



MaBSTOA

Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority

Notice of Examination

Bus Maintainer (Chassis) ((Auto Mechanic)),

Exam No. 5133

Second Amended Notice – April 25, 2025

Application Deadline:

April 15, 2025

Types of Tests:

Multiple-Choice Test & Structured Interview

Application Fee:

The application fee will be waived for this exam only. This is not a precedent for future exams.

Multiple-Choice Test Date:

(subject to change)

Saturday, May 31, 2025 or
Sunday, June 1, 2025

Note: Unless otherwise specified, you will be randomly scheduled to test on one of the dates indicated above.

This is **NOT** a New York City Transit position. This is **NOT** a Civil Service position.

This Notice of Examination was second amended on April 25, 2025 to change the deadline for the Microsoft Forms Education and Experience Test Paper from April 29, 2025 to May 4, 2025 and to indicate that the confirmation number is not required to complete it. The How to Submit an Application section has been updated to reflect this change. References to the application fee have also been removed from the How to Submit an Application and the Test Site Requirements sections.

The hiring list for this exam will be used for MTA Bus Company as well. Candidates are only permitted to accept a Bus Maintainer (Chassis) position in either MTA Bus Company or the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority (MaBSTOA). Candidates who accept a position as a Bus Maintainer (Chassis) in one of the hiring agencies will be removed from the hiring list and cannot be considered for a Bus Maintainer (Chassis) position in the other agency. Candidates who decline a position as a Bus Maintainer (Chassis) in one of the hiring agencies will remain on the hiring list and can be considered for a Bus Maintainer (Chassis) position in the other agency.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Bus Maintainers (Chassis), under general supervision, maintain, inspect, test, diagnose, overhaul, rebuild and repair all vehicle systems, components and accessories to industry work standards. This includes, but is not limited to, the vehicle body, structure, interior panels, trim, seating and glazing; axles, suspension, steering and braking components and systems; driveline or propulsion system components, prime movers and auxiliary drive units; HVAC; lighting and electrical systems; microprocessor controllers, Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) and multiplex electronic systems; and vehicle energy storage systems and devices. Bus Maintainers (Chassis) operate vehicles, including trucks and buses of various sizes and configurations. They also maintain and repair equipment and tools used in the activities mentioned above; keep written and electronic records of work activities; and perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Bus Maintainers (Chassis) and environmental conditions they experience are: working outdoors in all weather conditions; crawling under and on top of buses; working in confined areas; lifting and carrying heavy parts, tools, and equipment; climbing into and out buses that are suspended on lifts; reaching into dark spaces and making tactile inspections; making visual inspections of equipment, distinguishing colors; reading gauges and prints; reading, interpreting, and applying written or graphic technical repair instructions; responding to sounds from warning bells, horns, and vehicle movement; and wearing required personal protective equipment.

Special Working Conditions: Bus Maintainers (Chassis) 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 Bus Maintainer (Chassis) in MaBSTOA is \$35.90 per hour for a 40-hour work week increasing to \$42.24 per hour in the sixth year of service. The current minimum salary for Bus Maintainer (Chassis) in MTA Bus Company is \$29.56 per hour for a 40-hour work week increasing to \$42.24 per hour in the fourth year of service. These rates are 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

Education and Experience Requirements: By the **last day of the Application Period**, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Four years of full-time satisfactory experience as a journey-level mechanic (i.e., a fully trained, knowledgeable, experienced, proficient, and competent mechanic) repairing passenger automobiles, trucks, buses, or aircraft; or
2. Three years of full-time satisfactory experience at the journey-level as described in paragraph "1" above, plus the completion of one of the following listed below **before obtaining your journey-level experience**:
 - A. Two years of full-time satisfactory experience as a mechanic's helper, apprentice or trainee performing or assisting in the work described above; or
 - B. Graduation from a recognized trade school or technical school with a major course of study in automotive mechanics or a closely related field, totaling 600 hours; or
 - C. Graduation from a vocational high school with a major course of study in automotive mechanics, or a closely related field; or
 - D. Graduation from an accredited college or university with an associate's degree or higher with a major course of study in automotive mechanics or a closely related field.

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

The following types of experience are not acceptable: auto body and fender repair; auto or truck assembly; dealership make-ready repair; fuel, oil and lube servicing; vehicle inspection; exclusive specialty replacement shop work, such as tire replacement, replacement of exhaust parts (muffler), glass, climate control parts, etc.; and salvage and junkyard extraction.

The 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).

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 our website at http://web.mta.info/nyct/hr/forms_instructions.htm to access the Foreign Education Fact Sheet.

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.

THE TEST

You will be given a competitive multiple-choice test and a qualifying structured interview. A score of at least 65% is required to pass the competitive multiple-choice test and the qualifying structured interview. Only those who meet the qualifying education and experience requirements and pass the competitive multiple-choice test will be scheduled to take the qualifying structured interview. Your score on the competitive multiple-choice test will be used to determine your place on the eligible list.

You will be scheduled to take the multiple-choice test on one of the dates listed in the above "Test Date" box. You will be assigned to a test date and location, and you cannot request that your scheduled test date or location be changed, unless you meet the conditions in the "Special Test Accommodations" subsection below.

The multiple-choice test & structured interview may measure your knowledge, skills and abilities in the following and other related areas:

- **Automotive Theory:** Knowledge of maintenance, troubleshooting and repair of buses, automobiles and trucks, including their engines, transmissions, running gears, air-conditioning, and electrical and mechanical accessories, utilizing safe work practices
 - *Example: Using proper automotive maintenance techniques to maintain a bus*
- **Tool Usage:** Ability to properly select and safely use materials, machinery and tools of the trade
 - *Example: Using a screwdriver to remove a screw*

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- **Schematics and Calculations:** Ability to read and interpret schematics containing specifications, drawings, relevant mathematical calculations, and other related areas
 - *Example: Using a circuit schematic to trace the circuit you are working on*
- **Vehicle Component Maintenance:** Ability to install, repair, and adjust vehicle components utilizing safe work practices
 - *Example: Performing a wheel alignment*
- **Electrical Equipment:** Knowledge of proper maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair techniques of electrically operated equipment utilizing safe work practices and meters
 - *Example: Using a multimeter to determine if a fuse is blown*

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. 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 Test Accommodations” subsection below.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

You must submit an application during the application period, and applications will **not** be accepted in person. Once you complete step 3, you must follow the link below in step 4, to the online Education and Experience Test Paper. You will have until midnight Eastern time on May 4, 2025 to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Test and submit it in Microsoft Forms. If you do not submit your Education and Experience Test in Microsoft Forms by midnight Eastern time on May 4, 2025, your examination will be considered incomplete, you will not be entitled to the appeals process, you will not receive a score, and you will not be invited to subsequent portions of this examination (if applicable).

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 MTA Business Service Center (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 the latest version of Microsoft Edge, **open a new window**, and avoid having multiple tabs open in the same window.

1. To apply, log into your existing account, or create an account if you do not yet have one.
2. Follow the steps to submit an application.
3. A confirmation number will appear on the same page after submitting your application (Save this number for future reference).

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

4. Once you submit the application, please click the following link: <https://forms.office.com/g/WCiqHqiDfX>. This link will bring you to a Microsoft forms Education and Experience Test Paper that must be completed to finalize the application process. Failure to complete this document will result in being found not qualified for the examination.

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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:

1. Email us at examsunit@nyct.com with the subject "Contact Info Update;" or
2. 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, MTA New York City Transit Employees, and employees of other MTA related agencies must also visit the employee portal at www.mymta.info to update their contact information through the "BSC."**

All other correspondence should be sent to examsunit@nyct.com and must include "Bus Maintainer (Chassis), Exam No. 5133" in the Subject. Alternatively, you can mail your correspondence to the following address:

Bus Maintainer (Chassis), Exam No. 5133
MTA New York City Transit
149 Pierrepont Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Attn: Exam Administration, 3rd Floor, Room 3.600

TEST SITE REQUIREMENTS

Admission Letter: An Admission Letter 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 at least 4 days before this date, you **must** email a request for a duplicate Admission Letter 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 above for instructions on how to update your address and other contact information.

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 and your test score may be nullified.

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.

You are also not permitted to use on site any medical assistive devices, including those that give notifications or alerts, or that vibrate, without the prior express written authorization of MTA New York City Transit. You can contact MTA New York City Transit by email at: examsmakeups@nyct.com.

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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 and your test score may be nullified.

THE TEST RESULTS

If you meet the education and experience requirements and pass the competitive multiple-choice test and the qualifying structured interview, 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 test results. You will be considered for appointment when your name is reached on the eligible list.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE APPOINTED

Driver License Requirement: At the time of appointment, you must possess a Motor Vehicle Driver License valid in the State of New York.

Within 14 days of appointment, you must obtain a Learner Permit for a Class A or Class B Commercial Driver License (CDL) valid in the State of New York with a passenger endorsement and no airbrake restrictions, or any other disqualifying restrictions. Additionally, a Class A or Class B CDL valid in the State of New York with a passenger endorsement, no airbrake restrictions, and no other disqualifying restrictions must be obtained within 120 days of appointment, or 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 CDL with a passenger endorsement, no airbrake restrictions and no other disqualifying restrictions must be maintained for the duration of your employment in the title. Such license must not include any restrictions which would preclude the performance of Bus Maintainer (Chassis) 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 Bus Maintainer (Chassis). 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 such person to perform the essential functions of the job.

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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 pre-employment 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 MaBSTOA.

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.

Probationary Period: You will be required to complete a probationary period. If you do not successfully complete the probationary period, you may be terminated.

Promotion Examination: Promotional examinations for this title are being held for eligible MaBSTOA and MTA Bus Company employees. The names appearing on the promotion list will be considered first in filling vacancies

PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION

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

MaBSTOA and MTA Bus Company are Equal Opportunity Employers and welcomes applications from all qualified persons. The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services are accessible through our website at http://web.mta.info/nyct/hr/forms_instructions.htm

The list resulting from this examination will be based strictly on examination ratings attained by candidates through their test scores, as described above.

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