



CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Filing Date:

Applications received by mail must be postmarked no later than **07/31/2026**.

Applications submitted electronically must be completed no later than **07/31/2026 11:59 PM**

Exam Date:

Examinations will be held on **09/01/2026 12:00 AM**

Salary:

\$25.29-\$28.13 per hour FT; \$25.29 per hour PT

VACANCY: Eligible List may be used to fill vacancies which may occur within the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office, Little Valley, NY.

Fee Required: The State Civil Service Law requires our office to collect a processing fee from each applicant. The amount of the fee is **twenty-five dollars (\$25)** per applicant for Each examination applied for, payable at the time of filing of the application form, by check (personal or certified) or money order, payable to the "Cattaraugus County Treasurer". Cash Will Not Be Accepted. Applicants whose personal checks are returned for insufficient funds will not be considered as candidates for this exam or subsequent exams until such time as restitution is made. Applicants must record the Examination Number(s) and Title(s) on their checks. Refunds of fees will not be issued to applicants who are disqualified for not meeting the minimum qualifications for admittance to the examination, who file their application after the final filing date or who do not appear for testing on the scheduled test date. Therefore, Do Not Apply for an examination if you are not sure that you meet the minimum qualifications. Application fees shall be waived for candidates that are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household or are receiving public assistance. Please contact this office for an Application Fee Waiver Request and Certification Form, or download from our website at:

<https://www.cattco.org/sites/default/files/hr/Application-Fee-Waiver.pdf>.

RESIDENCY: Preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who have been, at the time of examination and for at least one month prior thereto, a resident of the jurisdiction in which the vacancy exists.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1) At the time candidates are being considered for appointment they must meet physical/medical standards. In accordance with state laws, a Correction Officer is a peace officer and must be qualified to hold such office. Permanent appointments to this class are subject to satisfactorily completing training standards prescribed by the State Commission of Correction.

2) At time of appointment, must possess and maintain a valid Driver's License to operate a motor vehicle in New York State.

DUTIES: This is responsible work involving the performance of a variety of duties in connection with the safe and efficient operation of the County Correction Facility. An incumbent guards and attends to the care, well-being and discipline of jail inmates. Supervision is received from a higher-ranking Sheriff's Office employee with leeway provided for use of independent judgement and initiative when the occasion demands. A Correction Officer does related work as required.

NOTE: Your application will be compared to your online Training and Experience (T&E) examination. Any training and experience you want considered must appear on your application.

SCOPE OF THE EXAMINATION:

There is no written multiple-choice test. This is an online examination questionnaire that asks questions about your education, training, and work experience. This online questionnaire IS YOUR EXAMINATION.

If you meet the minimum qualifications, you will receive a rating based upon an evaluation of your training and experience against the duties of the position being tested.

Candidates must complete an examination application and return it to the Cattaraugus County Civil Service on or before the last filing date of **July 31, 2026**

Approved candidates will be sent a notice approximately one week prior to questionnaire opening containing directions to a website address needed to complete a Training and Experience Questionnaire. The Training and Experience (T&E) Questionnaire will be available on **September 1, 2026** and approved candidates will be required to complete and submit the questionnaire between **September 1, 2026 and 11:59 pm on September 30, 2026.**

Candidates will not be able to claim any credit for training or experience to be gained after the application filing deadline of July 31, 2026. Candidates who fail to submit their questionnaire by September 30, 2026 will not receive a score and will not be added to the eligible list.

Note: Individuals can participate in Correction Officer examinations for other municipal civil service agencies to maximize their opportunity for appointment. Interested candidates will need to separately apply, be registered, and complete the T&E questionnaire for each municipal civil service agency according to each agency's guidelines. In addition, the application and T&E questionnaire process for the NYS Correction Officer Trainee exam program is separate from the Correction Officer T&E exam program for municipal civil service agencies. Visit cs.ny.gov for more information on applying to State exams.

TAKING THE ONLINE T&E EXAMINATION AND PERSONAL NY.GOV ID ACCOUNTS

Approved applicants will need to access the T&E examination on the Department of Civil Service website. Each applicant will need a personal NY.GOV ID to participate in the examination. Applicants may already have a personal NY.GOV ID account if they have used online services for other agencies, such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. They should use the same personal NY.GOV ID for civil service examination purposes. Applicants should not create a new personal NY.GOV ID. More information about personal NY.GOV ID's is available at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/home/myaccount/>. There is a helpful video for applicants at this link.

Applicants that require technical assistance with their personal NY.GOV ID can contact New York State Office of Information Technology (ITS) Service Desk directly at 844-891-1786 or at fixit@its.ny.gov.

This examination is being 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 dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this examination.

Applications will be accepted up to **July 31, 2026** and may be obtained from the Cattaraugus County Civil Service website at www.cattco.gov/jobs.

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Issued: July 1, 2026

PARTICIPATION IN MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS: If you have applied for both State and Local government examinations, you must take all your examinations at the State examination center. You will be advised by letter when and where to report for your examinations.

If you have applied for another local government examination with **another local civil service agency**, call or write each civil service agency to make arrangements. You must notify all government civil service agencies with whom you have filed an application of the test site at which you wish to take your examination.

SATURDAY SABBATH OBSERVERS - HANDICAPPED PERSONS: If special arrangements for testing are required, please indicate this on your application(s).

CANDIDATES PLEASE NOTE: Your application for this test is part of the examination process. Applications must be completely filled out with all pertinent information stated. The Commission does not refer to other applications on file for additional information. Applications which do not show training and/or experience to meet the minimum qualifications will be disapproved. Vagueness and

ambiguity will not be resolved in your favor.

VETERANS: Disabled and non-disabled war veterans who are eligible for additional credits must submit an application for veterans' credits. Candidates who wish to claim veterans' credits on an examination should request an application and information sheet from the Cattaraugus County Civil Service Commission. Veterans' application forms will also be available upon request at the examination center. The completed forms must be received before the eligible list for the examination is established in order to utilize additional credits.

Effective January 1, 2014, War-time Veterans who previously used non-disabled veterans credits for appointment or promotion and are subsequently certified by the Veteran's Administration as a disabled veteran may again be eligible for additional exam credits. To apply for subsequent disabled veteran credits, complete the Veteran Credit application and check the applicable box, additionally you are required to follow the directions below regarding Disabled Veterans credits.

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 was in time of war, as defined in Section 85 of 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.

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.

APPLICATION REVIEW TOLERANCE POLICY-For the purposes of this policy, "tolerance" shall mean the leeway given regarding work experience when reviewing an application. Applicants lacking a small amount of work experience when applying for promotional or open-competitive examinations may qualify under the following conditions: 1) Candidates will be given a maximum tolerance of one (1) month. 2) Tolerance will be given only when the minimum qualification requires one or more years of work experience. 3) Tolerance Policy does not apply to education or licensure/certification requirements. (See particular examination announcement for "Anticipated Eligibility" information). 4) Tolerance Policy does not apply where required work experience is set forth by law or rules. 5) Tolerance Policy does not apply to enable applicants to meet residence requirements. 6) Experience gained after filing date will not be considered. For more information regarding Tolerance Policy, please contact our office at (716) 938-2315

Educational and/or age requirements must be met within 12 months of the announced exam date. Eligibility for appointment will be subject to candidates providing proof that education and/or age requirements have been met within one year of the announced exam date. If documentation does not prove that requirements were met within one year of exam date candidates will be removed from further eligibility for appointment.