

## Nassau Plans Test For Local, County Police Officers

### Apply by Dec. 5, Fee is \$100; Pay Varies by Department

Must Be at Least a High School Grad, A Citizen, Have Driver's License

Nassau County has scheduled testing for the position of Police Officer in the county police department and in departments that patrol villages and special districts. The application deadline is Dec. 5 and the non-refundable fee is \$100.

### Salaries Will Vary

Salaries and benefits vary depending on which

department you work for. In the Nassau County Police Department, the starting salary is \$35,000, rising to \$111,075 after nine years. Benefits include education- incentive pay; a shift differential of up to 12 percent; 10 to 12 paid holidays, 15 to 30 vacation days and 18 to 26 sick days, depending on length of service; five personal days; a 20year contributory pension plan; and contributory health, dental and vision benefits.

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general law-enforcement duties and patrols an assigned area for the protection of lives and property and the enforcement of laws and ordinances. Police Officers perform related duties as required. Work shifts rotate on a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week basis.

To qualify, you must be a resident of Nassau County or Suffolk, Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island, The Bronx or Westchester. Some local departments— Floral Park, Freeport, Malverne, Hempstead and Port Washington—give preference to applicants who live within their borders at the time of the exam and continuously thereafter. Rockville Centre gives preference to residents of Nassau, Suffolk, Queens and Brooklyn.

You must be at least 17 years old and younger than 35 on the test date, which is Jan. 16. You may deduct up to six years of military service from your age. You may not be appointed until you turn 21. You must be a U.S. citizen and have a New York State driver's license by the time you are appointed.

### Education Requirements

Candidates for the Kensington, Lake Success and Old Brookville departments must have a high school diploma or GED by the time they are appointed. The Nassau County, Centre Island, Floral Park, Freeport, Garden City, Great Neck Estates, Hempstead, Kings Point, Lynbrook, Malverne, Muttontown, Old Westbury, Oyster Bay Cove, Rockville Centre, Sands Point and Port Washington police departments require 32 college credits by time of appointment.

The multiple-choice test will help evaluate your skills at reading comprehension and reasoning ability. It will also ask about work, school, general-life experiences and personality traits that are associated with the successful performance of law-enforcement duties.

After the application period closes Dec. 5, a preview of the exam's content and format will be available at Nassau Police Headquarters, at police precincts and community centers, at the Civil Service Commission and online at addresses given in the job announcement.

If you pass the exam, you will also need to pass physical fitness and medical exams and a drug screening. The physical fitness standards are listed on the job announcement, which can be found online at [goo.gl/wrEcbw](http://goo.gl/wrEcbw). The medical exam requires a fee of \$100. Applicants also need to undergo a background check that includes fingerprinting, which includes a separate \$75 fee.

Veterans get additional points added to their passing score, five points for non-disabled vets and 10 points for disabled vets. In addition, children or siblings of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty may be eligible for extra points. The job announcement has details.

### How to Apply

Applicants are encouraged to apply online at [goo.gl/5GQ6AS](http://goo.gl/5GQ6AS). The county recommends that you do not use a workplace computer because applicants have had problems with them. Alternatively, you may pick up a hardcopy application at the Nassau Civil Service Commission, 40 Main St., 2nd Floor, Hempstead.

The application fee may be paid by credit or debit card if you apply online or by a certified bank check or money order made payable to Nassau County if you use a hardcopy application. The job announcement lists circumstances under which you may apply for a waiver of the fee.

The exam number is 2018PO. If you have questions about applying, call (516) 572-1020 or email [policeofficer2018@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:policeofficer2018@nassaucountyny.gov).