



New York City Transit

# Notice of Examination

## Promotion to Maintenance Supervisor (Power Distribution), Exam No. 2716

**Application Deadline:**

June 28, 2022

**Types of Tests:**

Multiple-Choice Test,  
Supervisory Abilities  
Assessment and Report Writing  
Assessment

**Application Fee:**

\$91.00

**Test Date:** (subject to change)

Saturday October 8, 2022 or  
Sunday October 9, 2022

Note: Unless otherwise specified, you will be randomly scheduled to test on one of the dates indicated above.

### JOB DESCRIPTION

**Maintenance Supervisors (Power Distribution)**, under general supervision, supervise staff engaged in the installation, inspection, testing, maintenance, repair and alteration of the contact rail system and related power distribution cable system. They supervise a third rail maintenance crew that maintains and repairs contact rails, insulators, protection boards and brackets, and snow melting machines; bond negative and positive rails; inspect the third rail for defects; and respond to emergencies. They supervise a cable crew that maintains and repairs positive and negative cables, circuit breaker control cables, and messenger cables. They supervise material control functions; oversee the work of contractors; perform basic computer work; compile and analyze records and make recommendations; plan investigations and prepare reports; drive a motor vehicle; and perform related work.

Some of the physical activities performed by Maintenance Supervisors (Power Distribution) and environmental conditions they experience are: working outdoors in all kinds of weather; walking along subway tracks; stepping over rails (including live 600-volt contact rails); climbing and walking on elevated structures; climbing and descending ladders; and lifting heavy materials and equipment.

**Special Working Conditions:** Power Distribution Maintainers may be required to work various shifts, including nights, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

(This brief description does not include all of the duties of this position.)

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## **SALARY**

The current minimum salary for Maintenance Supervisor (Power Distribution) is \$83,059 per annum, increasing to \$97,717 per annum in the sixth year of service. These rates are subject to change.

## **ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION**

This examination is open to each employee of MTA New York City Transit who **on the first date of the multiple-choice test:**

1. Is permanently (not provisionally) employed in or appears on a Preferred List (see Note, below) for the eligible title of Power Distribution Maintainer; and
2. Is not otherwise ineligible.

(Note: A "Preferred List" is a civil service list which is only for certain former permanent incumbents of the eligible title who have rehiring rights.)

This examination is also open to employees who were appointed to an eligible title pursuant to New York State Civil Service Law, section 55-a, and who meet all other eligibility requirements.

You are responsible for determining whether you meet the eligibility requirements for this examination prior to submitting the Application. If you do not know if you are eligible, check with **your department's Human Resources representative**. You may be given the tests before we verify your eligibility. If you are marked "Not Eligible," your application fee will **not** be refunded, and you will **not** receive a score.

This examination is **not** open to employees of MaBSTOA or MTA Bus Company, or to employees of MTA agencies other than MTA New York City Transit.

## **REQUIREMENTS TO BE PROMOTED**

**Probationary Period:** At the time of promotion, you must have completed your probationary period in the eligible title as indicated in the above "Eligibility to Take Examination" section, and you must be permanently employed in that title or your name must appear on a Preferred List for the title at the time of promotion. Additionally, you must have served permanently in the eligible title for at least one year. Time served prior to a break in service of more than one year will not be credited.

**Driver License Requirement:** At the time of promotion, you must have a Motor Vehicle Driver License valid in the State of New York with no disqualifying restrictions that would preclude the performance of the duties of this title. If you have serious moving violations, a license suspension or an accident record you may be disqualified. This license must be maintained for the duration of your employment in the title.

**Drug Screening Requirement:** You must pass a drug screening in order to be promoted.

## **HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION**

If you believe you meet the requirements in the "Eligibility to Take Examination" section, you may submit an application during the application period. The MTA Exam Information Center, located in the lobby of 180 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, is currently closed. If you believe you have a special circumstance (e.g., a disability, military duty) that prevents you from applying as instructed below, please refer to the Special Circumstances Guide referenced in the "Special Arrangements" section below. Applications will **not** be accepted in person.

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## HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION (Continued)

### Online Applications:

1. If you are an active MTA employee, apply using the “BSC” employee portal at [www.mymta.info](http://www.mymta.info) by the last day of the application period (non-active MTA employees and applicants requesting a fee waiver must email us by the last day of the application period at [examsunit@nyct.com](mailto:examsunit@nyct.com) for application instructions). Note: The application system may not function properly with mobile devices or tablets. For best results when applying, please use the latest version of Internet Explorer, open a new window, and avoid having multiple tabs open in the same window.
2. Once you have logged in, click on the My Job Search ribbon and then click on Exams (non-Railroad).
3. Follow the steps to submit an application.
4. Active MTA employees must pay the application fee via payroll deduction.
5. A confirmation number will appear on the same page after submitting your application and authorizing a payroll deduction (Save this number for future reference).

**IMPORTANT:** Your application submission confirms that you have read this Notice of Examination, including any dates and the requirements.

**Application Fee:** This fee is generally not refundable. Under special circumstances, you may be entitled to a refund. Please refer to the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (“DCAS”) General Exam Regulation E.3.4 to determine if you are entitled to a refund. Please visit [http://web.mta.info/nyct/hr/forms\\_instructions.htm](http://web.mta.info/nyct/hr/forms_instructions.htm) to access the DCAS General Exam Regulations online. Application fee refund requests, along with any relevant supporting documentation, should be emailed to [examsmakeups@nyct.com](mailto:examsmakeups@nyct.com) or mailed to the address in the “Correspondence” section below.

### ADMISSION LETTER

An Admission Letter will be mailed to you about 10 days before the first date of the multiple-choice test. If you do not receive an Admission Letter at least 4 days before this date, you must email a request for a duplicate Admission Letter to [examsunit@nyct.com](mailto:examsunit@nyct.com). A paper copy of the Admission Letter is your ticket for admission to the test.

Applicants **must** keep their mailing address **up to date**. Please refer to the “Correspondence” section below for instructions on how to update your address and other contact information.

### THE TEST

The test will consist of three distinct components: a competitive multiple-choice test, a qualifying report writing assessment and a qualifying supervisory abilities assessment. All three components of the test will be given in a single session on the same day. A score of at least 70% is required to pass each test.

You will be assigned to a test date and location, and you cannot request that your scheduled test date or location be changed, unless you meet the conditions in the “Special Arrangements” section below.

Your score on the competitive multiple-choice test will determine 85% of your final score. Your seniority will determine the remaining 15%. You must pass the competitive multiple-choice test and both the qualifying report writing assessment and supervisory abilities assessment to have your seniority credited. Your seniority score will be 70 plus ½ point for each three months of completed, continuous, permanent service with an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services, in competitive class titles. Your service will be credited through the first date of the competitive multiple-choice test, up to a maximum of 15 years. Time served prior to a break in service of more than one year will not be credited.

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Veterans' or Disabled Veterans' Credit will be granted only to eligible passing candidates who request that they be applied. Veterans' or Disabled Veterans' Credit should be requested at the time of application but **must** be requested before the date the eligible list is established. Claims for Veterans' or Disabled Veterans' Credit cannot be made once the eligible list is established.

The competitive multiple-choice test may include questions on the following areas:

- **Power Operations:** Knowledge of safe and efficient work practices related to power operations and of power distribution prints
  - Example: Reading a schematic to trace a power cable that feeds the third rail
- **NYCT Rules and Regulations:** Knowledge of standard operating procedures in accordance with MTA New York City Transit Rules and Regulations
  - Example: Understanding and properly utilizing Transit's sick leave policy
- **Power Distribution Equipment:** Technical knowledge of power distribution equipment; electrical circuitry and testing procedures
  - Example: Using rubber insulated gloves when performing work on the third rail
- **Track Safety:** Knowledge of safe work practices on the tracks; handling emergency situations
  - Example: Using an approved tool bag without a shoulder strap while walking on the tracks.

The test may also include questions on other related abilities or knowledge areas.

The qualifying supervisory abilities assessment may include questions that assess the following abilities:

- **Planning and Organizing:** Establishing a course of action for self and/or others to accomplish a specific goal; planning proper assignment of personnel and appropriate allocation of resources
  - Example: Creating a plan to perform emergency work on the tracks
- **Delegation:** Utilizing subordinates effectively; allocating decision making and other responsibilities to the appropriate subordinates
  - Example: Assigning maintainers appropriate jobs based on their experience and talents
- **Management Control:** Establishing procedures to monitor and/or regulate processes, tasks, or activities of subordinates and job activities and responsibilities; taking action to monitor the results of delegated assignments or projects.
  - Example: Creating procedures on how to replace insulators in a section of track
- **Development of Subordinates:** Developing the skills and competencies of subordinates through training and development activities related to current and future jobs; providing ongoing feedback and opportunities to learn through formal and informal methods
  - Example: Allowing newer maintainers to be paired with more experienced maintainers to learn aspects of the job
- **Sensitivity:** Actions that indicate a consideration for the feelings and needs of others
  - Example: Allowing maintainers requested time off if available
- **Analysis:** Identifying problems, securing relevant information, relating data from different sources, and identifying possible causes of problems
  - Example: Determining how much material is needed for emergency work
- **Judgment:** Developing alternative courses of action and making decisions based on logical assumptions that reflect factual information and/or recognizing imaginative solutions and innovations in work-related situations
  - Example: Determining which assignments are high priority and should be completed as soon as possible

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- **Decisiveness:** Readiness to make decisions, render judgments, take action, or commit oneself
  - Example: Deciding which jobs maintainers will be assigned for the day
- **Administration and Management:** Knowledge of planning, coordination, and execution of business functions, resource allocation, and production
  - Example: Planning a weekend's General Order work
- **Conflict Management:** Managing and resolving conflicts, grievances, confrontations, or disagreements in a constructive manner to minimize negative personal impact
  - Example: Resolving a conflict among two of your maintainers
- **Cost Consciousness:** Possessing a consistent awareness of cost control throughout the planning and execution phases of all work processes. Utilizing business knowledge, qualitative or quantitative data and good judgement to determine the most cost-effective means to produce or obtain a desired business outcome. This includes the ability to make decisions utilizing appropriate cost controlling methods and techniques that will produce cost savings and the most desirable financial outcome for the organization.
  - Example: Offering overtime on the few days needed to complete a long project instead of budgeting extra full days of work

The qualifying report writing assessment will require candidates to write one or more reports based on information provided on the day of the test. Candidates will be evaluated on their ability to write concisely, comprehensively and clearly using good grammatical form. Only those candidates who achieve passing scores on the competitive multiple-choice test and qualifying supervisory abilities assessment will have their qualifying report writing assessment rated.

## TEST ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES

**Warning:** You are not permitted to enter the test site with cellular phones, smart watches, beepers, pagers, cameras, portable media players, or other electronic devices. Calculators are permitted; however, they must be hand-held, battery or solar powered, numeric only. Calculators with functions **other than** addition, subtraction, multiplication and division **are prohibited**. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you use any of these devices in the building at any time before, during or after the test, you may **not** receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will **not** be refunded.

**Social Distancing** and other safety protocols, **including the wearing of masks**, will be required during the administration of the test. Further details will be provided on your admission letter.

You may not have any other person, including children, present with you while you are being processed for or taking the test and no one may wait for you inside of the test site while you are taking the test.

**Leaving:** You must leave the test site once you finish the test. If you leave the test site after being fingerprinted but before finishing the test, you will not be permitted to re-enter. If you disregard this instruction and re-enter the test site, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

**Proof of Identity:** You must present your MTA New York City Transit employee ID when you arrive to take the test.

## THE TEST RESULTS

If you pass the competitive multiple-choice test, qualifying report writing assessment and qualifying supervisory abilities assessment and are marked eligible, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list and you will be given a list number. You will be notified by mail of your test results. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for promotion when your name is reached on the eligible list.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Training:** You may be required to undergo a formalized training course during your probationary period. Failure to successfully complete the training course may result in termination or a return to your previously held permanent title.

## SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

**Late Applications:** Refer to the “Correspondence” section below to contact the Examinations Unit to determine the procedure for submitting a late application if you meet one of the following conditions:

1. You are absent from work for at least one-half of the application period and are unable to apply for reasons such as vacation, sick leave or military duty; or
2. You become eligible after the above application period, but before the first test date.

**Special Test Accommodations:** If you plan to request an alternate test date due to your religious observance or special testing accommodations due to disability, please follow the instructions included in the Special Circumstances Guide, which is accessible online at [http://web.mta.info/nyct/hr/forms\\_instructions.htm](http://web.mta.info/nyct/hr/forms_instructions.htm) and will be attached to this Notice of Examination during the application period. An alternate test date due to religious observance must be requested no later than 15 days prior to the date on which testing is expected to begin. Special testing accommodations due to disability must be requested no later than 30 days prior to the date on which testing is expected to begin.

**Make-Up Tests:** You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the test as scheduled for any of the following reasons:

1. Compulsory attendance before a public body; or
2. On-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City; or
3. Absence from the test within one week after the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child, or child of a domestic partner where you are an officer or employee of the City; or
4. Absence due to ordered military duty; or
5. A clear error for which MTA New York City Transit is responsible; or
6. A temporary disability, pregnancy-related, or child-birth related condition preventing you from taking the test.

To request a make-up test, submit your request with documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test (as attachments) by email to [examsmakeups@nyct.com](mailto:examsmakeups@nyct.com) or by mail to the address in the “Correspondence” section below as soon as possible.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Change of Contact Information:** It is critical that you keep your contact information (i.e., telephone number, mailing address and/or email address) current with MTA New York City Transit. You may miss important information about your exam(s) or consideration for appointment or promotion, including important information that may require a response from you by a specified deadline, if we do not have your correct contact information. To update your contact information, you may

1. Email us at [examsunit@nyct.com](mailto:examsunit@nyct.com) with the subject “Contact Info Update;” or
2. Mail your request to the address at the end of this section.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)**

Your request must include your full name, exam title(s), exam number(s) and your old and new telephone numbers, mailing and/or email address. **MTA employees must also visit the employee portal at [www.mymta.info](http://www.mymta.info) to update their contact information through the MTA Business Service Center (BSC).**

All other correspondence should be sent to [examsunit@nyct.com](mailto:examsunit@nyct.com) and must include "Promotion to Maintenance Supervisor (Power Distribution), Exam No. 2716" in the Subject. Alternatively, you can mail your correspondence to the following address:

Promotion to Maintenance Supervisor (Power Distribution), Exam No. 2716  
MTA New York City Transit  
180 Livingston Street, Room 4070  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

## **PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION**

Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after promotion, and may result in criminal prosecution.