New Orleans Civil Service

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

OFFICIAL CLASS TITLE

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT
(CLASS CODE 0418)

ENTRANCE SALARY:
Range: $47,471 - $53,750* PER YEAR

FINAL DATE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS: Applications will be accepted until this announcement is withdrawn.

KIND OF WORK:

Professional, specialized and some supervisory work in summarizing, recording, analyzing, categorizing and interpreting financial data. Work includes modifying accounting systems and procedures in the City's centralized accounting bureau. Employees in this class perform special studies, prepare fund level and government wide financial statements, analyze data and implement recommendations; and related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1) A Bachelor's Degree in accounting from an accredited college or university **or** a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in another field with at least twenty-four (24) semester hours in accounting. **Original college diploma or official college transcript must be submitted within two (2) weeks of filing an application.**

2) Three (3) years of professional Governmental Fund Accounting or Governmental Fund Auditing experience. This experience must have included preparing or auditing governmental financial fund level and government wide financial statements for a large governmental agency in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards.

Note: The Department of Civil Service reserves the right to determine the relatedness of the degree and/or experience. Professional experience must have been earned after the receipt of a Bachelor's degree.

*Hiring rate will be contingent upon an assessment of the candidate's possession of an active Certified Public Accountant or Certified Internal Auditor Certification.

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

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KIND OF EXAMINATION:

A qualifying written test and a rating of training and experience, weighted 100%. Credit will only be given for experience gained within the last ten (10) years. **Qualified applicants currently employed as an Accountant I, II or III's with the City of New Orleans are exempt from the qualifying written test.**

Note: Additional credit will be granted for possession of a Certified Public Accountant or Certified Internal Auditor Certification.

This is an original entrance examination.

DOMICILE requirements are currently waived for this examination.

THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, AGE, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, CREED, CULTURE, OR ANCESTRY. REQUESTS FOR ALTERNATE FORMAT OR ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO AMY TREPAGNIER AT (504) 658-3516 OR TTY/VOICE AT (504) 586-4475 or (504) 658-4020.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Applications will not be accepted if received after the closing date or after the stated maximum number of applications has been received, as specified on this announcement. All minimum qualification requirements for examinations must be met by the final filing date unless otherwise specified on this announcement. Applications must be submitted on the official application form AND MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY CIVIL SERVICE, CITY HALL, 1300 PERDIDO STREET, NEW ORLEANS. LOUISIANA, BEFORE THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE FINAL FILING DATE.

DELAY IN THE MAIL: The Department of City Civil Service cannot be responsible for failure of the applicant to receive an admission slip to an examination or for failure of the Department to receive material mailed by the applicant. Applicants should notify the Department of City Civil Service in writing of any address changes.

Candidates for original entrance examinations are required to be domiciled in and, if U.S. citizens, registered voters of Orleans Parish unless otherwise specified on this announcement. Aliens residing in the U.S. are required to provide notarized proof of domicile (and an Alien Registration Card). Permanent employees of the City of New Orleans are exempt from this requirement unless otherwise specified on this announcement.

The minimum age limit is 18 years for any class of work requiring hard physical labor, operation of or proximity to hazardous machinery, exposure to hazardous chemicals, or participation in any other processes or procedures which are prohibited or limited by the Louisiana State Child Labor Law.

The working test (probation) period for most positions in the classified service is six months unless otherwise specified. Any working test period may be extended to a maximum of one year at the request of the appointing authority. Positions in the Inspector General's Office, Fire Department and Police Department as well as all positions in the classes of Institutional Counselor II & III (original entrance), Librarian I-IV, Management Development Analyst I & II, and Management Development Specialist I & II (original entrance), require a one year working test period.

The City of New Orleans has a comprehensive program of substance abuse testing. Candidates for employment for certain positions where the health, welfare and/or safety of the public, co-workers and the individual employee is at risk will have to undergo pre-employment substance abuse screening. Candidates for all other original entrance positions will have to undergo an unannounced substance abuse screening during their working test period. For further information, see Civil Service Rule V, Section 9.

A MEDICAL EXAMINATION is required for all original entrance probationary appointments to ACTIVE classifications, and may be required for re-employment, promotions and/or transfers.

A MEDICAL SCREENING, which may result in a medical examination, is required for all original entrance probationary appointments to **non-active** classifications.

GOOD MORAL CHARACTER is required of all applicants. Any applicant may be disqualified if his/her character or past employment record is found to be unsatisfactory as determined by the Department of City Civil Service. Forgery, misrepresentation of facts, or cheating on examinations is punishable by disqualification, fine and other penalties.

IMPORTANT: Applicants who are licensed to drive should have a current license **on their person** for purposes of identification during **all** phases of an examination. In lieu of such license, the Department of City Civil Service may require that applicants have some form of picture identification.

VETERANS PREFERENCE: On original entrance examinations, veterans (as defined in Article X, Section 10(2) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana), disabled veterans, certain spouses and parents of veterans shall receive additional credit if claimed as provided on the Veterans Preference claim form which can be obtained in this office. To obtain credit, this form must be submitted with the required proof (at the minimum, a DD214) before the final filing date.

ACCREDITED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES: An accredited college or university is an institution that is accredited as a college or university by an organization that is recognized by the USDE (United States Department of Education).

PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE: The Civil Service Department defines this experience as experience gained after receiving a Bachelor's Degree.

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