Security or Fire Alarm Installer Walk-In Examination

Exam Procedures (January – June 2020)

You can register for the exam at the test center, on the day of the exam. Refer to the schedule below to find the most convenient location, date and time for you to take an upcoming exam.

Seats are limited and assigned on a first-come/first-served basis. If you are late, you will not be admitted into the exam.

What To Bring

1. A form of government issued signature identification which must be photo-bearing. Your identification MUST BE CURRENT (not expired) and from the following list:
   - Driver's license
   - State issued identification (ex. non-driver ID)
   - Military ID
   - United States Passport
   - Employment Authorization Card (issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services)
   - United States INS issued ID
   - Certificate of US citizenship
   - Foreign Passport
   - IDNYC (NYC Resident ID card)
   - Brazilian, Mexican, Honduran or Ecuadorian Consular ID

2. $15 examination fee. You may pay by check or money order made payable to the Department of State or charge the fee to MasterCard or Visa. Cash will not be accepted. Examination fees are nonrefundable. A $20 fee will be charged for any returned check.

3. Admission notice (if applicable).

Test Center Policies

Calculators are permitted if they are battery or solar powered, silent, nonprinting and do not contain an alphabetic keyboard. PDA's are not allowed.

Cellular phones, beepers and any other electronic devices MUST be turned off during the exam.

Dictionaries, books, other reference materials, large bags and briefcases are not allowed at the test center. Do not bring these materials to the test center as there is no place to store them.

Eating, drinking or smoking is not permitted at the test center. If you bring food or beverages, you will be asked to dispose of them before entering the test center.

Visitors, guests and children are not permitted at the test center.

Any person found using notes, books, or other aids; giving or receiving help; removing examination materials or notes from the test center; causing a disturbance or engaging in practices contrary to the rules of proper examination conduct will be dismissed from the test center. Any decisions regarding disciplinary measures will be made by the Exam Supervisor at the Department of State.

Score Reporting

All exam results are reported as either passed or failed; you will not get a numerical score.

You will be notified by mail as soon as your exam results are available.

If you pass the written exam, you will receive a notice in the mail. That original notice (not a copy) must be submitted with your application form, license fee, etc. (Complete application details are provided in the application form instructions.)

If you fail the written exam, you will receive a notice in the mail. You may use this notice to retake the exam on another date and time of your choice.

Examination results are only valid for a period of two years.

About the Exam

The exam is multiple choice, based on the 81-hour prelicensing curriculum.

Exam topics include: basic electricity; all standards and codes; control devices; alarm transmissions; motion detection; perimeter systems; access control; CCTV systems; job planning; fire technology; and job safety. For the purpose of this exam, questions relating to standards and codes are based on the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and NFPA standards.

Applicants will be allowed 2½ hours to complete the test. The allotted time begins at the conclusion of the instructions.
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Test sites and times are subject to change and exams may be canceled due to weather conditions or other emergencies. If hazardous weather conditions exist in your area, you may check the Department of State’s Facebook (facebook.com/NewYorkDepartmentOfState/) and Twitter (@NYSDOS) accounts or call 518-474-4429 to see if an exam has been canceled. Please do not call the test centers listed below.

If you need assistance or exam information, you may contact a Division of Licensing Services office in your area or call the Albany phone center at 518-474-4429. TDD users may contact the New York State relay operator at 1-800-662-1220. Persons with disabilities who require accessibility information may call 518-474-4429.

No one will be admitted to an examination after the specified starting time.

On the following MONDAYS at 9:30 a.m.

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at these locations:

**ALBANY – ALBANY COUNTY**
(Alfred E. Smith State Office Building)
80 South Swan Street
Albany, New York 12239

*Note:* Located at the corner of Washington Avenue and South Swan Street

**BINGHAMTON – BROOME COUNTY**
(State Office Building)
44 Hawley Street, 15TH Floor
Binghamton, NY 13901

**BUFFALO – ERIE COUNTY**
(State Office Building)
65 Court Street, Main Floor, Hearing Room, Part 5
Buffalo, NY 14202

**FRANKLIN SQUARE – NASSAU COUNTY**
(VFW Hall)
68 Lincoln Road, Basement
Franklin Square, NY 11010

*Note:* N6 Bus Route on Hempstead Turnpike

*From the East:* take the Southern State Parkway to Exit 16N, Franklin Avenue.

*From NYC/ West:* take the Cross Island Parkway South to the Southern State Parkway East. Take Exit 15, Franklin Avenue, turn left at the 2nd light onto Franklin Avenue.

*On Franklin Avenue:* turn right onto Hempstead Turnpike and go 5 blocks. Turn left onto Lincoln Road (7-Eleven on corner). The VFW Hall and parking lot are on the right.

**HAUPPAUGE – SUFFOLK COUNTY**
(Perry Duryea State Office Building)
250 Veterans Memorial Highway
Basement Conference Room
Hauppauge, NY 11788

*Note:* Building sits back off highway. Look for the green sign near the road.

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at these locations:

**NEW YORK CITY - ALBANY COUNTY**  
123 William Street, 2nd Floor  
New York, NY 10038  

*Note:* Enter doors to the left of the main lobby doors and take escalator to 2nd floor.

**POMONA – ROCKLAND COUNTY**  
(Rockland County Fire Training Center)  
35 Firemen's Memorial Drive  
Pomona, NY 10970

**ROCHESTER – MONROE COUNTY**  
(Finger Lakes DDSO)  
620 Westfall Road  
Rochester, NY 14620  

*Note:* Take NYS Thruway to Exit 46, take 390 North to Exit 16, turn right on East Henrietta Road, turn right at 2nd traffic light onto Westfall Road, Finger Lakes DDSO is on left. Park in lot on right.  **DO NOT ENTER THROUGH MAIN LOBBY.**  
Look for Sign, "New York State Testing."

**SYRACUSE - ONONDAGA COUNTY**  
(State Office Building)  
333 East Washington Street, Main Floor, Hearing Room A  
Syracuse, NY 13202

**UTICA – ONEIDA COUNTY**  
(State Office Building)  
207 Genesee Street, 1st Floor, Room 107  
Utica, NY 13501

Remember that you must bring the $15 dollar examination Fee. Arrive early and bring your photo ID.