

Notice of Examination

Maintainer's Helper - Group B ((Auto Mechanic Helper)), Exam No. 1605

Application Deadline:

April 27, 2021

Application Fee:

\$68.00

Types of Tests:

Education and Experience Test and Multiple-Choice Test

Test Date: (subject to change)

Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on August 23, 2021

JOB DESCRIPTION

Maintainer's Helpers - Group B, under direct supervision, assist in the maintenance, installation, inspection, testing, alteration and repair of bus and other automotive electro-mechanical equipment. They clean and lubricate bus parts; move bus parts and equipment using forklifts, hi-los, hoists, hand trucks and conveyors; remove and replace worn bearing races; measure tire pressure and change flat tires; check and maintain fluid levels of engine oil, batteries, radiator and windshield washer reservoirs; fuel buses; drain waste oil; sandblast parts; drive buses and trucks; and perform related work.

Some of the physical activities Maintainer's Helpers - Group B perform and environmental conditions they experience are: working outdoors in all weather conditions; walking on slippery surfaces while washing parts; reading gauges in dimly lit areas; climbing and descending ladders; wearing goggles, gloves or a face mask while using sandblasting equipment; using both hands to work overhead for extended periods of time; responding to audible signals, such as alarms, bells, horns and whistles; responding to visual signals, including distinguishing colored lights; and lifting heavy equipment and moving it manually.

Special Working Conditions: Maintainer's Helpers - Group B may be required to work various shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

(This brief description does not include all of the duties of this position.)

SALARY AND BENEFITS

The current minimum salary for Maintainer's Helper- Group B is \$22.38 per hour for a 40-hour work week increasing to \$31.98 in the sixth year of service. This rate is subject to change. The benefits of this position include, but are not limited to, night and weekend salary differentials, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave, a comprehensive medical plan and a pension plan.

HOW TO QUALIFY

Experience Requirements must be met by the last day of the Application Period. Education Requirements must be met by June 30, 2021:

- 1. Four years of satisfactory full-time experience as a helper or trainee assisting in the performance of inspection, installation, alteration, maintenance, testing or repair of bus, truck, automotive or aircraft electro-mechanical components, such as bodies, engines, transmissions, brakes, electrical or air conditioning systems, or related components or systems; or
- 2. Graduation from a vocational high school with a major course of study in automotive maintenance, or a closely related field; or
- 3. Graduation from a recognized trade school or technical school with a major course of study in auto-mechanics, or a closely related field, totaling at least 600 hours; or
- 4. An associate degree or higher from an accredited college or university in auto-mechanics or a closely related field; or
- 5. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent, **plus** three years of full-time experience as described in "1" above.

If you have qualifying part-time experience, it will be credited on a prorated basis.

The high school, vocational high school, technical school, or trade school must be approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization. The college or university must be accredited by regional, national, professional or specialized agencies recognized as accrediting bodies by the U.S. Secretary of Education, and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

You are responsible for determining whether you meet the qualification requirements for this examination prior to applying. You may be given the test before we determine if you meet the qualification requirements. If you are marked "Not Qualified," your application fee will **not** be refunded, and you will **not** receive a score.

Foreign Education Fact Sheet (required only if you need credit for your foreign education for this examination): If you were educated outside the United States, you must have your foreign education evaluated to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. The services that are approved to make this evaluation, as well as instructions on how to submit this evaluation are listed in the Foreign Education Fact Sheet, which will be attached to this Notice of Examination during the application period. When you contact the evaluation service, ask for a "document-by-document" (general) evaluation of your foreign education. Your foreign education evaluation must be submitted directly to NYC Transit's Examinations Unit by the service completing the evaluation. Foreign education evaluations received directly from applicants will not be accepted. You may also visit http://web.mta.info/nyct/hr/forms_instructions.htm to access the Foreign Education Fact Sheet on our website.

Note: If you have earned a higher-level degree in the United States that supersedes the level and type of education required to meet the qualification requirements, you do not need to submit a foreign education evaluation. However, you must indicate that you have completed the higher-level degree in the United States; proof of acceptance into an academic program or school is not sufficient to determine satisfactory equivalency.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE APPOINTED

Driver License Requirement: At the time of appointment, you must possess either:

- A Class A or Class B Commercial Driver License (CDL) valid in the State of New York with a
 passenger endorsement and no disqualifying restrictions that would preclude the performance
 of the duties of this title; or
- 2. A Motor Vehicle Driver License valid in the State of New York and a Learner Permit for a Class A or Class B CDL valid in the State of New York with a passenger endorsement and no disqualifying restrictions.

If you qualify under "2" above, your appointment will be subject to the receipt of a Class A or Class B CDL valid in the State of New York with a passenger endorsement and no disqualifying restrictions at the end of a special training course in bus operation. If you fail to successfully complete the special training course in bus maintenance, including the receipt of a Class B CDL valid in the State of New York with a passenger endorsement and no disqualifying restrictions, your employment will be terminated. If you have serious moving violations, a license suspension or an accident record, you may be disqualified.

The Class A or Class B Commercial Driver License (CDL) with a passenger endorsement and no disqualifying restrictions must be maintained for the duration of your employment in the title. Such license and/or Learner Permit must not include any restrictions which would preclude the performance of Maintainer's Helper- Group B work.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Driving Experience in the Military or New York National Guard: If you are an active member or former member (discharged in the past year) of the military or New York National Guard and have experience driving a Commercial Motor Vehicle in the military or New York National Guard, you may be eligible for a waiver of the New York State commercial driving skills test through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. If you believe that you may be eligible for this waiver, you must apply for the waiver through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Medical Requirement: Medical guidelines have been established for the position of Maintainer's Helper- Group B. You will be examined to determine whether you can perform the essential functions of the position. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to perform the essential functions of the job.

Drug Screening Requirement: You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed, and if appointed, you will be subject to random drug and alcohol tests for the duration of your employment. Additionally, if you have tested positive on a drug or alcohol test or had a refusal to test during preemployment or while employed by a Federal DOT-regulated employer during the applicable period, you must have completed the Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) evaluation, referral and education treatment process required by federal law in order to be appointed to this safety-sensitive position.

Residency: New York City residency is not required for this position.

English Requirement: You must be able to understand and be understood in English to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position.

Proof of Identity: Under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, you must be able to prove your identity and your right to obtain employment in the United States prior to employment with MTA New York City Transit.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION

During the application period, you may apply online for this examination (see the Online Applications sub-section below). Or, if you are unable to apply online, you may obtain an electronic copy of the mail-in application package for this examination by emailing a request to examsunit@nyct.com during the application period. The MTA Exam Information Center, located in the lobby of 180 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, is currently closed. If you believe you have a special circumstance (e.g., a disability, military duty) that prevents you from applying as instructed below, please refer to the Special Circumstances Guide referenced in the "Special Arrangements" section below.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

You must submit an application during the application period, and applications will <u>not</u> be accepted in person. Applicants who apply online and wish to request a Fee Waiver <u>must</u> only complete the Online Applications Steps 1 through 4 below.

Online Applications:

- If you are not an active MTA employee, apply using www.mymta.info/exams by the last day of the application period (Active MTA employees can apply using the "BSC" employee portal at www.mymta.info). Note: The application system may not function properly with mobile devices or tablets. For best results when applying, please use Internet Explorer, open a new window, and avoid having multiple tabs open in the same window.
- 2. To apply, log into your existing account, or create an account if you do not yet have one.
- 3. Follow the steps to submit an application.
- 4. A confirmation number will appear on the same page after submitting your application (Save this number for future reference).
 - IMPORTANT: If you are requesting a fee waiver, you should not complete Steps 5, 6, or 7 below. Instead, by May 11, 2021, you must submit documentation supporting your fee waiver request by mail to Maintainer's Helper-Group B, Exam No. 1605, MTA NYC Transit, 180 Livingston Street, Room 4070, Brooklyn, NY 11201. You must include your full name, last 4 digits of your Social Security Number (SSN), your Applicant ID Number (if known), your online application confirmation number, and the exam title and number with your request. For fee waiver request documentation requirements, please refer to the Fee Waiver Request Guide, which is accessible online at http://web.mta.info/nyct/hr/forms_instructions.htm and will be attached to this Notice of Examination during the application period.
- 5. Below the confirmation number, a Pay Examination Fee button will appear for you to click to open the payment page.
- 6. A major credit card or a bank card associated with a bank account must be used when paying the application fee, and this fee will appear on your credit or bank card statement as "MTA NYCT Exam Fee." <u>Note</u>: Disputing the application fee could result in removal from this examination, and it might affect your ability to apply online for any future examinations.
- 7. You will be sent a confirmation email after you submit payment for the application fee (Save this email for future reference).

<u>Note</u>: If you have trouble paying the application fee after submitting your online application, please visit http://web.mta.info/nyct/hr/forms_instructions.htm to access the Online Payment Tutorial.

IMPORTANT: Your application submission confirms that you have read this Notice of Examination, including any dates and the requirements.

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HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION (Continued)

Application Fee: This fee is generally not refundable. Under special circumstances, you may be entitled to a refund. Please refer to the Department of Citywide Administrative Services ("DCAS") General Exam Regulation E.3.4 to determine if you are entitled to a refund. Please visit http://web.mta.info/nyct/hr/forms_instructions.htm to access the DCAS General Exam Regulations online. Application fee refund requests, along with any relevant supporting documentation, should be emailed to examsmakeups@nyct.com or mailed to the address in the "Correspondence" section below.

ADMISSION LETTER OR NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISQUALIFICATION

An Admission Letter or a Notice of Proposed Disqualification will be mailed to you at least 10 days before the first date of the multiple-choice test. If you do not receive an Admission Letter or Notice of Proposed Disqualification at least 4 days before this date, you **must** email a request for a duplicate Admission Letter/Notice of Proposed Disqualification to examsunit@nyct.com. A paper copy of the Admission Letter is your ticket for admission to the test.

Applicants **must** keep their mailing address **up to date**. Please refer to the "Correspondence" section below for instructions on how to update your address and other contact information.

THE TEST

This examination consists of a <u>competitive</u> education and experience test and a <u>qualifying</u> multiple-choice test. Your test score will be based on your education and experience as determined by the <u>competitive</u> education and experience test that you will submit with your application. You will receive a score of 70% for meeting the <u>competitive</u> education and experience requirements listed in the "How to Qualify" section above. You must also achieve a score of at least 70% to pass the <u>qualifying</u> multiple-choice test.

To receive additional points on the <u>competitive</u> education and experience test, you must have supplemental experience performing at least one of the tasks shown below. This experience must be in addition to the experience requirement listed in the "How to Qualify" section above.

- Inspecting or assisting in the inspection of buses, trucks, automotive, aircraft or marine vessel electro-mechanical components.
- Installing or assisting in the installation of electro-mechanical components including bodies, engines, transmissions, brakes, electrical or air conditioning systems, or related components or systems.
- Repairing or assisting in the repair of buses, trucks, automotive, aircraft or marine vessel electromechanical components.

If you have full-time supplemental experience of:	Your score will be:
One year to two years and eleven months	80%
Three years to four years and eleven months	90%
Five or more years	100%

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THE TEST (Continued)

Veterans' or Disabled Veterans' Credit will be granted only to eligible passing candidates who request that they be applied. Veterans' or Disabled Veterans' Credit should be requested at the time of application but **must** be requested before the date the eligible list is established. Claims for Veterans' or Disabled Veterans' Credit cannot be made once the eligible list is established.

The <u>qualifying</u> multiple-choice test may include questions that require the use of any of the following knowledge areas/abilities: general automotive theory, the proper selection and use of hand and power tools and equipment employed in the maintenance and repair of automobiles; safe work practices in automotive repair and maintenance shops; reading and interpreting written instructions; reading meters; taking measurements and basic shop computations; basic electrical and mechanical theory; and other related areas.

TEST ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES

Warning: You are not permitted to enter the test site with cellular phones, smart watches, beepers, pagers, cameras, portable media players, or other electronic devices. Calculators are permitted; however, they must be hand-held, battery or solar powered, numeric only. Calculators with functions **other than** addition, subtraction, multiplication and division **are prohibited**. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you use any of these devices in the building at any time before, during or after the test, you may **not** receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will **not** be refunded.

Social Distancing and other safety protocols, **including the wearing of masks**, will be required during the administration of the test. Further details will be provided on your Admission Letter.

You may not have any other person, including children, present with you while you are being processed for or taking the test and no one may wait for you inside of the test site while you are taking the test.

Required Identification: You are required to bring one (1) form of valid (non-expired) signature and photo bearing identification to the test site. The name that was used to apply for the exam must match the first and last name on the photo ID. A list of acceptable identification documents is provided below. If you do not have an acceptable ID, you may be denied testing. Acceptable forms of identification (bring one) are as follows: State issued driver's license, State issued identification card, US Government issued Passport, US Government issued Military Identification Card, US Government issued Alien Registration Card, IDNYC, Employer ID with photo, or Student ID with photo.

Leaving: You must leave the test site once you finish the test. If you leave the test site after being fingerprinted but before finishing the test, you will not be permitted to re-enter. If you disregard this instruction and re-enter the test site, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

THE TEST RESULTS

If you pass the <u>competitive</u> education and experience test and the <u>qualifying</u> multiple-choice test, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list and you will be given a list number. You will be notified by mail of your results. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment when your name is reached on the eligible list.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Training: You may be required to undergo a formalized training course during your probationary period. Failure to successfully complete the training course may result in termination.

Promotion Examination: A promotion examination for this title is being held for eligible MTA New York City Transit employees. The names appearing on the promotion list will be considered first in filling vacancies.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Special Test Accommodations: If you plan to request an alternate test date due to your religious observance or special testing accommodations due to disability, please follow the instructions included in the Special Circumstances Guide, which is accessible online at http://web.mta.info/nyct/hr/forms_instructions.htm and will be attached to this Notice of Examination during the application period. An alternate test date due to religious observance must be requested no later than 15 days prior to the date on which qualifying multiple-choice testing is expected to begin. Special testing accommodations due to disability must be requested no later than 30 days prior to the date on which qualifying multiple-choice testing is expected to begin.

Make-Up Tests: You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the qualifying multiple-choice test as scheduled for any of the following reasons:

- 1. Compulsory attendance before a public body; or
- 2. On-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City; or
- 3. Absence from the test within one week after the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child, or child of a domestic partner where you are an officer or employee of the City; or
- 4. Absence due to ordered military duty; or
- 5. A clear error for which MTA New York City Transit is responsible; or
- 6. A temporary disability, pregnancy-related, or child-birth related condition preventing you from taking the test

To request a make-up test, submit your request with documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test (as attachments) by email to examsmakeups@nyct.com or by mail to the address in the "Correspondence" section below as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

Change of Contact Information: It is critical that you keep your contact information (i.e., telephone number, mailing address and/or email address) current with MTA New York City Transit. You may miss important information about your exam(s) or consideration for appointment or promotion, including important information that may require a response from you by a specified deadline, if we do not have your correct contact information. To update your contact information, you may email us at examsunit@nyct.com with the subject "Contact Info Update," or you may mail your request to the address at the end of this section. Your request must include your full name, exam title(s), exam number(s) and your old and new telephone numbers, mailing and/or email address. MTA employees must also visit the employee portal at www.mymta.info to update their contact information through the MTA Business Service Center (BSC).

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CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

All other correspondence should be sent to examsunit@nyct.com and must include "Maintainer's Helper - Group B, Exam No. 1605" in the Subject. Or, you can mail your correspondence to the following address:

Maintainer's Helper - Group B, Exam No. 1605 MTA New York City Transit 180 Livingston Street, Room 4070 Brooklyn, NY 11201

PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION

Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after appointment, and may result in criminal prosecution.