



PURCHASER I (OC)
NYS #88361010 RC/EL #25053010

Examination to be held **April 5, 2025**; Last filing date **March 7, 2025**

A \$15 non-refundable application filing fee is required. Please refer to Supplement A for further information regarding the application/examination process. Applications are available at: <https://mycivilservice.rocklandgov.com/exams>.

1. **If applying online, completed applications and electronic payment must be submitted by 11:59 PM EST on the last filing date.**
2. **If applying by mail, completed applications must be postmarked no later than the last filing date accompanied by a check or money order made payable to the Rockland County Commissioner of Finance.**

POSITION EXISTS IN: Rockland County Department of General Services, Rockland BOCES, East Ramapo Central School District and Town of Clarkstown.

Some of the agencies/departments listed above may not have vacancies or be filling their vacancies at this time.

An open-competitive as well as a promotion examination will be given on the same day and qualified candidates may also compete therein by filing a separate application for each. The promotion list will take precedence over the open-competitive list in filling vacancies in the agency listed, but upon its exhaustion, the open-competitive list will be used to fill vacancies occurring for a period of at least one year from the date the list was established.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS: Candidates must be legal residents of the States of New York, New Jersey or Connecticut at the time of application submission for the examination.

SALARY: The starting salary is \$37.36 per hour for a 35-hour workweek with the County of Rockland. Salary will be pro-rated for less than full-time positions. Salary may vary in other locations.

WHAT THE JOB IS LIKE: This is technical work of a moderately complex nature involving the responsibility for sourcing and procuring goods and services. The work is carried out in accordance with established laws, policies, and procedures. The position differs from the Assistant Purchaser in the increased level of responsibility and their handling of more complex assignments. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-level administrator and work guidance (e.g., lead work) may be provided to clerical employees. Does related work as required.

When completing the application, your description of experience must specify the dates of your employment, the number of hours worked per week, your title, and the main duties for each. Be specific; vagueness will not be resolved in your favor. Candidates who submit incomplete applications or documentation may be disqualified.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: At the time of application submission, you must have: A Bachelor's degree or higher and three (3) years of experience purchasing or procurement of a variety of materials, supplies or equipment*.

*Experience must include hands-on experience in formal and informal bidding in diverse purchasing fields. Experience limited to requisitioning or ordering from a salesperson will not be considered qualifying. In addition, clerical experience in processing or preparing purchase orders is not qualifying experience.

NOTE: Additional years of the required experience may be substituted for the college degree on a year-for-year basis.

Education Requirements/Transcripts:

If using college credits to qualify, official college transcripts must be sent directly from the educational institution to the Rockland County Department of Personnel at rcexams@co.rockland.ny.us; student transcripts are not acceptable. Educational requirements must be met within twelve (12) months from the date of the examination. **Candidates will be required to provide proof of qualifying education within 12 months of exam date in order to be eligible for appointment from a certified list.** You will be restricted from a resulting eligible list until such time as transcripts have been received and reviewed for a determination to confirm whether minimum qualifications have been met. Failure to comply with the deadlines set herein may result in the disapproval of your application and/or disqualification from a resulting list of eligible candidates. Your college degree and/or college credit must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree and/or college credit was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. Candidates are responsible for any required evaluation fees. Information concerning evaluation of foreign education and training, is available here: <https://www.rocklandcountyny.gov/departments/personnel/applicant-candidate-resources-forms>.

ALL OUTSTANDING APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION: Must be submitted to the Rockland County Department of Personnel no later than two (2) weeks prior to the exam date. Failure to comply with the deadlines set herein may result in the disapproval of your application; disqualification from sitting for the examination; and/or disqualification from a resulting list of eligible candidates. These deadlines are subject to change by the Rockland County Department of Personnel upon notice to a candidate.

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SUBJECT OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION:

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. Understanding and Interpreting Written Material – These questions test for the ability to understand and interpret written material. You will be presented with brief reading passages and will be asked questions about the passages. You should base your answers to the questions **only** on what is presented in the passages and **not** on what you may happen to know about the topic.
3. Arithmetic Computation with Calculator – These questions test for the ability to use a calculator to do basic computations. Questions will involve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. You may also be asked to calculate averages, to use percents, and to round an answer to the nearest whole number. **You will be provided with a hand-held battery- or solar-powered calculator for use on this test.** You will **not** be permitted to use the **calculator** function of your **cell phone**.
4. Principles and Practices of Purchasing – These questions test for candidates' knowledge of the principles guiding governmental purchasing operations and the ability to put them into practice. These questions may deal with but are not necessarily limited to such matters as the analysis of bids, the use of specifications, the award of contracts, the analysis of market factors that can affect the cost of a purchase, and the application of a set of rules to determine how to proceed with a purchase. Some arithmetic computation may be necessary. No specific knowledge of NYS purchasing laws, rules and regulations will be required to answer these questions.

USE OF CALCULATORS IS RECOMMENDED FOR THIS EXAMINATION

TEST GUIDE: 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>.

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