



New York City Transit

Notice of Examination

Promotion to Tower Operator, Exam No. 8729

Application Deadline:

June 26, 2018

Type of Test:

Multiple-Choice

Application Fee:

\$68.00

Test Date(s): (subject to change)

**Saturday, September 29, 2018
or Sunday, September 30, 2018**

JOB DESCRIPTION

Tower Operators, under supervision, operate all-electric, electro-pneumatic, all-relay, centralized traffic control and mechanical interlocking machines; monitor train movements; are responsible for the safe passage and proper routing of trains over tracks and switches in assigned territory; operate public address systems and starting lights; maintain records and prepare reports; and perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Tower Operators and environmental conditions experienced are: ascending and descending ladders and stairways to and from towers, trains, catwalks and roadbeds in all weather conditions; responding to audible signals such as alarm bells, train whistles and horns; understanding and responding to radioed requests for routes; operating levers requiring hand and finger dexterity; and following train movements represented by colored moving lights on model boards.

Special Working Conditions: Tower Operator 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

The current minimum salary for Tower Operator is \$23.9657 per hour for a 40-hour work week increasing to \$34.2368 in the sixth year of service. These rates are subject to change.

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ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION

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

1. Is permanently (not provisionally) employed in or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the title of Conductor, Station Agent, or Transit Electrical Helper assigned to the Electrical (Signals and Power) Subdivision of the Maintenance of Way Division; and
2. 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.)

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*. You may be given the multiple-choice 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: At the time of promotion, you must have completed your probationary period in one of the eligible titles indicated in the above "Eligibility to Take Examination" section, and you must be permanently employed in one of those titles or your name must appear on a Preferred List for one of those titles. Additionally, you must have served permanently in an eligible title for at least one year. Time served prior to a break in service of more than one year will not be credited.

Medical Requirement: Medical guidelines have been established for the position of Tower Operator. Candidates will be examined to determine whether they can perform the essential functions of the position of Tower Operator. 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) process required by federal law in order to be promoted to this safety-sensitive position.

Residency: New York City residency is not required for this position

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.

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) 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 Exam Regulations.

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

1. Apply using the "BSC" employee portal at www.mymta.info by the last day of the *Application* period.
2. You must pay the *Application* fee via payroll deduction. Applicants who request a fee waiver must apply by mail.
3. You will be sent a confirmation number after you complete your *Application* and pay the application fee.

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.

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 New York City Transit 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 New York City Transit 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 multiple-choice 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 New York City Transit Exam Information Center (as indicated above). A paper copy of the *Admission Letter* is your ticket for admission to the test.

Employees **must** keep their official mailing address **up to date**. Only the address on file with the MTA Business Service Center will be used to mail correspondence, including the *Admission Letter*.

THE TEST

You will be given a competitive multiple-choice test. A score of at least 70% is required to pass the multiple-choice test. Your score on this test will determine 85% of your final score. Your seniority will determine the remaining 15%. You must pass the multiple-choice 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 titles. Your service will be credited through the date of the multiple-choice 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 such credit 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 will not be granted once the eligible list is established.

The multiple-choice test may include questions on operating the various types of interlocking machines and related railroad equipment; safe, effective and efficient operating procedures under normal and emergency conditions; MTA New York City Transit Rules and Regulations; Rapid Transit Operating

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procedures; the interpretation of operating schedules; following written instructions; 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 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, word processing, or data recording capabilities, such as planners, organizers, etc., are prohibited. If you use any of these devices in the testing site 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 multiple-choice 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 day of the multiple-choice 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 MTA New York City Transit;
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;
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.

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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 military duty.

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: It is critical that you keep your employee 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 promotion, including important information that may require a response by a specified deadline, if we do not have your correct contact information.

All changes to your employee contact information must be made through the MTA Business Service Center (BSC) via the employee portal at www.mymta.info.

All other correspondence must be sent to the following address:

Promotion to Tower Operator Exam No. 8729
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.

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 New York City Transit Exam Information Center, 180 Livingston Street (Lobby), Brooklyn, NY 11201.

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