

SENIOR ASSESSOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Performs professional valuation for assessment of real property in a village, city or town and assists the Director of Real Property Tax Services by acting as an office manager and supervising non-technical operations of the department. The work involves varied complex and confidential duties requiring a high degree of discretion and independent initiative and judgment. 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.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (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 assessments 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;
- Assists various county departments with assessment reports and error correction reports;
- Provides research and technical assistance to all assessors in Herkimer County;
- Provides assistance to the Director of Real Property Tax Services with the annual Board of Assessment Review training;
- Provides assistance to Director of Real Property Tax Services on technical issues involving county and state operating systems;
- Assists the public with general assessment issues and questions;
- Generates various reports to county administration as directed.

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 make and review arithmetic computations with speed and accuracy; 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:

Promotion:

Three (3) years of permanent competitive class status as an Assessor

Open Competitive:

EITHER

(A) Graduation from high school, or possession of an accredited high school equivalency diploma, and three 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 tasks: collection and recording of property inventory data, preparation of comparable sales analysis reports, preparation of signed valuation or appraisal estimates or reports using cost, income 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.

NOTES:

- (i)** If the Assessor has been previously certified by NYS ORPTS as a certified Assessor pursuant to Section 8188-2.1 of the Code, Rules, and Regulations of the NYS Department of Tax & Finance while serving as an elected assessor, such certification is equivalent to one year of the experience described in (A) of the minimum qualification;
- (ii)** For the purpose of crediting full-time paid experience, a thirty-hour week shall be deemed as full-time employment.
- (iii)** Three years of part-time 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 paid experience. Paid part-time experience in excess of these amounts shall be credited in accordance with these criteria.
- (iv)** 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.
- (v)** In no case shall less than six months of the experience described 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

Competitive Class

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