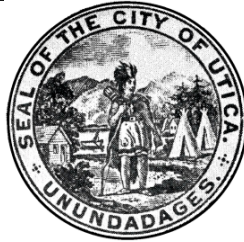


# UTICA MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

# EXAMINATION NOTICE

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## THE UTICA MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

### ANNOUNCES A PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION FOR

## *POLICE CHIEF – TYPE C*

### EXAM NUMBER 77-723

**EXAM DATE:** March 19, 2022

**LAST FILING DATE:** Applications must be received by or postmarked by the close of business on February 11, 2022.

**LOCATION OF EXAM:** *To be announced.*

**APPLICATION FEE:** A nonrefundable application fee: **\$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY EACH APPLICATION.** The required fee(s) must accompany your application(s). Please make your check or money order payable to the City of Utica. Please write your name and examination number(s) on the check or money order. Applicants who do not submit the required fee will be denied admission to the test. Applicants whose personal check is returned for whatever reason will be assessed an additional administrative charge of \$25.00. Applicants whose personal checks are returned are to pay the required fee and administrative charge before being admitted to the exam, or they will be denied admission to the exam. If an application is disapproved, your fee will not be refunded. You should carefully review the announced minimum qualifications and any residency requirements. Applications received after the above posted last filing date will not be accepted.

**LOCATION OF POSITION/VACANCY:** The eligible list resulting from this examination will be used to fill any vacancy that occurs at the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Police.  
*Please note that Civil Service Examinations may be held to establish eligible lists in titles for which there are no currently vacant positions.*

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS & SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Candidates must have twelve (12) months of continuous permanent employment as a City of Utica Deputy Police Chief immediately preceding the date of the written exam; OR eighteen (18) months of continuous permanent employment as a City of Utica Police Captain immediately preceding the date of the written exam.

**DUTIES:** This is a very important managerial/executive position. The work involves complete responsibility for all police functions, and requires exceptional ability to plan and direct law enforcement activities on a large scale. Responsibility is involved for seeing that recruits are thoroughly trained and that high standards are maintained. Has responsible charge of the activities of the Police Department; does related work as required. Reports on the conditions and budgetary needs of the department are made to the Commissioner of Public Safety.

**STUDY GUIDES:** *A Guide for the Written Test for Police Chief/Assistant Chief is available at the New York State website: [www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm). Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request a copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.*

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

**1. Knowledge of law enforcement methods, practices and procedures**

These questions test for knowledge of accepted police methods and practices and/or their application to situations in the police field. The questions are a sampling of the various knowledge that police personnel may be required to possess in the course of their day-to-day, work related activities. Areas covered include investigation procedures, patrol techniques, police-community relations, courtroom procedures, personnel practices, policy making and budgeting procedures.

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**3. Knowledge of New York State Laws – Criminal**

These questions test the candidates' knowledge of the laws in effect on January 1, 2022. This portion of the test is a sampling of the various sections of the law that police personnel may encounter in the course of their day-to-day work-related activities. Laws covered may include the Penal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Vehicle and Traffic Law, Family Court Act, and other laws relevant to law enforcement in New York State.

**4. Police Administrative Supervision and Administration**

These questions test for the knowledge of managerial functions involved in directing the operations of a B or C level police department as well as the knowledge of the principles and practices involved in supervising a large subordinate staff, including subordinate supervisors. These questions cover such areas as: developing objectives and formulating policies; forecasting and planning; organizing and coordinating; informing and instructing; guiding and leading; decision-making and problem solving; communicating effectively; staffing and staff development; time management; assigning work and evaluating performance; handling conflict and grievances; and budgeting.

**5. Understanding and interpreting written material**

These questions test how well you comprehend written material. You will be provided with brief reading selections and will be asked questions about the selections. All the information required to answer the questions will be presented in the selections; you will not be required to have any special knowledge relating to the subject areas of the selections.

**6. Preparing written material in a police setting**

These questions test for the ability to prepare the types of reports that police personnel write. Some questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately. They consist of restatements of information given in note form. You must choose the best version from each set of four choices. Other questions test for the ability to organize paragraphs. They consist of paragraphs with their sentences out of order. For each of the paragraphs you must choose, from four suggestions, the best order of the sentences.

P.E.R.C. Statement. The final rating key for this examination will be established by the State Civil Service Commission prior to the testing date, upon recommendation of a committee of police experts who will review all the questions for appropriateness and accuracy. There will be no review of the questions by candidates. The Committee was selected with the assistance and endorsement of the Police Conference of New York, Inc., the New York State Association of PBA's, Inc., and the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.

**The use of solar or battery operated calculators is PROHIBITED.**

**MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY:** If you have applied for any other civil service examinations to be given on the same test date for employment with New York State or any other local government jurisdiction excluding New York City, you must make arrangements to take all the examinations at one test site.

If you have applied for both State and local government examinations, you must notify Utica Civil Service of your intent to take both a State and a 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. You must bring both the State and the local government admission card to the State test center.

If you have applied for another local government examination with another local civil service agency, call or write to each civil service agency to make arrangements. You must make your request for these arrangements no later than two weeks before the date of the examinations. You must notify all local government civil service agencies with whom you have filed an application of the test site at which you wish to take your examination.

**RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION/DISABLED CANDIDATES/MILITARY MEMBERS:** Applicants whose religious observances, religious practices or military service prevent their taking examinations on the scheduled date and disabled candidates who require special accommodations to take the test should indicate the need for special arrangements by checking the "Special Arrangement" box on the front of the applications. The New York State Department of Civil Service Commission will approve any reasonable request for accommodations by disabled candidates. Candidates who are called to military service after filing an application should send a request for an alternate test date to the City of Glen Cove Municipal Civil Service Commission as soon as possible before the test date.

**MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS:** If you apply for an examination during the filing period but are on active military duty on the date the examination is scheduled, you may request a military makeup examination. You must contact The City of Utica Municipal Civil Service Commission for more information. If you are on active duty or discharged after the filing period has begun, you may apply for the examination up to ten days before the date of the test.

**This examination will be prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of New York State Civil Service Law and the City of Utica Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations will apply to this examination.**

**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 date of the application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Applications for Veteran's credits are available from this 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 Credits in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive additional credit. No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof indicating that the service was in time of war as defined in Section 85 of the Civil Service Law and that the candidate either received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including the Veteran's credit.

**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 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 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.

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

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** 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 as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required. Eligible candidates may be required to pay a fingerprint-processing fee associated with this special requirement.

**APPLICATIONS / GENERAL INFORMATION / INSTRUCTIONS:** Application forms may be obtained from the City of Utica Website: [www.cityofutica.com](http://www.cityofutica.com)

**OR:** From the office of:  
**THE UTICA MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**CITY OF UTICA, CITY HALL**  
**1 KENNEDY PLAZA**  
**UTICA, NY 13502**

**During:** *Any weekday from the posting date through the last filing deadline (except holidays).*

**Between the hours of:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday **OR:** by sending a stamped self-addressed legal sized envelope with the applicants name and address on it, requesting an application for the position. Applications received/postmarked after the filing deadline will not be accepted.

The applicant should make certain every question on the application is answered, and that the application is complete in all respects. All statements made by the candidates in their application are subject to verification. Candidates will be notified of the disposition of their applications. The Utica Municipal Civil Service Commission does not acknowledge receipt of applications and does not accept responsibility for non-delivery or postal delay.

**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. "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" forms are available at the Civil Service Office.

**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. Under specific circumstances, an alternate test date may be arranged. Your request with written documentation must be received in the Civil Service Office no later than (10) ten business days preceding the examination date. If an emergency prevents you from appearing for the examination, please notify this office no later than noon on the Monday following the test date providing verifiable documentation of the reason. A determination will be made if you will be allowed an alternate test date.

**ADMISSION NOTICES:** You will be notified of the time and place of the examination. If you have not received your notice to appear for the written test five (5) days before the date of the examination, call the Utica Municipal Civil Service Commission at (315) 792-0225. Do not interpret a notice to appear for the examination to mean that you have been found to meet fully the announced requirements. Applicants are admitted to the examination on the basis of statements made on their application. These statements may not be reviewed and/or verified until after the examination has been given. At that time, those candidates who are disqualified after taking the test will not receive a score.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Utica Municipal Civil Service Commission of any change in name or address. No attempt will be made to locate any candidate who has moved.

**THE CITY OF UTICA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER**

It is the policy of the City of Utica to provide for and promote equal opportunity in employment, compensation and other terms and conditions of employment without discrimination because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, military status, genetic predisposition, carrier status, political affiliation or belief.

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