

# TOWN of HEMPSTEAD

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APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UP TO  
AND INCLUDING AUGUST 23, 2022

EXAMINATION TO BE HELD ON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION  
EXAMINATION NO. 71-105  
TITLE: PLANNER I

**APPLICATIONS:** Applications are available to download from our website at <https://hempsteadny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3579/Civil-Service-Exam-Application-Packet-PDF> or you can pick up an application from our Office. If you choose to complete a digital version of the application, you must print the completed application and submit a hard copy to our Office. All applications must be completed and returned to our Office by **August 23, 2022**. If you choose to return your application by mail, it must be postmarked by this date.

**FEE:** A **NON-REFUNDABLE** Processing Fee of **\$40.00** must be submitted for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. A certified bank check or money order, made payable to: TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD. **NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** SEE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

**SALARY:** Varies.

**DUTIES:** Assists in, and performs, the duties necessary to the conduct of demographic, socioeconomic, and environmental studies and the preparation of community and Town of Hempstead development and preservation programs. Performs related duties as required.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** To be eligible, a candidate must now be serving and have served in a continuous, permanent, competitive-class status, as a **PLANNER AIDE**, with the **Town of Hempstead, Department of Planning & Economic Development** for at least **24 months**, immediately preceding the examination, or be on a valid, unexpired leave of absence from such position.

**NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Possession of a current, valid Operator's license issued by the New York State, Department of Motor Vehicles.

**VACANCIES:** The Departmental eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur within the Department. There will be no inter-departmental eligible list established as a result of this examination.

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

1. Preparing Written Material;
2. Sociological, Economic, Design and Environmental Factors involved in Land Use Planning and Community Development;
3. Collection, Analysis and Presentation of Data, including Basic Statistics;
4. Understanding and Interpreting Maps, Charts and Graphs.

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>.

**NOTICE TO CANDIDATES:** Candidates are RECOMMENDED to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery-powered calculators for this examination. Devices with typewriter keyboards, such as computers, spell-checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, cell phones, and any similar devices are prohibited.

This Commission reserves the right to limit the number of examinations, which may be taken by a candidate on a single test date.

**SENIORITY:** Seniority credits will be added only to the scores of passing candidates. Each passing candidate will be awarded one tenth of a point (.10) for each 6 months of continuous, permanent competitive service within the jurisdiction, up to a maximum of twenty years.

If your application is deemed satisfactory, the Commission will notify you by mail of eligibility to take the examination. Exam admittance notice will accompany such notification. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR EXAMINATION ADMITTANCE NOTICE BY THREE DAYS BEFORE THE EXAM DATE, PLEASE CONTACT THIS OFFICE.**

This written examination is being prepared and rated by the New York State, Department of Civil Service. (See General Instructions.)

**PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED:** IF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TESTING ARE REQUIRED, INDICATE THIS ON YOUR APPLICATION FORM. FOR ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (516) 489-5000, EXT. 3389.

**RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION:** MOST EXAMINATIONS ARE HELD ON SATURDAYS. IF YOU CANNOT TAKE THE TEST ON THE ANNOUNCED TEST DATE DUE TO A CONFLICT WITH A RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE OR PRACTICE, CHECK THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT BOX ON THE TOP OF THE APPLICATION. WE WILL ARRANGE FOR YOU TO TAKE THE TEST ON A DIFFERENT DATE, USUALLY THE FOLLOWING MONDAY.

**EXPANDED SCOPE DESCRIPTIONS:**

1. **Preparing Written Material** – These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.
2. **Sociological, Economic, Design and Environmental Factors involved in Land Use Planning and Community Development** – These questions test for knowledge of the fundamental concepts, design issues, terminology and practices utilized in the land use planning field, including how to best benefit the social, economic and environmental welfare of a community using appropriate planning principles.
3. **Collection, Analysis and Presentation of Data, including Basic Statistics** – These questions test for knowledge of the proper procedures and methods used to gather, evaluate, organize, and utilize various types of technical data and information, and the fundamental concepts, terminology, and computations involved in statistical analysis.
4. **Understanding and Interpreting Maps, Charts and Graphs** – These questions test for the ability to read and analyze visual and numerical information presented in maps, plans, and various types of graphic and tabular material, and to perform related basic computations. All the information needed to answer the questions will be provided in the maps, plans, charts, graphs, tables, or related written material.

DATE ISSUED: AUGUST 3, 2022

## PROMO-GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

All inquiries should be directed to the Executive Director, Town of Hempstead Civil Service Commission, 350 Front Street, Hempstead, New York 11550.

**FEE:** In accordance with regulations issued by the New York State Department of Civil Service, the examination prepared for us by the State will be subject to a Processing Fee. In addition, examinations prepared, purchased, rated by or supplied to the Town of Hempstead Civil Service Commission will be subject to a Processing Fee.

**NON-REFUNDABLE:** A Processing Fee must be submitted for EACH separately numbered examination for which you apply. Payment should be submitted with your application in the form of a certified bank check or money order made payable to the **TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD**. The payment should also include the examination number(s) and your social security number. **NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The Processing Fee for candidates on Public Assistance in Nassau County will be **WAIVED**. Please indicate your Public Assistance claim number on your application. Public Assistance status will be verified with the Nassau County Department of Social Services.

**IT IS STRONGLY URGED THAT YOU CAREFULLY REVIEW THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT TO ENSURE THAT YOU MEET THEM, AS THIS IS A NON-REFUNDABLE PROCESSING FEE.** Applications submitted without proper payment will be rejected without review.

In writing for an application form or information, candidates should indicate the examination number **and** title of the position.

Make sure that every question is answered and that required certificates, licenses, transcripts and veterans' forms are included where necessary.

If education beyond high school is required for eligibility, official transcripts must be submitted. If transcripts were filed previously with the Civil Service Commission, a notation should be made on the application.

Candidates should be mentally and physically fit to perform the duties compatible with the position. Medical or physical examinations may be required.

All statements are subject to verification. Inquiries may be made as to character and qualifications.

A record of disrespect for the requirements and processes of law, including repeated traffic offenses or disregard of summonses for traffic offenses, is grounds for disqualification for examination, or after examination, for certification and appointment.

The Commission does not acknowledge receipt of applications. If an application is rejected, candidate will be notified and can appeal the decision by contacting this office. Candidates will be notified when and where to appear for examination.

When the written examination is prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law, the provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations which deal with the rating of examinations will apply.

No one will be admitted to the examination site without the official admittance notice and proof of identification in the form of a Photo I.D.

Lists made up as a result of these tests will remain in force for at least one year and may be extended by the Commission not to exceed four years.

Changing circumstances occasionally result in certification and offers of employment under different conditions, such as higher or lower salaries, than those announced.

**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER:** It is the policy of the Town of Hempstead to provide for and promote equal opportunity in *employment*, compensation and other terms and conditions of employment without discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, or arrest and/or criminal conviction record unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification or other exception.

**MILITARY SERVICE** - To claim veterans' credits on this examination, an applicant must have served in the United States Armed Forces at any time during the following dates:

World War II - December 7, 1941 to and including December 31, 1946

Korean Conflict - June 27, 1950 to and including January 31, 1955

Vietnam Conflict - February 28, 1961 to and including May 7, 1975

Lebanon - June 1, 1983 to and including December 1, 1987

Grenada - October 23, 1983 to and including November 21, 1983

Panama - December 20, 1989 to and including January 31, 1990

Persian Gulf - August 2, 1990 to the end of such hostilities (not yet determined)

Commissioned corps of the US public health services: July 29, 1945 - September 2, 1945

June 26, 1950 - July 3, 1952

Credit for Lebanon, Grenada and Panama will be limited to those who received the Armed Forces expeditionary medal, the Navy expeditionary medal, or the Marine Corps expeditionary medal. The DD-214 form that has always been required to verify military service should also contain verification of possession of expeditionary medals for Lebanon, Grenada or Panama.

As of February 15, 1985 New York State Residency at the time of entry into active service is **NO LONGER REQUIRED**.

A disabled or non-disabled veteran who wishes to establish eligibility for additional credits **MUST** claim these credits with the filing of this application. You will be allowed the option of waiving these credits after the completion of the examination.

**MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY:** 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.