



Notice of Examination

Station Agent ((Customer Service Agent)),

Exam No. 3607

Application Deadline:

November 21, 2022

Type of Test:

Multiple-Choice Test

Application Fee:

\$68.00

Test Date:

Multiple-choice testing is expected to begin on Saturday, May 20, 2023

JOB DESCRIPTION

Station Agents, under general supervision, provide direct, front line customer service to New York City Transit customers, including listening to, understanding and offering solutions to customers' questions, concerns, and complaints; offer customers accurate, helpful travel and transit system-related information; sell and add value to fare cards; keep records; provide assistance to customers in the use of automated fare equipment, fare cards, turnstiles, and ADA-accessible gates; explain to customers various fare options and policies; perform "fingertip" maintenance on station equipment to keep it clean and operational; monitor the proper operation of elevators and escalators; observe and report on overall station conditions, including failures, outages, defects, emergency response situations, and unusual or suspicious occurrences; direct customers during overcrowding conditions; assist with emergency station and train evacuations, as needed; request police and/or medical assistance, as needed; and perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Station Agents and environmental conditions experienced are: working inside an enclosed booth with HVAC regulated air systems; working on noisy, environmentally exposed subway platforms; communicating with passengers over loud background noises; working in spaces with relatively high dust/dirt levels and with limited natural light; walking/riding up and down stairways, ramps and escalators/elevators and working in all kinds of weather while performing customer service on platforms and mezzanines.

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JOB DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Special Working Conditions: Station Agents 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 Station Agent is \$22.90 per hour for a 40-hour work week increasing to \$32.72 per hour in the sixth 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:

A four year high school diploma or its educational equivalent, approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization; and

One year of full-time satisfactory experience **continuous with one employer** performing **in-person** customer service to the general public that includes **at least one** of the duties below as a primary job function (the majority of the essential duties):

- a. Providing comprehensive customer service entailing the dispensing of information or listening to and resolving customers' concerns, problems and complaints; or
- b. Giving travel information in a transportation environment, such as a bus, rail or marine station, terminal or port; or
- c. Providing troubleshooting (help-desk) services or resolving problems regarding a company's products or services.

Experience which involves only incidental or occasional customer service, such as sales associate or cashier, taxi or ride share drivers, receptionist, or through online or by phone help-desks, is not acceptable.

Only qualifying part-time experience that is at least 25-hours per week will be credited on a prorated basis.

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.

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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.

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.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE APPOINTED

Vaccination Requirement: As of November 14, 2021, MTA New York City Transit is requiring all new hires to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. "Fully vaccinated" means having received both doses of a 2-dose vaccine and two weeks have elapsed since the second dose, or having received 1 dose of a 1-dose vaccine and two weeks have elapsed since the dose.

You can request a medical or religious accommodation from this requirement by forwarding your requests to Workforce.Relations@nyct.com. To contact us by phone, call 347-643-8209.

Medical Requirement: Medical guidelines have been established for the position of Station Agent. 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.

Drug Screening Requirement: You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed.

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.

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HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

You must submit an application during the application period, and applications will **not** be accepted in person. Applicants who apply online and wish to request a Fee Waiver **must** only complete the Online Applications Steps 1 through 4 below. Once you complete step 6, you must follow the link below in step 7, to the online Education and Experience Test Paper. You will have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (November 21, 2022) 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 the last day of the Application Period (November 21, 2022), your application will be considered incomplete, you will not be entitled to the appeals process, you will not receive a score, you will not be invited to subsequent portions of this examination (if applicable), and your application fee will not be refunded.

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 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). Please write this confirmation number down as you will need it to complete your MS Forms Education and Experience Test Paper.

IMPORTANT: If you are requesting a fee waiver, proceed to Step 7, you should not complete Steps 4, 5, or 6 below. Instead, by Tuesday, December 6, 2022, you must submit documentation supporting your fee waiver request by mail to Station Agent, Exam No. 3607, 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.

4. Below the confirmation number, a Pay Examination Fee button will appear for you to click to open the payment page.
5. 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.” **Note:** Disputing the application fee could result in removal from this examination, and it might affect your ability to apply online for any future examinations.
6. You will be sent a confirmation email after you submit payment for the application fee (Save this email for future reference).

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Note: 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.

7. Once you complete the payment, please click the following link: <https://forms.office.com/g/2yuv44LYCD>. 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.

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

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

You will be given a multiple-choice test. A score of at least 70% is required to pass this test. Your score on this test will determine your place on the eligible list.

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 Arrangements” section below.

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 multiple-choice test may include questions that require the use of any of the following abilities:

- **Written Comprehension** — The ability to read and understand information and ideas presented in writing.
 - Example: *Reading and understanding a safety sign.*
- **Written Expression** — The ability to communicate information and ideas in writing so others will understand.
 - Example: *Writing incident reports regarding unusual occurrences.*

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- **Problem Sensitivity** — The ability to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It does not involve solving the problem, only recognizing there is a problem.
 - Example: *Recognizing that a delayed train in a subway line may interfere with the normal operation of the subway line at your station.*
- **Deductive Reasoning** — The ability to apply general rules to specific problems to produce answers that make sense.
 - Example: *Applying MTA New York City Transit rules and regulations to situations to determine the appropriate actions that must be taken.*
- **Inductive Reasoning** — The ability to combine pieces of information to form general rules or conclusions (includes finding a relationship among seemingly unrelated events).
 - Example: *Determining the action that must be taken based on a combination of observations and radio chatter from other Station Agents and Station Supervisors.*
- **Information Ordering** - The ability to follow correctly a rule or set of rules to arrange things or actions in a certain order. The rule or set of rules used must be given. The things or actions to be put in order can include numbers, letters, words, pictures, procedures, sentences, and mathematical or logical operations.
 - Example: *Following the step-by-step instructions of issuing a ticket to a customer.*
- **Spatial Orientation** – The ability to tell where you are in relation to the location of some object or to tell where the object is in relation to you.
 - Example: *Reading a map to provide a customer with travel directions.*
- **Number Facility** – Involves the degree to which adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing can be done quickly and correctly. These can be steps in other operations such as finding percentages.
 - Example: *Performing a calculation to determine the remaining balance on a MetroCard.*
- **Mathematical Reasoning** – Ability to understand and organize a problem and then to select a mathematical method or formula to solve the problem. It encompasses reasoning through mathematical problems to determine appropriate operations that can be performed to solve problems. It also includes the understanding or structuring of mathematical problems. The actual manipulation of numbers is not included in this ability.
 - Example: *Determining the mathematics required to calculate the required change for a customer.*
- **Short-Term Memory** - The ability to remember information, such as work assignments, rules, and procedures immediately after hearing them.
 - Example: *Remembering the train delays immediately after it was stated by the Stations Supervisor.*
- **Visualization** – The ability to imagine how something will look after it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged.
 - Example: *Understanding that items located on the platform are in the same location whether you are looking at it from your booth or from on the platform.*
- **Customer Service** – The ability to provide information to passengers in a professional and courteous manner.
 - Example: *Giving a passenger directions to a location.*

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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 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 entrance into the test.** 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 meet the education and experience requirements and pass the competitive multiple-choice test, your name will be placed 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 requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment when your name is reached on the eligible list.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Special Test Accommodations: If you plan to request an alternate test date due to your religious observance or special test 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 the multiple-choice testing is expected to begin. Special test accommodations due to disability must be requested no later than 30 days prior to the date on which the multiple-choice testing is expected to begin.

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Make-Up Tests: You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the 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:

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 must also visit the employee portal at www.mymta.info to update their contact information through the MTA Business Service Center (BSC).**

All other correspondence should be sent to examsunit@nyct.com and must include "Station Agent, Exam No. 3607" in the Subject. Alternatively, you can mail your correspondence to the following address:

Station Agent, Exam No. 3607
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.

The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services apply to this examination, are part of this Notice of Examination, and they are accessible through our website at

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