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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

A NON-REFUNDABLE \$20.00 APPLICATION FEE IS REQUIRED.

FORMS OF PAYMENT: CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY
MADE PAYABLE TO CITY OF KINGSTON COMPTROLLER

POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION

EXAM NUMBER

60058180

EXAMINATION DATE

05/09/2026

DEADLINE TO APPLY

FOR THE MAY WRITTEN EXAM:

04/09/2026



STARTING SALARY

\$56,806 - \$63,118

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

Continuously

VACANCIES

As they occur

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE CITY OF KINGSTON CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE BY THE FILING DEADLINE NO LATER THAN 4:00PM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAY HOLDING.

**MAILED APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL BE HELD FOR THE
NEXT WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Candidates must be a legal resident of Ulster, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange or Sullivan County at the time of examination and for at least one (1) month immediately preceding the date of exam and at the time of appointment.

PREFERENCE IN APPOINTMENT: Preference may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of the City of Kingston for at least one month immediately preceding the certification of the eligible list.

PHYSICAL FITNESS EXAMINATION

CANDIDATES WHO HAVE NOT PASSED THE PHYSICAL FITNESS EXAMINATION WILL BE RESTRICTED ON THE ELIGIBLE LIST ESTABLISHED UNTIL SUCH TIME THE PHYSICAL FITNESS EXAM IS PASSED.

**CANDIDATES WHO HAVE NOT REACHED THEIR 20TH BIRTHDAY BY THE DATE OF THE PHYSICAL FITNESS EXAM WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE WRITTEN EXAM, HOWEVER WILL BE RESTRICTED ON THE ELIGIBLE LIST UNTIL SUCH TIME THEY PASS THE PHYSICAL FITNESS EXAMINATION.*

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4:00PM ON THE FILING DEADLINE!!

WHERE TO GET AN APPLICATION:

Applications can be downloaded from www.kingston-ny.gov/Employment OR applicants can pick them up in the KINGSTON Civil Service Office at 420 Broadway, Kingston, NY.

WHERE AND HOW TO FILE AN APPLICATION

Department of Civil Service, 420 Broadway – ground floor next to the elevator. Hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. Summer hours begin July 1st and are 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday.

ONLY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR PAYMENT MADE PAYABLE TO: CITY OF KINGSTON COMPTROLLER.

NO CASH OR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!

**NOTE: DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO FILE YOUR APPLICATION. THE DEADLINE IS STRICTLY ENFORCED!!!
CANDIDATES SHOULD FILE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE EXAM.**

APPLICATION FILING FEE

A **non-refundable application fee of \$20.00 is required.** The required fee must accompany your application. **Submit check or money order payable to “City of Kingston Comptroller”.** Write the examination number and your name on your check or money order. **Application fees are non-refundable.** If you are disqualified from or fail to appear for the examination, your fee will not be refunded. Therefore, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for the exam.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a “Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification” form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. You may get this form at the Civil Service Office, 420 Broadway Kingston New York 12401 or on the website at www.kingston-ny.gov/Employment.

ALTERNATE TEST DATES: Alternate test dates may be arranged upon review of the circumstances according to the Alternate Test Date Policy established by this department. Upon specific circumstances an alternate test date may be arranged. If a medical emergency prevents you from appearing for the examination, please notify this office no later than 4:00 PM on the Monday following the test date (Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) providing verifiable documentation of the reason. A determination will be made if you will be scheduled for an alternate test date.

APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY (Also known as Cross-Filing)

You must notify all agencies with which you have filed an application of the test site at which you wish to take your examination(s). If you have applied for both State and Local government examinations, you must notify the Kingston Civil Service Office no later than two weeks prior to the test date of your intent to take both a State and Local government examination. When taking both a State and a Local government examination you will be required to take all your examinations at a State examination center. You will be advised by letter when and where to report for your examinations.

For City of Kingston examinations, the Cross File form must be completed. This form is available in the Kingston Civil Service Office or online at www.kingston-ny.gov/Employment. If you do not submit your Cross File form two weeks prior to the test date, you may NOT be allowed to sit at the test site you have selected. If you appear at a test site but did not designate this location as your test site on your form, you may NOT be allowed to take your examination(s) at that location.

NOTIFICATION: If an application is disapproved, notice will be sent. *This department does not make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application or take responsibility for non-delivery or postal delay.* If the candidate does not receive either a disapproval letter or an admission notice mailed to the address listed on his/her application **3 days prior** to the exam date, call 845-334-3921.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: It is the candidate's responsibility to complete a "Change of Address Form" and turn it in to the Kingston Civil Service Office upon a change in their place of residence. *This office will not accept any other change of address information if it has not been provided on, or supplemented by, this form. A candidate's address will be subject to verification prior to any appointment.* Forms can be found on the Kingston website at www.kingston-ny.gov/Employment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: On the date of the examination, candidates must meet the following requirements:

AGE: Candidates must be at least 19 years of age on or before (examination date) to be admitted to the written test. ** Eligibility for appointment as a police officer begins when the candidate reaches age 20. Candidates who reach their 43rd birthday on or before the date of the written examination (05/09/26) are not qualified except as follows:*

*Candidates may have a period of military duty or terminal leave up to seven years, as defined in Section 243 (10-a) of the Military Law, deducted from their age for the purpose of meeting the age requirement.

****Effective 9/1/25, Section 58.1(a) of the Civil Service Law requires that applicants not be "more than forty-three years of age as of the date when the applicant takes the written examination..." Candidates who may be impacted by the maximum age requirement and who are requesting an alternate test date (for active military duty, Sabbath Observance or for an alternate test date situation which meets the conditions of the City of Kingston's alternate test date policy) are advised to contact the City of Kingston Civil Service Personnel to discuss their request. ***

EDUCATION: Candidates must be a high school graduate or possess a high school equivalency diploma issued by an education department of any of the states of the United States or a comparable diploma issued by any territory, commonwealth, or possession of the United States or by the Canal Zone or holders of a report from the United States Armed Forces certifying successful completion of the tests related to general education development, high school level at time of appointment.

****Anticipated Eligibility – Age and Educational Requirements:**

According to Civil Service Law, section 54 which became effective September 4, 2024, applicants who are within 12 months of meeting the minimum age or attaining the minimum educational requirements following the date of examination, may take the civil service exam, but will be restricted from certification until such a time that the minimum age or educational requirements are met.

AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET:

CITIZENSHIP: Candidates must be citizens of the United States at time of appointment.

LICENSE: Possession of a valid New York State driver's license at time of appointment.

FILING DEADLINE: All applications and filing fees must be received in the Kingston Civil Service Office no later than 4:00 pm on the filing date deadline. Postmarked mail will not be accepted if received after the filing deadline. Please do not mail applications unless you know they will be received by the deadline. The City is not responsible for applications received via mail after the filing deadline.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT/PREFERENCE IN APPOINTMENT: An applicant must at the time of examination and for at least one month prior thereto be a resident of Ulster County or one of the counties contiguous to Ulster County which includes Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange and Sullivan County to apply for this exam. Preference in appointment for City of Kingston positions may be given to residents of the City of Kingston for at least 30 days prior to date of certification of the eligible list.

DUTIES: The work involves the enforcement of all laws and ordinances in an assigned district during a specific period. The work consists primarily of routine patrol tasks where the incumbent is responsible for the protection of lives and property in an assigned area during specified periods, assisting in the investigation of criminal offenses and the apprehension of criminals. Work is performed under the direct supervision of a higher-ranking officer with leeway allowed for exercise of judgment and action in emergencies.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION

There will be a written test which you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas.

1. **Situational Judgment**

These questions test for the ability to identify appropriate and effective responses to work-related challenges. You will be presented with scenarios that reflect the types of challenges one could encounter in a work environment. Each scenario will be followed by several responses to the scenario. You must rate the effectiveness of each response.

2. **Language Fluency**

These questions test for the ability to read, understand, and present a clear and accurate summary of information. For some questions, you will be given a brief reading passage followed by four statements, each summarizing the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given several sentences, one of which contains a spelling, grammatical, or punctuation error. You must then select the line that contains the error.

3. **Information Ordering and Language Sequencing**

These questions test for the ability to properly identify the sequence or order of events, or to organize information to fit a timeline. You will be given a brief reading passage followed by one or more questions. You must identify the proper sequence of events in order to answer one or more questions.

4. **Problem Sensitivity and Reasoning**

These questions test for the ability to apply information and to identify a problem or potential problem. For some questions, you will be given information in the form of policies, rules, regulations, or laws, which will be followed by a situation. You must then identify the problem and apply the information to select the best course of action to take. For other questions, you will be given a scenario and mock witness statements. You must use this information to answer one or more questions about the scenario.

5. **Selective Attention**

These questions test for the ability to focus on completing a task and to pay attention to important details while performing repetitive and monotonous tasks. You will be presented with a series of letters, symbols, and/or numbers. You must select the choice that contains the series of letters, symbols, and/or number that matches exactly.

6. **Visualization**

These questions test for the ability to imagine how something will look when it is moved around or when its parts are changed, moved, or rearranged. You will be presented with an image of a face followed by four images of faces. Each face is disguised or altered in some way. Three of the images have a difference in facial structure or facial features. You must select the choice that contains the image with the identical facial structure and facial features.

7. **Spatial Orientation**

These questions test for the ability to understand how to navigate within spaces or how to get from one point to another. You will be provided with a map followed by one or more questions. You must imagine yourself at a certain location and orient yourself to the direction in which you would move to get to another location by the shortest (least distance) route.

Test guide:

A Guide for the Written Test for **Entry-Level Law Enforcement** is available at the New York State website: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

Important Information about the Professional Policing Act of 2021

Under the provisions of the Professional Policing Act of 2021, New York State Title 9 NYCRR Part 6000 and Title 9 NYCRR Part 6056 were amended to prescribe minimum training, background, and character standards for appointment of persons to police officer positions. Under the provisions of Part 6000 and Part 6056, applicants may be determined to lack good moral character if:

1. You were previously appointed as a police officer in New York State, were removed from said employment for cause, had your training certificate permanently invalidated by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and are listed on their decertification index;(link)
2. You are listed on the National Decertification Index after having been decertified as a police officer in any state other than New York State;
3. Within 3 years from the date of application, you:
 - a. Engaged in criminal activity, whether criminally charged or prosecuted, regardless of where the act took place, if said conduct would constitute an offense in New York, which is defined as:
 - (i) Any felony offense;
 - (ii) Any sex offense or sexually violent offense as defined in article 6C of the Correction Law;
 - (iii) All serious offenses defined in subdivision 17 of section 265 of the Penal Law;
 - (iv) Crimes involving official misconduct and obstruction of public servants as defined in article 195 of the Penal Law; crimes involving bribery of a public servant as defined in article 200 of the Penal Law; crimes involving perjury as defined in article 210 of the Penal Law; and/or crimes relating to judicial proceedings as defined in article 215 of the Penal Law;
 - (v) Crimes involving forgery as defined in article 170 of the Penal Law; crimes involving false written statements as defined in article 175 of the Penal Law; crimes involving fraud as defined in article 190 of the Penal Law;
 - (vi) Crimes involving assault and menacing as defined in article 120 of the Penal Law; crimes involving obscenity as defined in article 235 of the Penal Law; crimes against public sensibilities as defined in article 245 of the Penal Law; or crimes against public order as defined in article 240 of the Penal Law.
4. Engaged in the unlawful use of any controlled substances.
5. Made false statement(s) or engaged in conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert the police employment application process.
6. Received a dishonorable discharge from any of the Armed Forces of the United States which has not been adjusted under the terms of the New York State Restoration of Honor Act.

QUALIFYING PHYSICAL FITNESS SCREENING TEST

Physical agility examinations will be offered every six months. Location TBD. The exam will take place on a first come, first serve basis. Applicants **MUST** bring the **RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM AND RELEASE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FITNESS SCREENING TEST FORM*** with them to the exam in order to participate. Failure to bring the completed forms notarized by a Notary **and** signed by a Physician will result in disqualification from both the written and physical fitness examinations.

Failure to appear for the physical fitness examination will be considered an unqualified declination and the candidate will be disqualified from the Police Officer examination.

Applicants who have not reached the age of 20 by the date of the physical fitness will not be allowed to participate in the physical fitness, however, can participate in the written examination. Eligibility on the list will be restricted until passing the physical fitness examination.

*Forms can be found on the website at www.kingston-ny.gov/Employment

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST STANDARDS

The elements measured in the qualifying physical fitness test are muscular endurance, absolute strength and cardiovascular capacity. The following is a brief description of the physical fitness test.

Muscular Endurance - The requirement is for a number of bent-leg sit-ups to be performed in one minute.

Push Up – This test measures muscular endurance of the upper body (anterior deltoid, pectoralis major and triceps). The requirement is for a number of full body repetitions that a candidate must complete without breaks.

Cardiovascular Activity – 1.5 Mile Run; the requirement is for the attainment of a score calculated in minutes and seconds.

The Municipal Police Training Council adopted the physical fitness-screening test based on the model formulated by the Cooper Institute of Aerobics Research. The minimum passing scores, depending on age and sex represent the fortieth (40th) percentile of physical fitness as established by the Cooper Institute. Failure on a part of qualifying test will remove your name from further consideration for appointment.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION: Candidates who are given a conditional offer of employment will be scheduled to take the required medical examination as well as the physical fitness examination prior to appointment. Waiver of the medical examination and/or the physical fitness examination will not be allowed. Copies of the medical standards are available upon request from the City of Kingston Civil Service Office.

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION: As stated in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law, you will be required to participate in a psychological evaluation to determine your fitness to perform the essential duties of the position prior to appointment. Failure to meet the standards may result in your offer of employment being rescinded or in your disqualification. An eligible will be called for a psychological assessment as needed to fill existing and anticipated vacancies.

INVESTIGATIVE SCREENING: As stated in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law, there will be a background investigation conducted in accordance with the standards of the municipal police training council (MPTC). Derogatory information will be evaluated and may result in disqualification. All convictions must be reported. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor, or any falsified or omitted information may bar appointment or result in removal after appointment, depending upon the relationship of the violation or omission to the duties of the position.

In addition applicants are required to pass a pre-employment background investigation to include, criminal background check, financial credit review, Polygraph, neighborhood investigation, and previous employment history.

Candidates who fail any of the pre-employment tests may be restricted from certification.

Drug testing is included in the required medical exam.

Applicant is responsible for the necessary fees for the fingerprint processing.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS: Individuals must satisfactorily complete the Basic Course for Police Officers as prescribed by the Municipal Police Training Council and required by Section 209-q of General Municipal Law within one year of appointment and complete a probationary term in order to attain permanent status in the position.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT: Candidates must retake the physical fitness examination prior to being appointed off the eligible list if appointed after one year of passing the initial physical fitness exam. Physical Fitness examination results are good for **one year only**.

ELIGIBLE LISTS: After the written portion of the exam, the names of successful candidates will be placed on an eligible list in rank order of final scores. The City of Kingston will be holding this examination on a continuous recruitment basis. Names on the eligible list will remain on the list for one (1) year from the date they are placed on the eligible list. Candidates are interfiled on the eligible list according to their grade and include their expiration date.

VETERAN'S CREDIT: Veterans or disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veteran's credit with their application for examination or at any time between the dates of their application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Applications for veteran's credit are available on the website at www.kingston-ny.gov/Employment or at the Civil Service office.

Effective January 1, 1998 the State Constitution was amended to permit a candidate currently in the armed forces to apply for and be conditionally granted veteran's credit in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof of military status and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran's credits.

On November 5, 2013, New York State voters approved an amendment to Article 5, section 6, of the New York State Constitution regarding the award and use of additional credits for certain disabled veterans on open competitive and promotion civil service examinations for positions with New York State and local governments. Please contact the Kingston Civil Service Commission Office for details.

ADDITIONAL CREDITS FOR CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY: In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent had served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.