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CITY OF AUBURN

Civil Service Commission

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**CITY OF AUBURN  
MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
AUBURN, NY 13021**

Announcement of open-competitive

**CLERK**

**EXAMINATION #20-254-010**

EXAMINATION DATE: October 4, 2025  
LAST FILING DATE: September 19, 2025  
APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED  
NO LATER THAN: September 19, 2025

SALARY: City: Clerk 35 hour \$37,682 – \$53,633  
Clerk 40 hour \$40,506 – \$61,295

School: \$15.35 per hour

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

**NOTE: PROOF OF EDUCATION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION.**

**VACANCY:**

The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur.

This list will be used to fill vacancies in the following titles in the Auburn School District:

Clerk

Computer Lab and Library Clerk

School Attendance Clerk

School Health Clerk

School Library and Health Clerk

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:**

City of Auburn: Candidates must be legal residents of Cayuga County or one of the contiguous counties (Oswego, Onondaga, Cortland, Tompkins, Seneca or Wayne) for at least one (1) month immediately preceding the date of the written examination. Preference in certification for appointment may be given to residents of the City of Auburn under section 23-4A of civil service law. In accordance with the policies of the City of Auburn, you must comply with the residency requirements outlined in your contract.

School District: Candidates must have been legal residents of New York State for at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of the examination. Under Section 23.4a preference may be given to those successful candidates who are residents of the City of Auburn for (30) thirty days immediately preceding the date of the written examination.

**BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION:**

Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which may include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background check may result in disqualification.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOCES:**

Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:**

The work involves responsibility for the performance of standard clerical tasks including the use of a personal computer and other office equipment. Specific duties vary with the needs of the department. Procedures are usually fixed but detailed instructions are given for new or difficult assignments. Work is reviewed by direct observation, checking completed work, periodic or spot checks, cross-checking or other steps in the clerical process. This position differs from Senior Clerk in that duties of a Clerk involve less complex operations than a Senior Clerk and tend to be routine in nature. Supervision over the work of others is not a responsibility of employees in this class. Does related work as required.

**SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION:**

A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

1. Alphabetizing: These questions test your ability to file material in alphabetical order.
2. Record Keeping: These questions evaluate your ability to perform common record keeping tasks. The test consists of two or more “sets” of questions; each set concerning a different problem. Typical record keeping problems might involve the organization or collation of data from several sources; scheduling; maintaining a record system using running balances; or completion of a table summarizing data using totals, subtotals, averages and percents.

3. Clerical Operations with Letters and Numbers: These questions test your skills and abilities in clerical operations involving, comparing, checking and counting. The questions require you to follow the specific directions given for each question which may involve alphabetizing, comparing, checking and counting given groups of letters and/or numbers.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication “How to take a written test” helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at:

[www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm)

No review of this examination will be permitted nor will any appeals be accepted. You may, however, request the Civil Service Commission to verify your score.

**CALCULATOR:**

Use of calculators is **RECOMMENDED** for this exam. Candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, ‘Spell checkers,’ ‘Personal Digital Assistants,’ ‘Address Books,’ ‘Language Translators,’ ‘Dictionaries,’ or any similar devices are prohibited. No electronic communication devices (cell phones, smart watches, etc.) are allowed in the examination room.

**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.

**MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS ON SAME DAY (CROSS FILERS):**

If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center.

**RELIGIOUS OBSERVER:**

If you need special arrangements to take this Examination because you are a religious observer (for religious reasons you cannot be tested on the scheduled examination date), please note on the application. We will send you an admission notice with special arrangements for the time, date and place of your examination.

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:**

If you are a person with a disability and need accommodation in order to participate in the examination, please note on the application. Then on or before the last filing date of the examination, you should describe the accommodations you need in a separate letter to the Auburn Civil Service Commission.

**MILITARY/ACTIVE DUTY:**

A candidate who is approved to take this examination and who is serving on active duty on the date of this exam may be eligible for a military make-up exam at a later date.

**VETERANS CREDITS:**

Veterans or Disabled Veterans who have served on active duty during creditable periods of war will be eligible for veteran's credits. The applications for veteran's credits are available in the Auburn Civil Service Office. All veteran's credits applications must be notarized and accompanied by a certified copy of your DD-214. Both forms must be submitted to the Auburn Civil Service Office before the eligible list is established.

**This written examination is being prepared and rated by the N.Y.S. Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23.2 of Civil Service Law. The provisions of N.Y.S. Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this written test.**

**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 (10) points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has 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 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.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

You may obtain applications from the Auburn Civil Service Office at Memorial City Hall between the hours of 8am and 4pm. To request by mail send a self-addressed (\$1.38 postage) envelope to:

Auburn Civil Service Commission  
Memorial City Hall, Room 208  
24 South Street  
Auburn, NY 13021

Applications are available online. Website for the City of Auburn Civil Service office is: [www.auburnny.gov](http://www.auburnny.gov) under Job Opportunities.

**APPLICATION FEE:**

The fee of \$15.00 is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. This must accompany your application.

Send Check or Money Order payable to the **CITY TREASURER**  
Write the Exam Number on the Check or Money Order - **DO NOT SEND CASH**

**As no refunds will be made if your application is disapproved**, be sure to check your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file for this exam only if you are clearly qualified.

**TIME AND PLACE OF EXAMINATION:**

Approved candidates will be notified by mail regarding the time and place of the exam in Auburn. Candidates will not be admitted to the examination unless they have an admission letter and photo id. If notice of approval or disapproval is not received seven (7) days prior to the exam date, please notify the Auburn Civil Service Office – 315-255-4141.

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:**

1. Falsification of any part of the “Application for Examination” will result in disqualification.
2. Applicants must answer every question on the application and make sure it is complete in all respects. Incomplete applications will be disapproved.
3. Appointments from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept the appointment. The duration of the eligible list must be fixed for a minimum period of one (1) year and a maximum period of four (4) years.
4. It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Auburn Civil Service Office of any changes of name and/or address. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved.
5. The passing grade for this examination is 70.0
6. If you are taking another civil service exam scheduled for the same day as this exam, please note this on your application. Include the exam number, title and the Civil Service agency that is holding the exam. (See Cross-Filers)

**Auburn Civil Service Commission:**

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