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How New York wants to make it easier to join state workforce

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New York state wants you. Or, at the very least, more workers.

As a workforce shortage continues to hamper sectors of the economy, New York officials in recent weeks have taken steps to boost recruitment in the public workforce.

Gov. Kathy Hochul's administration announced recently it would waive fees for all civil service examinations beginning July 1 and running through December 2025.

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Fee waivers have previously been in place for veterans as well as people receiving public assistance and unemployed New Yorkers. Tests for everyone else can cost as much as \$40.

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“Waiving the fee for civil service exams removes a real barrier for job seekers who want to pursue multiple opportunities in state government,” said state Sen. John Mannion. “I encourage anyone looking for a job to consider a rewarding career in public service and to take advantage of the fee waiver by taking exams for the many positions currently available.”

The fee waiving is the latest effort by New York to make it easier to join the public workforce. The Hochul administration last month announced it would raise the maximum age for State Police recruitment from 29 to 34.

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