Police Officer Examination

Written Examination: Saturday, April 25, 2015

Application Deadline: March 13, 2015*

*Please note; there will be an additional $50 fee for applications received after this date.

Applications will not be accepted after March 26, 2015

For information call: 617-878-9895
Outside the Boston area call: 1-800-392-6178

www.mass.gov/civilservice

Apply online at www.mass.gov/civilservice

You must apply online using Visa or MasterCard. There is a $100 application fee or obtain a fee waiver form online. No personal checks or cash will be accepted.

Additional information about the examination eligibility requirements is available on the web site or at the Human Resources Division, One Ashburton Place, Room 301, Boston, MA 02108. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:45AM-5:00PM. You may also call 617-878-9895. Outside Boston, call 1-800-392-6178.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is an affirmative action / equal opportunity employer.

Women, minorities, veterans and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

We do not recommend or endorse any private school, service or publisher offering preparation and/or publications for this examination and we are not responsible for their advertising claims.
Police Officer, Cities and Towns and MBTA Transit Police

Education/Experience Requirement:
As of the date of appointment, candidates must have either:

- A high school diploma or equivalency certificate approved by the Massachusetts Department of Education OR

- Three years of experience in the armed forces of the United States with last release or discharge under honorable conditions.

Age Requirement:
As of the posting of this notice, candidates must be at least 21 years of age or on or before April 25, 2015, for all civil service Police Officer jurisdictions as stated in MGL Chapter 31, Section 58. An exception may apply to current military personnel serving on active duty on the date of examination and requesting a military makeup. It is your responsibility to review any additional age requirements for the Police Departments covered by Civil Service. Please be advised that the list of communities is subject to change and inquiries about status changes should be directed to the municipalities in question.

FEE WAIVER: The examination fee may be waived for candidates receiving certain state or federal public assistance, or unemployment insurance. Fee Waiver Forms are available at the Applicant Forms section of our website (Fee Waiver Form). This Form should be completed and supporting documentation must be scanned and attached to this application. All Fee Waiver forms must be submitted on or before March 13, 2015.

SPANISH-SPEAKING CANDIDATES: You may take the written examination in the Spanish language. If you do, you must take and pass a separate written examination that tests your ability to read and understand English. This English Comprehension written examination will be administered on May 8, 2015. If you wish to take the written examination in the Spanish language, you must submit a separate letter requesting this along with your application and examination fee or Fee Waiver Form by the deadline above. A separate confirmation will be sent to candidates approved to take the May 8, 2015, English Comprehension written examination. If you pass the English Comprehension examination, you will be scheduled to take the Police Officer written examination in the Spanish language on a date to be determined. If you fail the English Comprehension examination, you will not be eligible to take the Police Officer written examination.

TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: If you need special accommodations due to a documented impairment, you must submit a letter of support from a qualified professional detailing what type of accommodation you require at the exam site, and such letter must be scanned and attached to this application. Without such a letter, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to grant your accommodation. This information is requested only to provide reasonable accommodation for exams, and will not be used for any other purposes.

CURRENT MILITARY PERSONNEL: All military personnel who, in connection with current service, have military orders that indicate their unavailability due to military service on the examination date, must file an application and examination fee during the application period and request a makeup examination in writing, with a copy of your military orders attached. Please include in your request your e-mail address, daytime base phone number and/or name and phone number of a friend or family member with whom you have regular contact and entrust with your personal communication. Requests filed after the application period (January 9, 2015 through March 26, 2015) must be accompanied by a DD214 showing discharge within six months of the request and dates of active service that include the entire application period.

This examination will determine the pool of applicants eligible for appointment to the position of police officer for cities and towns Covered by the Civil Service statute including Transit Police Officer, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

Please visit our website at www.mass.gov/civilservice for a detailed description of the entrance requirements and duties of a Police Officer.