



# New York State Government

To understand how New York State jobs are filled, it is important to understand New York State (NYS) Government and how it is organized. New York State has three branches of Government: the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branch. Each branch hires separately.

## Executive Branch

[www.cs.state.ny.us](http://www.cs.state.ny.us) – New York State Department of Civil Service provides information on upcoming state and some local government exams. Here you'll find an explanation of how the testing process works and answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" and you can sign up for free email examination notification. You may e-mail a request for announcements and applications at [examinfo@cs.state.ny.us](mailto:examinfo@cs.state.ny.us) or you may print exam announcements and applications directly from our website.

[www.statejobsny.com](http://www.statejobsny.com) – Governor's Office of Employee Relations website on which NYS agencies voluntarily post vacancies. Although primarily for current NYS employees' it has links to various state agencies and authorities with current vacancies.

[www.state.ny.us](http://www.state.ny.us) – New York State. This general site links to each NYS agency website. Link to "Listing of State Agencies." Also look for "Employment Opportunities" with State Authorities, SUNY, and Health Research Inc. (located on the NYS Department of Health's site,) none of which require competitive examinations.

## Legislative Branch of NYS Government

[www.nysenate.gov](http://www.nysenate.gov) – NYS Senate [www.Assembly.state.ny.us](http://www.Assembly.state.ny.us) – NYS Assembly  
No exams are required for jobs with the Legislature. The Legislative Personnel offices are located in Albany:  
Assembly – Empire State Plaza in Room 104 and Senate – Legislative Office Building in Room 219

## Judicial Branch of NYS Government

[www.courts.state.ny.us](http://www.courts.state.ny.us) – NYS Unified Court System. This site offers employment information with the NYS Courts system statewide. Some jobs require competitive exams; others do not. Examination announcements for their jobs are advertised only on this website.

## State University System

[www.suny.edu](http://www.suny.edu) (then "SUNY Employment") Faculty, professional, and Research Foundation jobs on the various SUNY campuses are exempt from the Civil Service exam process. Civil Service jobs are listed under "Classified Service". Check each campus's website directly for vacancy information and requirements.

## Other Employment Resources

### NYS Department of Labor

The New York State Department of Labor and Workforce New York provide the tools to find your next job or another job. Whether it is the New York Job Bank, job posting sites or the one-stop system; we provide the assistance for your first and future steps.

Exam announcements and application forms are available at your local New York Department of Labor Career Services Locations or One-stop Centers. Locations may be found at [www.labor.state.ny.us](http://www.labor.state.ny.us) under the "Local Offices" button.