sexually violent offense as defined in article 6C of the Correction Law;
 - (iii) All serious offenses defined in subdivision 17 of section 265 of the Penal Law;
 - (iv) Crimes involving official misconduct and obstruction of public servants as defined in article 195 of the Penal Law; crimes involving bribery of a public servant as defined in article 200 of the Penal Law; crimes involving

perjury as defined in article 210 of the Penal Law; and/or crimes relating to judicial proceedings as defined in article 215 of the Penal Law;

(v) Crimes involving forgery as defined in article 170 of the Penal Law; crimes involving false written statements as defined in article 175 of the Penal Law; crimes involving fraud as defined in article 190 of the Penal Law;

(vi) Crimes involving assault and menacing as defined in article 120 of the Penal Law; crimes involving obscenity as defined in article 235 of the Penal Law; crimes against public sensibilities as defined in article 245 of the Penal Law; or crimes against public order as defined in article 240 of the Penal Law.

4. Engaged in the unlawful use of any controlled substances.

5. Made false statement(s) or engaged in conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert the police employment application process.

6. Received a dishonorable discharge from any of the Armed Forces of the United States which has not been adjusted under the terms of the New York State Restoration of Honor Act.

VETERAN CREDITS: 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 veteran's credits.

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 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 the Department of Personnel 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."

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION—DISABLED PERSONS: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application. 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, indicate this on your application. We will make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date.

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Military Law

Section 243-b(1): Any member of the armed forces who properly filed an application for a competitive examination within the announced filing period, but was unable to participate in the examination due to active military service, must be provided with a special make-up examination. This applies to veterans covered by Section 242 or 243 of the Military Law, as well as any other applicant who, due to active military service, was prevented from participating in a competitive examination for which he/she timely filed an application.

Section 243-b(2): All members of the armed forces who miss the application deadline for a civil service examination due to active military service are provided with the ability to participate in either the scheduled examination holding or a make-up examination, subject to the policy of the civil service agency administering the examination.

Contact the Binghamton Civil Service Office for more information.

EMERGENCY WEATHER CONDITIONS: Examination will be held unless the Local Public Safety Agency verifies that the closing of specific roads, highways or independent transportation services will prevent candidates from reaching the test center.

If candidates have not received a notice to appear for the written test four days before the date of the test, they should call the Municipal Civil Service Commission at (607) 772-7008.

This examination will be prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations will apply to this examination.