



New York City Transit

# Notice of Examination

Promotion to Power Cable Maintainer, Exam No. 0711

Second Amended Notice: June 21, 2023

**Application Deadline:**

December 24, 2019

**Type of Test:**

Practical Skills

**Application Fee:**

\$82.00

**Test Date:** (subject to change)

Practical testing is expected to begin on Monday, March 27, 2023

**This Notice of Examination was amended on June 21, 2023 change the test date from April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to March 27, 2023.**

## JOB DESCRIPTION

**Power Cable Maintainers**, under supervision, maintain, install, inspect, test, alter and repair power feeder cable systems and communication cable systems, both aerial and underground, between generating plants, substations and circuit breaker houses, between the Main Distribution Frame Room and the Telephone Terminal Boxes throughout the system, including: low voltage control cables, manholes, duct lines and related appurtenances. They splice single and three-conductor lead-covered cables, multi-conductor control and communication cables and replace faulty sections; conduct tests for faults; handle asbestos-containing materials; may be required to remove waste matter from manholes and cableways in order to access the cables; drive motor vehicles; prepare reports; and perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed and environmental conditions experienced by Power Cable Maintainers are: working outdoors in all weather conditions, climbing and descending ladders through manholes; working in confined spaces and on elevated train tracks; climbing onto and off of train tracks; stepping over rails and moving off of train tracks when trains approach; working in dimly lit areas; making visual and hands-on inspections; differentiating signals of different colors and color coded electrical wires; communicating with co-workers and hearing the sound of approaching trains; wearing a respirator as necessary; and carrying heavy tools and equipment.

**Special Working Conditions:** Power Cable 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.)

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## SALARY

The current minimum salary for Power Cable Maintainer is \$31.64 per hour for a 40-hour work week. This rate is subject to change.

## ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION

This examination is open to each employee of MTA New York City Transit who on **the first date of the practical skills test**:

1. Is permanently (not provisionally) employed in or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title Transit Electrical Helper, working in Electrical Power Maintenance; or
2. Is employed in the Non-Competitive title of Transit Electrical Apprentice and has satisfactorily completed the three-year Transit Electrical Apprentice program in Power Maintenance and is employed in the Division of Power; and
3. Is not otherwise ineligible.

(Note: A "Preferred List" is a civil service list which is only for certain former permanent incumbents of the eligible title who have rehiring rights.)

**The admission of employees who are employed in the non-competitive title of Transit Electrical Apprentice in the Division of Power is on a collateral basis pursuant to Section 52(14) of the New York Civil Service Law.**

This examination is also open to employees who were appointed to an eligible title pursuant to New York State Civil Service Law, section 55-a, and who meet all other eligibility requirements.

You are responsible for determining whether you meet the eligibility requirements for this examination prior to submitting the *Application*. If you do not know if you are eligible, check with **your department's Human Resources representative**. You may be given the practical test before we verify your eligibility. If you are marked "Not Eligible," your application fee will **not** be refunded and you will **not** receive a score.

This examination is **not** open to employees of MaBSTOA or MTA Bus Company, or to employees of MTA agencies other than MTA New York City Transit.

## REQUIREMENTS TO BE PROMOTED

**Probationary Period: From the competitive title of Transit Electrical Helper:** At the time of promotion, you must have completed your probationary period in the eligible title of Transit Electrical Helper (only Transit Electrical Helpers employed in Electrical Power Maintenance) indicated in the above "Eligibility to Take Examination" section or your name must appear on a Preferred List for that eligible title at the time of promotion. Additionally, you must have served permanently in the eligible title for at least one year. Time served prior to a break in service of more than one year will not be credited.

**From the non-competitive title of Transit Electrical Apprentice:** At the time of promotion, you must be employed as a Transit Electrical Apprentice in the Power Maintenance Division of MTA NYC Transit.

**Driver License Requirement:** At the time of promotion, you must have a Motor Vehicle Driver 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 PROMOTED (Continued)**

**Medical Requirement:** Medical guidelines have been established for the position of Power Cable Maintainer. Candidates will be examined to determine whether they can perform the essential functions of the position of Power Cable Maintainer. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to take the examination and/or perform the essential functions of the job.

**Drug Screening Requirement:** You must pass a drug screening in order to be promoted, and if promoted, 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 promoted to this safety-sensitive position.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Safety Certification and Training:** You must successfully complete a training program and obtain a New York State Department of Labor Asbestos Handler certificate by the end of your probationary period. If you fail to complete this training course and obtain the certificate and you previously held a permanent title, you will be returned to your previously held title. If you fail to complete this training course and obtain the certificate and you did **not** previously hold a permanent title, your employment with MTA New York City Transit may be terminated. Additionally, you may be required to attend certain safety classes and meet safety certification requirements in accordance with MTA New York City Transit's Safety policies. Required certifications must be maintained for the duration of employment.

**HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND PAY THE APPLICATION FEE**

If you believe you meet the requirements in the "Eligibility to Take Examination" section, submit an *Application* online by the last day of the application period 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. MTA New York City Transit will **not** accept *Applications* in person.

**Online Applications:**

1. Apply using the "BSC" employee portal at [www.mymta.info](http://www.mymta.info) by the last day of the application period. 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. Once you have logged in, click on the My Job Search ribbon and then click on Exams (non-Railroad).
3. Follow the steps to submit an application.
4. You must pay the application fee via payroll deduction.
5. A confirmation number will appear on the same page after submitting your application and authorizing a payroll deduction (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. Computers with internet access are available on a limited basis at branches of the New York Public Library, the Brooklyn Public Library and the Queens Library to patrons with a valid library card.

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## HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND PAY THE APPLICATION FEE (Continued)

**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 below and must submit the *Application* 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 requesting an application fee waiver is available with the *Application*.

**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 G train to the Hoyt Street Station.

## ADMISSION LETTER

An *Admission Letter* will be mailed to you about 10 days before the first date of the practical skills test. If you do not receive an *Admission Letter* at least 4 days before this date, 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.

You will be scheduled to take the test on a date indicated in the above “Test Date” box. You will be randomly 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.

Your score on this test will determine 85% of your final score. Your seniority will determine the remaining 15%. You must pass the competitive practical skills test to have your seniority credited. Your seniority score will be 70 plus ½ point for each three months of completed, continuous service with an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services in permanent competitive or non-competitive class titles. Your service will be credited through the first date of the competitive practical skills test, up to a maximum of 15 years. Time served prior to a break in service of more than one year will not be credited.

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 practical skills test may require you to read and interpret blueprint and wiring diagrams; read meters; test and splice power telephone cables; identify and use cable testing and maintenance tools and equipment; and make knots and rig a manhole for cable pulling.

Candidates for this exam will be given the option to **select one** of two Practical Skills sub-tests:

- 1) Power Cable Sub-test, or
- 2) Communication Cable Sub-test

The candidates will make their choice at the test site and once selected, **their choice is irrevocable**.

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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, 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.

**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.

**Proof of Identity:** You must present your MTA New York City Transit employee ID when you arrive to take the test.

## THE TEST RESULTS

If you pass the competitive practical skills test and are marked eligible, 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 requirements and conditions, you will be considered for promotion when your name is reached on the eligible list.

## SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

**Late Filing:** Consult with **your department's Human Resources representative** to determine the procedure for filing a late *Application* if you meet one of the following conditions:

1. You are absent from work for at least one-half of the application period and are unable to apply for reasons such as vacation, sick leave or military duty; or
2. You become eligible after the above application period, but on or before the first date of the practical skills test.

**Make-Up Test:** You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the test on the scheduled test 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 60 days of restoration to your position after performing ordered military duty.

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**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)**

**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 scheduled test date.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Change of Contact Information:** You must keep your employee contact information (telephone number, mailing address and email address) current with **both MTA New York City Transit and the MTA Business Service Center (BSC).**

**To update your contact information with the MTA New York City Transit, you must do one of the following:**

1. Visit us at the MTA Exam Information Center;
2. Send an e-mail to [examsunit@nyct.com](mailto: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.

**To update your contact information with the MTA Business Service Center (BSC),** you must visit [www.mymta.info](http://www.mymta.info) and select the "My Personal Information" tab.

Failure to keep your employee contact information current with **both MTA New York City Transit and the MTA Business Service Center (BSC),** will prevent you from receiving important information about your exam(s) or consideration for promotion, including important information that may require a response by a specified deadline.

All other correspondence must be sent to the following address:

Promotion to Power Cable Maintainer, Exam No. 0711  
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 promotion, and may result in criminal prosecution.

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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, Located at

180 Livingston Street (Lobby), Brooklyn, NY 11201.

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