

**JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**  
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**\*A NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE OF \$15 MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION**  
**PLEASE COMPLETE APPLICATION IN ITS' ENTIRETY - DO NOT SEND RESUME.**

**OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION**  
**FOR**  
**NO. 60007-200 SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK**

**VACANCIES:** This list may be used to fill vacancies as they occur within the Jefferson County Civil Service Division. (County Departments, Towns, Schools, Villages, Special Districts)

**SALARY:** \$21.42 – \$26.23/hr. (2024 Rate) (County Departments Only)

**CANDIDATES MUST HAVE BEEN LEGAL RESIDENTS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY OR CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES (Lewis, St. Lawrence, Oswego) FOR AT LEAST ONE MONTH IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN TEST.** Preference in appointment may be given to candidates who have been legal residents of the appointing jurisdiction for at least one month prior to the date of certification of eligibles and must be a resident of such jurisdiction at time of appointment.

**LAST FILING DATE: November 29, 2024**

**EXAMINATION DATE: January 18, 2025**

Disabled Persons and Persons needing Religious Accommodation: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must meet the following requirements on or before the date of the written test:

(A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college with an associate's degree in accounting, business administration, or related field and one year of experience in maintaining financial accounts and records; or

**ALL CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF THEIR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT AT TIME OF APPLICATION.**

(B) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and three years of experience in maintaining financial accounts and records; or

(C) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B) above.

**NOTE: CANDIDATES WHO WILL OBTAIN THE MINIMUM EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION SHALL BE PERMITTED TO SIT FOR THE EXAMINATION.**

**NOTE: Finger printing may be required for this position. Any fee will be paid by the applicant.**

**EXAMPLES OF WORK:** (illustrative only)

Reviews a variety of more complex financial documents, classifies them and distributes items into a variety of accounts according to prescribed procedures and policies, and makes journal entries;

Posts figures to appropriate accounts, makes all necessary adjustments in balances and verifies and reconciles balances, renews status of accounts as adjustments are made, and takes appropriate action as authorizing payments, issuing checks, or preparing bills;

Tracks, audits, and monitors a variety of accounts, verifies adjustments are made to correct allocations, and issues reports as required;

May supervise employees by assigning and reviewing completed work and instructing new employees in specialized account-keeping activities;

Issues receipts for monies received and prepares funds for deposit into book accounts;

Reconciles accounts and prepares reports from information;

Contacts clients, vendors, or other agencies to obtain additional information;

Provides information orally or in writing in response to inquiries on status of accounts;

Compiles data for and prepares and analyzes complex financial and statistical records and reports;

Processes, sorts, indexes, records, and files a variety of control records and reports, or supervises the process;

Checks for accuracy of computations and completeness or supervises the preparation of daily, weekly and monthly reports which are compiled into summary reports or claims for state or federal reimbursement;

Prepares in final format, accounting and financial statements, payrolls, statistical tabulations and data, form letters, memoranda, vouchers, reports, requisitions or data from various equipment as the source material;

May assist in preparation of figures and reports for use in budget preparation;

May prepare, review, and process claims for State aid;

Does more complex payroll transactions and prepares all related reports;

Operates calculator, computer terminal, check writing machine, and other related office equipment.

**SCOPE OF EXAMINATION: Written test will cover knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:**

**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.

**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 should bring with you 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**.

**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. **You should bring with you 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**.

## **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.

### **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.

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NOTE: Candidates are allowed to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, Spell Checkers, Personal Digital Assistants, Address Books, Language Translators, Dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited. You may not bring books, reference materials, devices, or calculators which provide assistance beyond simple numerical computation. **THE USE OF CALCULATORS IS RECOMMENDED FOR THIS EXAM.**

**MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY:** With the exception of written tests announced by New York City, if you have applied to take a written test announced by New York State or any local jurisdiction (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must indicate all pertinent examination (exam number, title, and location/jurisdiction) information on a separate piece of paper and submit it with your application.

CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE PLACE OF THE EXAMINATION.

\*A **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of \$15 is required for each separately-numbered examination for which you apply. The required fee must accompany your application. Send check or money order payable to the **Jefferson County Treasurer** and write the examination title(s) and number(s) on your check or money order. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** File only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. An exception to the fee requirement will be made only for persons who provide proof that they are unemployed and are primarily responsible for the support of the household; or who are receiving Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. Individuals wishing to claim this waiver of fee must complete an **Application Fee Waiver Request and Certification Form**. This form is available at the Jefferson County Department of Human Resources office. Such claims are subject to later verification and, if not supported by appropriate documentation are grounds for barring appointment.

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