



# Department of Human Resources & Civil Service

## Promotional Exam Announcement

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**P-71389**

## Senior Probation Officer

Application Fee:

**None**

Examination Date:

**June 22, 2019**

Application Deadline:

**April 30, 2019** – Applications must be submitted online or filed in our office by 5PM or postmarked by this date

Who May Apply:

**Qualified employees of the Monroe County Department of Public Safety**

Salary:

**CSEA Salary Group 16**

Employment Opportunities:

**The results of this exam may be used to fill vacancies, which may occur during the life of the eligible list.**

#### Minimum Qualifications:

**One (1) year** of permanent competitive class service as a **Probation Officer**.

Any person, otherwise meeting the requirements for an examination, who was laid off from an agency for which the examination is being held, and whose name is presently on a preferred list is eligible to compete in the examination. When completing the application, such person should be sure to indicate his/her present employment and/or the title and location of his/her last permanent employment in the municipality.

#### SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Where required, possession of a current driver's license or the ability to otherwise meet the transportation requirements of the position.

**Note:** Individuals whose duties and responsibilities include the use of a firearm must also complete training pursuant to Criminal Procedure Law Section 2.30(3).

**Note:** The class specifications including the minimum qualifications for positions in Probation Departments are established by rule and regulations of the Division of Criminal Justice Services. These class specifications are found in Title 9 NYCRR Part 347, Appendix H-10, Standard Specifications for Professional Probation Positions.

**Note:** This position is allocated to the competitive class pursuant to Executive Law Section 257(1).

#### Description of Duties:

This is a senior level professional position in a probation department responsible for the control, supervision and care of adults and juveniles subject to probation investigation, supervision or intake services which require them to meet certain standards of conduct. The incumbent performs all the duties and exercises all the responsibilities of a Probation Officer; however, he/she is responsible for more complex assignments than those assigned a Probation Officer and exercises specialized skills regarding evaluating the conduct of probationers, analyzing data, making recommendations regarding court decisions and counseling and coaching probationers. He/she normally is assigned as the lead worker of a unit or a team leader of professional and para-professional probation personnel when a team approach is used. He/she may also be assigned special programs and/or projects. The work is performed under the general supervision of a Probation

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Supervisor or Principal Probation Officer with limited leeway allowed for the use of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. Supervision is not a characteristic of this position. The position varies from that of a Probation Officer by the complexity of the cases assigned, possible responsibility for special projects and responsibility as a lead worker position. A Senior Probation Officer is a Peace Officer pursuant to Criminal Procedure Law Section 2.10 and may be authorized to carry a firearm in the performance of his/her duties.

**Scope of Examination:**

The **written, multiple-choice test** will cover knowledge, skills and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. Advising and interacting with others

These questions test for the ability to interact with other people in order to gather and present information and to provide assistance and advice in a courteous and professional manner.

2. Interviewing

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in obtaining information from individuals through structured conversations. These questions require you to apply the principles, practices, and techniques of effective interviewing to hypothetical interviewing situations. Included are questions that present a problem arising from an interviewing situation, and you must choose the most appropriate course of action to take.

3. Principles and practices of offender counseling and supervision

These questions test for the knowledge and application of principles and practices of offender counseling and supervision in a law enforcement setting. Questions present situations typically encountered while establishing and maintaining working relationships with offenders, such as obtaining information from offenders, exploring offenders' social, psychological, or legal problems, and supervising offender rehabilitation. Candidates will be required to choose the best analysis of, solution to, or approach for handling the problem described. Specific knowledge of laws, rules, regulations, or procedures regarding offender counseling and supervision is not required to answer these questions.

4. Preparing written material

These questions test for the ability to write the kinds of reports and correspondence required in criminal justice settings such as probation and parole. Some questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately. Others test for the ability to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly.

**Calculators and Reference Materials:**

Most civil service written tests do not require the use of a calculator or slide rule. However, the use of calculators is **ALLOWED** for this exam. Candidates have the option of bringing a hand-held, quiet, battery or solar-powered arithmetic calculator or a slide rule to the test room. Candidates will not be permitted to use calculators containing spell check, dictionary, language translator, address or telephone book, personal digital assistants, or typewriter keyboard features, or any similar devices. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

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 "**General Guide to Written Tests**" helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available online at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>

This written examination is being prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service will apply to this examination.

----- **BASIC CIVIL SERVICE INFORMATION** -----

**Applications:**

If you are applying for more than one exam, a separate application is required for each exam. Applications may be obtained at the address or web-site indicated at the bottom of the first page of this announcement.

**Candidates must record the Exam Number and Title on the Application.**

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**Seniority:**

Seniority points will be added to the score of every passing candidate at the rate of one (1) point for each appropriate five (5) year period for each year of continuous permanent service calculated to the date of original entry in the permanent classified service in accordance with the following schedule.

Less than 1 year .....	0 Points
1 year up to 6 years .....	1 Point
Over 6 years up to 11 years .....	2 Points
Over 11 years up to 16 years .....	3 Points
Over 16 years up to 21 years .....	4 Points
Over 21 years up to 26 years .....	5 Points

Seniority points will be calculated at the time of examination.

**Certifications and Appointments:**

The eligible list resulting from this examination will be established in accordance with the final earned numerical rating of passing candidates regardless of residence.

**Veteran's Credits:**

Veterans entitled to and wishing to claim additional points must file in the Monroe County Department of Human Resources an Application for Veteran's Credits (VC-1) form, and a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Disabled veterans must also file two (2) copies of an Authorization for Veteran's Disability Record (VC-4) with Veterans Affairs. These forms are available at the Monroe County Department of Human Resources and must be filed within thirty (30) days of the examination date. No credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

Candidates currently on active duty may apply within thirty (30) days of the examination. Upon discharge, candidates must submit a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Any extra points will be applied upon our receipt of the discharge papers.

**Active Military Members:**

Special testing arrangements may be available to applicants who are active military members. For further information contact the Monroe County Department of Human Resources before submitting an application.

**Special Arrangements for Examination:**

If you need an alternate test date because you are a Religious Observer [for religious reasons, cannot be tested on date of examination(s)], if you have a disability that requires special accommodations for you to participate in an examination, or if you require any other kind of special accommodations, you must notify us at the address or telephone numbers listed on the front page of this announcement by the application deadline. Indicate your request on the front of your application for each exam, and under separate cover submit a statement outlining the reason for your request, the exam number(s) and title(s), and attach supporting documentation.

**Multiple Exam Takers:**

Persons also applying for examinations offered by the City of Rochester and/or New York State Civil Service Commission held on the same date must complete a crossfiler form, available from the Monroe County Department of Human Resources, which will provide for special arrangements. Arrangements must be made to take **ALL** examinations at **ONE** test site. Unless this form is filed with the Monroe County Department of Human Resources three (3) weeks prior to the exam date, we cannot ensure that such arrangements will be made. **If you are taking multiple exams on the same date with Monroe County Civil Service Commission only, you do not have to file a cross-filer form.**

Candidates taking more than one (1) exam in **different** exam series will be allowed the specified length of time for each exam, up to a maximum of eight (8) hours. Example: If you are taking one (1) exam which allows six (6) hours and another exam in a different series which allows four (4) hours, you must complete both tests in eight (8) hours, but you can spend no more time on each exam than the time allotted for that exam.

Candidates taking more than one (1) exam in the **same** exam series will be allowed up to the specified length of time for each exam. Example: If you are taking two (2) exams in the same series with a maximum time of five (5) hours for each exam, you can spend no more than five (5) hours to complete both exams.

**Admission to Examination:**

All applications will be reviewed after the "Closing Date for Filing" listed on the front page of this announcement. If there is a problem with your application, you will be notified in writing and given an opportunity to submit additional information to support your application. If there are no problems with your application, you will be sent an admission notice approximately one week before the exam date. If you have not received your admission notice to appear for the examination **three days** before the date of the exam, call the Monroe County Department of Human Resources at (585) 753-1700.

**Issue Date:** April 10, 2019