



PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN (PROM)
NYS #73990010 RC/EL #26012010

Examination to be held **February 28, 2026**; Last filing date **February 03, 2026**

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://www.rocklandcountyny.gov/departments/personnel/for-job-seekers/applicant-candidate-resources-forms>

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.

PARTICIPATING AGENCY: Rockland County Department of Health.

For this promotion examination, eligibles can be appointed only in the jurisdiction in which they are presently employed.

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.

SALARY: In accordance with the appropriate labor agreement.

WHAT THE JOB IS LIKE: This is work of a moderately complex nature which involves the responsibility for overseeing a variety of public health activities and programs including supervising, directing, investigating and inspecting programs that impact the environment, housing and/or food service establishments. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-level administrator and direct supervision is exercised over professional, technical and 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: You must be currently employed by the **Rockland County Department of Health** and have three (3) years of permanent, competitive class status there as a Public Health Technician II or five (5) years of permanent, competitive class status there as a Public Health Technician I within a period of three years immediately preceding the date of the examination.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completion of a public health training course approved by the New York State Department of Health must be completed within two (2) years of appointment; and
2. Possession of a valid driver's license or accessibility to transportation to meet field work requirements in a timely and efficient manner.

NOTE: If you were permanently appointed to a qualifying title and had provisional or contingent-permanent service in the same title immediately preceding the permanent appointment, such service shall be counted towards meeting the time in title required to apply for this examination.

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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.

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. Inspection and Interviewing Techniques – These questions test your ability to select the proper course of action in situations which might occur during routine inspections. Question topics may cover, but will not be limited to, such areas as interviewing, gathering information and evidence, maintaining proper attitude, and handling irregularities and violations with integrity and sound judgment. Some questions may be in a situational format while others may deal with the proper principles and practices of inspection.
3. Application of Scientific Principles and Knowledge to Public and Environmental Health Protection – These questions test for knowledge of public and environmental health principles, the ability to investigate and identify the causes of various public and environmental health problems, and to recommend the appropriate remedial actions for such problems.
4. Microbiology as Related to Disease Prevention and Control, Sanitary Chemistry, and Toxic Substances – These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices of microbiology involved in disease prevention and control, including such areas as food, water and environmental sanitation, toxic substances, and communicable diseases.
5. Supervision – These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.

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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