

ASSESSOR

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Places a valuation on each parcel of real property in a municipality for tax purposes and prepares an annual assessment roll; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Performs professional valuation for assessment of real property in a village, city or town. Work is performed under the general direction of the municipal legislature or the appointing authority. Supervision is exercised over the work of appraisal and clerical staff. Advisory service is available from the County Director of Real Property Tax Services and the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)

- Annually values and revalues each parcel of real property;
- Utilizes and maintains current tax maps and appraisal cards;
- May seek county advisory services in determining values of certain parcels;
- Attends all hearings of the Board of Assessment Review;
- Makes changes in assessment in accordance with Law as directed by the Board of Assessment Review;
- Appoints and trains an Acting Assessor to perform as needed;
- Attends the public examination of the tentative assessment roll at times prescribed by Law;
- Receives complaint filed and transmits them to the Board of Assessment Review;
- Prepares reports of assessment activities as required by the appointing authority or the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services
- Provides school districts within the assessing unit a copy of the current pertinent portion of the assessment roll;
- Supervises and trains appraisal staff members in the techniques of appraisal and assessment;
- Reviews and makes determinations with respect to applications for tax exemptions.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: Thorough knowledge of making an appraisal of all types of real property including industrial, commercial, and other complex properties; thorough knowledge of the theory, principles and practices of real property valuation and assessment; thorough knowledge of residential and commercial building construction methods, materials, and their costs; thorough knowledge of laws governing the valuation and assessment of real property; thorough knowledge of deeds and related property records; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the public, municipal officials and the Assessment Review Board; ability to plan, work and supervise the work of others; integrity; tact; courtesy; good judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: EITHER

- (A) Graduation for high school, or possession of an accredited high school equivalence diploma, and two years of satisfactory full-time paid experience in an occupation involving the valuation of real property, such as Assessor, appraiser, valuation data manager, real property appraisal aide or the like. Such experience shall be deemed satisfactory if it is demonstrated that the experience primarily was gained in the performance of one or more of the following task: collection and recording of property inventory data, preparation of comparable sales, analysis reports, and preparation of signed valuation or appraisal estimates or reports using cost, incomes or market data, approaches to value. Mere listing of real property for potential sale, or preparation of asking prices for real estate for potential sale, using multiple listing reports or other published asking prices is not qualifying experience; **OR**
- (B) Graduation from an accredited two-year college and one year of the experience described in (A) above; **OR**
- (C) Graduation from an accredited four year college and six months of the experience described in (A) above or graduation from an accredited four year college and a written commitment from the county director that the county will provide training in assessment administration, approved by the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services, within a six month period; **OR**
- (D) Certification by NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services as a candidate for Assessor.

NOTES:

1. If the Assessor has been previously certified by NYS ORPTS as a certified Assessor pursuant to Section 8188-2.1 of the Code, Rules, Regulations of the NYS Department of Tax & Finance while serving as an elected assessor, such certification is equivalent, is equivalent to one year of the experience described in (A) of the minimum qualifications;
2. For the purpose of crediting full-time paid experience, a thirty-hour week shall be deemed as full time employment
3. Three years of paid experience as sole Assessor or as chairman of the Board of Assessors shall be credited as one year of full-time paid experience, and five years of part-time paid experience as a member of a Board of Assessors shall be credited as one year of full-time experience. Paid part-time experience in excess of these amounts shall be credited in accordance with these criteria
4. Volunteer experience in an assessor's office may be credited as paid experience to the extent that it includes routine tasks such as data collection; calculation of value estimates; preparation or preliminary reports; providing routine information to a computer center; public relations and review of value estimates, computer output and exemption applications.
5. In no case shall less than six months of the experience in (A) of the minimum qualifications be acceptable with the exception of county training as provided for in section (C) of the minimum qualifications above.

Non-Competitive Class

Competitive (County Service)

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