

Issue Date: 11/28/2023

Franklin County Personnel Department Announces

OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION for
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK #66-040

TESTING LOCATION: FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT HOUSE

EXAMINATION DATE: 2/10/24

LAST DATE TO FILE: 12/28/23

Filing Fee: \$10.00 - Non-Refundable (See Filing Fee Section)

Make check or money order payable to: Franklin County Personnel Office

Franklin County is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Calculators are: **RECOMMENDED (See Calculator Section)**

County Website: www.franklincountyny.gov

If you fail to receive an admission letter at least one week prior to the exam date, please contact this office. It is your responsibility to notify this office of any address change, phone numbers, etc. by submitting a "Civil Service Notification of Change Form" to the Personnel Office.

BASE SALARY: Varies with municipality

VACANCIES: One at present, North Country Community College, eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill full-time/part-time present and future vacancies that may occur in Franklin County departments, towns, villages, and school districts under the jurisdiction of the Personnel Officer during the life of the list. Vacancies are expected to occur from time to time. Appointing authorities may give preference to legal residents of their jurisdiction when making appointments.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOCES

Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

CELL PHONES OR ELECTRONIC/COMMUNICATION DEVICES AT THE TEST SITE:

Do **NOT** bring cell phones, beepers, headphones, or any electronic or other communication devices to the test site. The use of such devices at the test site in the test room, hallways, restrooms, building, grounds, or other areas could result in your disqualification.

IMPORTANT NOTE: YOUR ADDRESS MUST BE KEPT CURRENT WITH THIS OFFICE, AS NO CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE FORWARDED.

RIGHT TO REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF PROMOTIONAL EXAM: In accordance with Civil Service Law Section 51-3, any employee who believes that a promotion examination should be held for filling any vacancy in this title may submit to the Franklin County Personnel Office a request, in writing, for a promotion examination, stating their reasons why it is practicable and in the public interest to fill the vacancy by promotion examination.

RESIDENCY: Candidates must have been a legal resident of the County of Franklin or a resident of a jurisdiction within Franklin County for at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of the written test. Preference in certification may be given to residents of the various jurisdictions.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY:

If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date, so arrangements can be made for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at the State examination center.

FRANKLIN COUNTY REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS:

If you have applied for multiple examinations for both State and/or Local, you must fill out the cross-filer application no later than two weeks before the date of the examinations, with exam titles and numbers of other than Franklin County examinations. The form is on the County Website, under Exam Announcements-Forms & General Information.

Exam announcement continued for:

Principal Account Clerk #66-040

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is highly important account keeping work involving responsibility for planning and overseeing complex account keeping activities and independently performing the most important phases of such work. Work is performed under general supervision and in accordance with outlined policies and procedures while calling for frequent exercise of independent judgment. Difficult technical or policy problems are referred to a supervisor for decision, or review of judgment where recommendations are initiated. The incumbent does other related work as required.

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, experience credited towards meeting the minimum qualifications must be full time (30 hours per week or more) paid work experience. Volunteer or part-time experience will only be credited if specified on the exam announcement.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: *(Copy of college transcript (unofficial is accepted) must accompany completed application.)*

- A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration; or
- B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's Degree in Accounting or Associate's Degree in Business Administration and two years of experience in maintaining financial accounts and records; or
- C) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and four years of experience in maintaining financial accounts and records; or
- D) An equivalent combination of experience and training defined by the above limits.

Special Note: Education: 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.

SERIES NAME: Higher Level Account Clerical

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.

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. **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.

CALCULATOR INFORMATION: Use of calculators is **RECOMMENDED**.

Candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, Spell Checkers, Personal Digital Assistants, Address Books, Language Translators, Dictionaries and any similar devices are prohibited.

Exam announcement continued for:

Principal Account Clerk #66-040

FILING FEE INFORMATION: Filing Fee of \$10.00 is NON-REFUNDABLE

A non-refundable exam fee is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The required fee must accompany your application. Payment can be made in the form of Cash, Check, Money Order or in person by Credit Card. Send cash, check or money order payable to the **Franklin County Personnel Office** with the exam number(s) and the applicant's name on the check or money order. **There will be a charge for checks returned for non-payment. Credit card payments may be processed in the Personnel Office with an additional fee applied.**

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A Waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance). **All claims for application fee waivers are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by close of business on the Last Date to File as listed on the Examination Announcement.**

YOU WILL NEED TO CONTACT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT FOR THE REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FEE WAIVER AND CERTIFICATION FORM OR VISIT US ONLINE, UNDER EXAM ANNOUNCEMENTS-FORMS & GENERAL INFORMATION.

If your application is disapproved, the fee will not be refunded. You should carefully review the announced minimum qualifications and any residence requirements and apply only for those examinations for which you clearly qualify.

Applications (postmarked/received) after the last date for filing will not be accepted.

If you submit a personal check for payment of the application fee, and the check is returned by the bank prior to the date of examination, you may not be admitted to the examination. Should your check fail to clear the bank prior to the examination date and be returned for insufficient funds after you have sat for the examination, you may not receive a score.

The Franklin County Personnel Office does not acknowledge receipt of application and does not accept responsibility for non-delivery or postal delay.

If you fail to receive an admission letter at least one week prior to the exam date, please contact this office. It is your responsibility to notify this office of any address change, phone numbers, etc. A "Civil Service Notification of Change Form" must be completed with our office.

SEND APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION TO:

**Franklin County Personnel Office
355 West Main Street-Courthouse
Malone, NY 12953
Phone: (518) 481-1677 or (518) 481-1665**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATIONS

Applicants must answer every question on the application form and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. Incomplete applications may be disapproved. All statements made by candidates are subject to verification.

ALTERNATE TEST DATES

Alternate examination dates may be granted for qualifying circumstances. A request for an alternate examination date must be submitted to the Franklin County Personnel Office with application for examination. A decision will be made and the candidate will be notified by the Personnel Office of the determination.

ANTICIPATED ELIGIBILITY

If successful on the examination, you will not be certified for appointment until you have submitted proof of possession of the required licensure/certificate, if required, to the Franklin County Personnel Department. This proof must be submitted when you receive your licensure/certificate or it will result in the removal of your name from the eligible list.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS, FINGERPRINTS AND FEES

Fingerprinting is sometimes required at the time of appointment. If so, you may be required to pay the processing fee. Background Investigation: Applicants may be required to undergo a State and National Criminal History Background Investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

In conformance with Section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT EXAMINATIONS

Names of candidates from a continuous recruitment examination will be inter-filed on the continuing eligible list in rank order regardless of the date on which they took the test. Franklin County Personnel Department reserves the right to terminate the continuous recruitment program.

ELIGIBLE LISTS

Eligible lists will be established in the order of final rating for successful candidates, and will be established for a period of one - four years unless exhausted prior to that date.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must be medically and physically capable of performing the essential functions of the position and may be required to take examinations to establish this condition prior to employment.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION

Candidates who, because of a religious observance or practice, are unable to compete in an examination scheduled to be held by this office, will be rescheduled. Notification must be made in writing to the Personnel Office with the examination application. The candidate will be notified by the Personnel Office of an alternate test date.

RESIDENCE

Unless otherwise stated all candidates are required to be legal residents of the County of Franklin for not less than thirty days immediately preceding the date of examination. Appointing authorities may give preference to legal residents of their jurisdiction.

TIME AND PLACE OF EXAMINATION

Accepted candidates will be notified of time and place of the examination by letter sent via US mail. You are required to bring the letter of approval for admittance. Disapproved candidates will be so notified. The Personnel Officer does not make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application.

VETERAN CREDITS

Veterans or disabled veterans who may be eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veteran's credit (MSD-332 VC1) form, with a copy of their military discharge papers (Form DD-214) with their application for examination or at any time prior to the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Disabled Veterans must also file two (2) copies of a Disability Record Authorization (MSD-390 9-02L (w) with Veterans Affairs. These forms are available at the Franklin County Personnel Department and must be filed within 30 days of the examination date.

Effective January 1, 1998, the State Constitution was amended to permit a candidate currently in the armed forces to apply for and be conditionally granted veteran's credit in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. **No Credit may be granted after the establishment of the list.** It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof indicating that the service, as defined in Section 85 of the Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran's credits.

***SPECIAL NOTICE-VETERAN'S CREDIT:** Article 5, Section 6 of the NYS Constitution was amended to entitle veterans who have used non-disabled veteran credits for civil service appointment or promotion and who were/are subsequently certified as being a disabled veteran by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, **to additional credits for a subsequent appointment or promotion.** If you believe you may be eligible for additional veteran credits as a result of this change, please contact this office, and you'll be instructed regarding how to proceed.

Candidates currently on active duty may apply within thirty (30) days of the examination. Upon discharge, candidates must submit a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Any extra points will be applied upon our receipt of the discharge papers.

WEATHER EMERGENCIES:

On the rare occasion of a weather emergency requiring cancellation of an examination, an announcement will be posted to the Franklin County Personnel Office Facebook site, announced on NCPD, WSLP, WVNV and WICY radio stations, and telephone calls attempted to each candidate as soon as practicable following the determination. The State Local Examinations Department will be consulted the following Monday morning as to a new test date; however, there is no guarantee of rescheduling the test date.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

This written examination is prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations which deals with the rating of examinations apply.