

SECRETARY II (YIDDISH-SPEAKING)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a third-level title in the clerical line responsible for secretarial tasks and clerical processing responsibilities. The secretarial responsibilities require the ability to independently assess and manage non-routine situations and information, as well as prioritize tasks effectively to support an administrator* in their decision-making process. While stenography and typing are required, they may not reflect the primary responsibilities of the job. The work is distinguished from that of a Secretary II in that some of the duties performed in this position require the incumbent to possess speaking and reading ability in Yiddish at the fluency level indicated below in the Notes. The work is performed under the general supervision of an administrator and work guidance (e.g., lead work) may be given to lower-level clerical employees. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Manages incoming calls and visitors, and establishes priorities for submission to an administrator;
Makes decisions in handling non-routine situations and data and relieves an administrator of office routine;
Takes dictation and types from shorthand notes, copy, rough notes, dictating equipment, etc.;

Schedules and arranges meetings, conferences and appointments and assembles and coordinates background material;
Attends meetings, takes minutes, prepares agendas, transcribes minutes and prepares resolutions and determinations for distribution to relevant stakeholders;
Answers routine correspondence and composes letters for official signature;
Establishes and maintains confidential and general office records;
Prepares and/or coordinates the preparation of a variety of reports and statistical data;
Answers moderately difficult questions related to the activities of the office;
Coordinates work activities and assists with routine administrative or technical functions;
Communicates administrative directives and policies across the work unit;
Establishes and implements office procedures and maintains efficient work flow;
Schedules personnel and coordinates substitute coverage;
Reviews accounts, reports and other documents for completeness, accuracy and conformity with established procedures;
Orders office supplies and maintains inventory of supplies and equipment;
Monitors expenditures to maintain budgetary controls;
Operates standard office machines and utilizes various computer programs and applications for the completion of work assignments.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of English grammar, usage, punctuation and spelling; good knowledge of office terminology, procedures and equipment; good knowledge of business arithmetic; ability to provide work guidance to others; ability to type accurately and at a rate of speed satisfactory to the appointing authority**;

ability to record dictation at a rate of speed satisfactory to the appointing authority**;

ability to design and maintain filing systems; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; ability to understand and carry out difficult oral and written instructions; ability to read, speak and understand colloquial Yiddish; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relations with others; ability to use computer programs and applications**.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and four (4) years of office clerical or business experience, at least one (1) year of which involved supervisory and/or non-routine*** duties.

NOTES:

1. Additional qualifying experience or any academic, technical or vocational training may be substituted for schooling on a year-for-year basis.
2. An Associate's degree may be substituted for two (2) years of the required general experience.
3. A Bachelor's degree or higher may be deemed fully qualifying.
4. Incumbents are expected to possess a Level II proficiency in Yiddish (as defined by the Examinations Division of the State of New York Department of Civil Service) which requires that the incumbent be able to speak the language with sufficient structural accuracy and vocabulary to participate effectively in most formal and informal conversations on practical, social and professional topics not requiring specialized vocabulary (e.g., technical engineering, medicine, etc.); can discuss particular interests and special fields of competence in general terms with reasonable ease; possesses adequate comprehension to normal rate of speech; has good control of grammar and errors do not interfere with understanding; can read with understanding a standard newspaper, correspondence and official documents.

PROMOTION: One (1) year of permanent competitive class status as a Secretary I (Yiddish-Speaking).

*An administrator is someone who is responsible for the direction and control of an organization or organizational unit. In addition to the supervision of work groups, an administrator is involved in planning, resource allocation, program evaluation and policy formulation.

**To be demonstrated during the probationary period.

***Non-routine duties are tasks or activities that do not follow a predictable or repetitive pattern and often require unique problem-solving skills, creativity and adaptability. It is unlike routine work, which involves activities that are well-defined, structured and can be performed using established procedures or guidelines.

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