



Yates County Office of Civil Service
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EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST** **Exam #60069630**

YATES COUNTY ANNOUNCES AN OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST **(EXAM #60069630)**

Type of Appointment:	Permanent	Location:	Varies
Position Status:	Full Time		
Classification:	Competitive		
Vacancies:	The resulting eligible list will be used to fill current and future vacancies which may occur.	Exam Date:	December 19, 2026
Residency Requirement:	Candidates must be legal residents of Yates, Seneca, Steuben, Schuyler, or Ontario County 30 days prior to submitting your application.	Application Fee:	\$17.00 (non-refundable)
Posted:	September 10, 2026	Application Deadline:	November 18, 2026

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

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.

Fundamentals of account keeping and bookkeeping

These questions test for a knowledge of basic principles and practices of account keeping and bookkeeping. The questions test for recognizing account keeping and bookkeeping terms, concepts and relationships; recording financial transactions; and solving elementary problems in account keeping and bookkeeping.

Understanding and interpreting tabular material

These questions test your ability to understand, analyze, and use the internal logic of data presented in tabular form. You may be asked to perform tasks such as completing tables, drawing conclusions from them, analyzing data trends or interrelationships, and revising or combining data sets. The concepts of rate, ratio, and proportion are tested. Mathematical operations are simple, and computational speed is not a major factor in the test.

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.

Calculator: Recommended

Test guide: A Guide for the Written Test for **Higher Level Account Clerical** is available at the New York State website: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST - JOB DESCRIPTION

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The work involves responsibility for planning, assigning and supervising major account keeping activities and/or independently performing difficult and responsible account keeping functions. The work is performed under general supervision in accordance with outlined policies and procedures allowing for the exercise of independent judgement in planning and carrying out the details of the work. This class differs from that of Senior Account Clerk/Typist by the more difficult and complex nature of the assignments and the independence allowed in carrying out the work and/or if applicable, by the supervisory responsibilities of subordinate staff. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES (Illustrative Only):

Plans, assigns and reviews the maintaining and checking of a wide variety of financial records and reports and instructs employees in the specialized details of the work;
Oversees and assists in the classification of a complex variety of receipts and expenditures and the distribution of costs according to prescribed codes;
Directs the audit of varied accounts, claims and records and the preparation of reports thereon;
Directs the compilation, preparation and analysis of a variety of complex financial and statistical records and reports;
Assists in the preparation of annual operating budgets and ensures the maintenance of necessary financial controls;
Oversees the receiving and accounting for large amounts of money in payment for a variety of bills, taxes, and related obligations;
Revises, systematizes and installs account keeping methods and procedures;
Reconciles ledgers of revenue received with bank statements; Conducts correspondence in connection with financial matters;
May supervise the preparation of purchase orders and the securing of bids from vendors;
Operates a computer, calculator and other related office machines;
Performs data entry; types forms, form letters, transcripts, invoices, vouchers, records, payrolls, reports, letters, memoranda, etc., on personal computer at an acceptable rate of speed;
May be responsible for processing timecards, payroll for an entire organization (including complex payroll transactions), and all related reports as necessary;
Performs other duties as assigned.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of modern methods used in keeping and checking financial records and accounts;
Thorough knowledge of office terminology, procedures and equipment and business English;
Ability to plan, assign and supervise the work of account keeping and clerical assistants;
Ability to make complex arithmetic computations involving fractions, decimals and percentage accurately;
Ability to analyze and organize complex data and prepare records and reports;
Ability to understand and interpret complex oral instructions and/or written directions;
Ability to develop effective working relationships and deal diplomatically with the public, subordinates, and other work contacts;
Ability to perform close, detail work involving considerable visual effort and concentration;
Ability to operate a personal computer keyboard at an acceptable rate of speed;
Integrity and good judgement in solving complex account keeping problems is required;
The employees' physical and mental condition shall be commensurate with the demands of the position, with or without reasonable accommodation.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION:

- a) Associate's Degree, or higher, in accounting, business, or a closely related field **AND** two (2) years of experience maintaining financial accounts or records; **OR**
- b) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma **AND** four (4) years of experience maintaining financial accounts and records; **OR**
- c) An equivalent combination of training and experience equal to or greater than that specified in (a) or (b) above.

NOTE: Your degree must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT AND CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT:

Possession of a valid New York State Driver's license is required at the time of appointment, and such license must be maintained in good standing throughout the tenure of employment in the position.

***Anticipated Eligibility – Educational Requirements:**

According to Civil Service Law, section 54, which became effective September 4, 2024, applicants who are **within 12 months of attaining the minimum educational requirements** following the date of examination, may take the Civil Service Exam, but will be restricted from certification until such a time that the minimum educational requirements are met.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS: Each candidate will be subject to a thorough background investigation. Applicants may be required to authorize access to educational, financial, employment, criminal history, mental health records or other records. Conviction of a felony will bar appointment. Conviction of a misdemeanor or other offense is subject to evaluation and may bar appointment. Additional investigations may include but are not limited to

questionnaires, interviews and background checks of any nature. At the discretion of the employing law enforcement agency, candidates may be subject to additional screenings as a term and condition of employment, including but not limited to fingerprinting, polygraph and psychological testing. Drug testing is included in the required medical exam. Failure to meet the standards for any screenings may result in disqualification.

EEOE / DISCLAIMER:

Yates County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Yates County does not unlawfully discriminate in employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, arrest and/or criminal conviction record unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification or other exception, genetic predisposition, or domestic violence victim status.

The Yates County Personnel Office is responsible for job titles for all public employment positions within Yates County, excluding NYS Department of Education positions. There are numerous job titles that are shared between all of our appointing authorities. **Exam announcements** that are distributed for a job title you have within your workforce does not automatically mean that position is vacant, will become vacant or is currently being recruited for. It is the Personnel Officer's responsibility to be prepared for anticipated job vacancies, therefore, exams may be given in anticipation of upcoming retirements, promotions, etc. Requests to order exams may be submitted by appointing authorities as well. The majority of all Civil Service exams are scheduled by NYS Civil Service. Some exams, for example, are only given every 4 years, so it is in our best interest to give such exams when offered in order to be prepared. If a position is vacant or will become vacant, a **Vacancy Announcement** will be distributed and, on that announcement, it includes the work location along with other pertinent details pertaining to the location for which the vacancy will occur. **Exam Announcements are different from Vacancy Announcements and should not be misconstrued as being an advertisement for an open position.**