



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

NYS Environmental Conservation Police Officer



MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Bachelor's or higher level degree including or supplemented by 18 semester credit hours in any combination of courses indicated as *qualifying course work*; or
2. Associate's degree including or supplemented by 18 semester credit hours in any combination of courses indicated as *qualifying course work*;
AND one of the following:
 - a. one year of experience in the areas of freshwater or marine sciences, wildlife, qualifying forestry experience, environmental engineering, or environmental technology; or
 - b. one year of experience as a police officer with Municipal Police Training Course certification (or equivalent course approved by the NYS Municipal Police Training Council), or as a certified federal law enforcement officer. **A certified Peace Officer training course does not meet this requirement**; or
 - c. two years of active United States military service with an honorable discharge.

Qualifying course work: natural resource conservation, environmental science, environmental studies or similar environmental program, natural science, physical science, or criminal justice. [Substitution: up to 6 semester credit hours in computer science may be used to meet the 18 semester credit hour requirement]

See test announcement for qualifying forestry experience and environmental technology experience explanations.

Environmental Conservation Officers are **POLICE OFFICERS** under New York State Law. Therefore, an **ECO must:**

- be a citizen of the United States at the time of appointment
- maintain New York State residency pursuant to the Public Officers Law
- possess a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State at the time of appointment and continuously thereafter
- be legally eligible to carry firearms [Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor may bar appointment]

If you expect to meet the education requirements by June 30, 2017 you can be admitted to the test, but you cannot be considered for appointment until you submit proof of successful completion of the educational requirements to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Physical and medical condition (including physical fitness testing) will be evaluated to ensure that you are able to satisfactorily perform the duties of this position with or without reasonable accommodation.

For complete and specific application requirements, please refer to New York State Civil Service announcement for Environmental Conservation Officer.

If you expect to meet the educational requirements by June 30, 2017, you will be eligible to take a written test to be scheduled for Fall 2016. Online application and test announcement will be available at: <http://www.cs.ny.gov/exams/>

Sign up now for email notification of exam date: www.cs.ny.gov/announ/emallist.cfm

SALARY

Starting salary is \$53,304.

In addition to the above salary, additional pay is received for pre-shift briefings, overtime and location pay for certain areas of assignment.

HEADQUARTERS

ECOs are issued a take-home patrol vehicle and begin and end their work shift from their home.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

New York Conservation Officers Association <http://nycoa.org/>

New York State Department of Civil Service www.cs.ny.gov/

NYS DEC Division of Law Enforcement www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2437.html | 518-402-8829

Regional DEC Law Enforcement Offices www.dec.ny.gov/about/50303.html