



New York City Transit

Notice of Examination

Signal Maintainer, Exam No. 9622

Application Deadline:

March 26, 2019

Type of Test:

Practical Skills

Application Fee:

\$88.00

Test Date: (subject to change)

Starting on

September 9, 2019

JOB DESCRIPTION

Signal Maintainers, under supervision, maintain, install, inspect, test, alter and repair MTA New York City Transit's railroad signal systems on the road and in the shop. They maintain, service and repair various types of railroad signal equipment, including all-electric, electro-pneumatic, optical, all-relay and mechanical interlocking machines; centralized traffic control machines; electronic code systems; train identity systems; microprocessors; switch machines; automatic train stops; color light and semaphore signals; electronic train control and monitor systems; and related power and control equipment. They keep records, drive a motor vehicle, and perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Signal Maintainers and environmental conditions they experience are: working on or near train tracks where live high voltage equipment is present; climbing and descending ladders and stairways; walking along trackways in dimly lit areas where tripping hazards may be present; when in work areas, being alert to warning whistles and the sound of oncoming trains; working outdoors in all weather conditions; carrying tools and equipment; and operating heavy machinery.

Special Working Conditions: Signal Maintainers 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 Signal Maintainer is \$37.8507 per hour for a 40-hour week. 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.

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HOW TO QUALIFY

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

1. Completion of a four-year full-time apprenticeship in an electromechanical, electrical, or electronic trade recognized by the New York State Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of Labor or any state apprenticeship council which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor; or
2. Three years of full-time satisfactory journey-level experience (i.e., a fully trained, knowledgeable, experienced, proficient and competent mechanic), performing troubleshooting, repair, and maintenance of electromechanical, electrical, or electronic equipment; or
3. Two years of full-time satisfactory experience at the journey-level as described in paragraph "2." above, plus completion of one of the following listed **below before obtaining your journey-level experience**:
 - a. Two years of full-time experience performing or assisting in the work described above as a mechanic's helper, apprentice or trainee; or
 - b. Graduation from a trade school or technical school, with a major course of study in electro-mechanical, electrical or electronic technology, or a closely related field totaling 600 hours; or
 - c. Graduation from a vocational high school, with a major course of study in electromechanical, electrical or electronic technology, or a closely related field; or
 - d. An associate degree or a higher degree, from an accredited college or university with a major course of study in electro-mechanical, electrical or electronic technology, or a closely related field.

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 of Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

The following are types of experience that are not acceptable: Assembly-line work, installation or repair of non-electrical mechanical devices, maintenance and troubleshooting of small electronic household devices or hand-held electronic devices, and computer repair.

Only those who meet the education and experience requirements will be summoned to take the practical skills test. You are responsible for determining whether you meet the qualification requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If you are marked "Not Qualified" your application fee will **not** be refunded to you and you will not receive a score.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE APPOINTED

Driver License Requirement: At the time of appointment, you must have a motor vehicle driver's license valid in the State of New York with no disqualifying restrictions that would preclude the performance of the duties of this title. If you have serious moving violations, a license suspension or an accident record, you may be disqualified. This license must be maintained for the duration of your employment in the title.

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REQUIREMENTS TO BE APPOINTED (Continued)

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.

Proof of Identity: Under the Immigration and Reform 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.

Safety Proficiency Assessment: If you pass the practical skills test, you will be scheduled to take the qualifying safety proficiency assessment as vacancies occur. However, based on the projected number of vacancies, it is possible that not all candidates who pass the practical skills test will be scheduled for the qualifying safety proficiency assessment. A score of 70% is required to pass the qualifying safety proficiency assessment. In this qualifying safety proficiency assessment you will be required to demonstrate the following abilities:

Oral Comprehension—The ability to understand spoken English words and sentences.

Oral Expression—The ability to use English words or sentences in speaking so others will understand.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION

During the application period, you may obtain an *Application* for this examination online at <http://mta.info/nyct/hr/appexam.htm> or in person at the MTA Exam Information Center as indicated below.

MTA Exam Information Center: Open Monday through Friday, from 9 AM to 3 PM, in the lobby at 180 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York. Directions: take the A, C, F or R trains to the Jay Street-Metro Tech Station, or the 2, 3, or the G train to the Hoyt Street Station.

REQUIRED FORM

1. **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* included with your application packet. When you contact the evaluation service, ask for a “document-by-document” (general) evaluation of your foreign education.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND PAY THE APPLICATION FEE

If you believe you meet the requirements in the “How to Qualify” section, submit an application online unless you are requesting a Fee Waiver. Applicants who wish to request a Fee Waiver should refer to the “How to Submit an Application When Requesting a Fee Waiver” section below. *Applications* will **not** be accepted in person.

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HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND PAY THE APPLICATION FEE (Continued)**Online Applications:**

1. Apply using <http://mta.info/nyct/hr/appexam.htm> by the last day of the application period.
2. Log into your existing account or create a new account online to apply.
3. Follow the steps to submitting an application.
4. A confirmation number will appear on the same page after submitting your Application.
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.
7. You will be sent a confirmation email after you submit payment for the application fee.

Save your confirmation numbers for future reference and proof of filing an *Application*.

Computers with internet access are available on a limited basis at branches of the New York Public Library, the Brooklyn Library and the Queens Library to patrons with a valid library card.

Application Fee: This fee is generally not refundable. Under special circumstances, you may be entitled to a refund. You should refer to the Department of Citywide Administrative Services ("DCAS") General Exam Regulations to determine if you are entitled to a refund prior to requesting a refund. You can refer to the bottom of the last page of the Notice of Examination for instructions on how to obtain a copy of the DCAS General Exam Regulations.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WHEN REQUESTING A FEE WAIVER

Applicants who wish to request a fee waiver must obtain an *Application* in person at the MTA Exam Information Center as indicated above and must submit the *Application* and required forms by mail to the address in the "Correspondence" section below **by the last day of the application period**.

MTA New York City Transit will not accept *Applications* in person. Additional information on how to request an application fee waiver is available with the *Application*.

ADMISSION LETTER OR NOT QUALIFIED LETTER

An **Admission Letter** or a **Not Qualified Letter** will be mailed to you about 10 days before the first date of the practical skills test. If you are qualified and do not receive an *Admission Letter* at least 4 days before the first date of the practical skills test you may obtain a duplicate letter at the MTA Exam Information Center (as indicated above). 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

You will be given a competitive practical skills test. A score of at least 70% is required to pass this test. Your score on this test will be used to determine your place on an eligible list.

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.

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THE TEST (Continued)

The competitive practical skills test may require you to perform tasks related to the installation, testing, maintenance, and repair of electrical, electronic and electro-mechanical systems, including the selection and use of appropriate tools, materials and measuring devices; related mechanical work; reading and interpreting technical drawings; shop math; safe work practices and procedures; 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 not permitted. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard, 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.

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, Employer Identification Card with photo, IDNYC, or Student Identification Card 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 meet the education and experience requirements and pass the competitive practical skills 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 test results. If you meet all the requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment when your name is reached on the eligible list.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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 with the MTA New York City Transit.

Appointments: All appointees must satisfactorily complete a MTA New York City Transit training program in accordance with MTA New York City Transit standards. Appointees who do not satisfactorily complete the training program will be subject to being terminated.

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Special Test Accommodations: If you plan to request special testing accommodations due to disability or an alternate test date due to your religious belief, follow the instructions included with your *Application* and mail your request to the address found in the “Correspondence” section below no later than 30 days prior to the first scheduled test date.

Make-Up Test: You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the Practical Skills test on the scheduled date for any of the following reasons:

1. Compulsory attendance before a public body;
2. On-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City;
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;
4. Absence due to ordered military duty;
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, mail your request with your documentation of special circumstances to the address found in the “Correspondence” section below within 60 days of your scheduled test date or make the request within 90 days after performing ordered military duty.

CORRESPONDENCE

Change of Contact Information: It is critical that you keep your contact information (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 by a specified deadline, if we do not have your correct contact information. To update your contact information, you must:

1. Visit us at the MTA Exam Information Center;
2. Email us at examsunit@nyct.com, with the subject named ‘Contact Info Update’; or
3. Mail us at the address below, with the words ‘Contact Info Update’ next to the exam title.

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. **All changes to an MTA employee's contact information must also be made through the MTA Business Service Center (BSC) via the employee portal at <http://www.mymta.info>.**

All other correspondence must be sent to the following address:

Signal Maintainer, Exam No. 9622
MTA New York City Transit
180 Livingston Street, Room 4070
Brooklyn, NY 11201

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PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION

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

The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted and copies are available in the MTA Exam Information Center, 180 Livingston Street (Lobby), Brooklyn, NY 11201.

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