



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Darren Gorczyca, Heavy Equipment Operator (PM1612S), South Amboy

CSC Docket No. 2015-3242

Examination Appeal

ISSUED: JUL 1 6 2015 (

(SLK)

Darren Gorczyca appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services (Agency Services) that he was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Heavy Equipment Operator (PM1612S), South Amboy.

The examination at issue was announced with specific requirements that had to be met as of the January 21, 2015 closing date (see attached). Mr. Gorczyca was the only employee who applied for the subject examination which was cancelled due to a lack of qualified candidates.

On Mr. Gorczyca's application, he indicated that he was provisionally serving in the subject title from March 1982 to the January 21, 2015 closing date. Personnel records indicate that he was provisionally serving in the subject title from June 2013 to the January 21, 2015 closing date, a Truck Driver from April 2000 to June 2013, and a Laborer 1 from March 1982 to April 2000. Agency Services did not credit the appellant with any applicable experience.

On appeal, Mr. Gorczyca states that he has been employed by the appointing authority for over 33 years and he lists the heavy equipment that he drives. He asserts that he is the only one that operates heavy equipment for the appointing authority.

CONCLUSION

N.J.A.C. 4A:4-2.6(a) provides that applicants shall meet all requirements specified in the promotional announcement by the closing date. Further, N.J.A.C. 4A:1-1.2(c) states that the Civil Service Commission (Commission) may relax a rule for good cause in order to effectuate the purposes of Title 11A, New Jersey Statutes.

Based on his application, Agency Services correctly determined that Mr. Gorczyca did not meet the required experience as of the January 21, 2015 closing date as he did not clearly articulate that he met the requirements on his application. However, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 4A:4-2.1(g), the Commission can accept clarifying information in eligibility appeals. For example, information submitted on appeal pertaining to duties performed in a given position that expands or enlarges on information previously submitted is considered clarifying. Mr. Gorczyca clarifies by stating the specific heavy duty equipment that he operates. Additionally, the appellant has gained the additional experience to satisfy the experience requirement after the closing date. Moreover, the record evidences that the examination was cancelled due to a lack of qualified candidates and the appellant continues to serve provisionally in the title under test. Therefore, under these circumstances, good cause exists to relax the provisions of N.J.A.C. 4A:4-2.6(a) and accept Mr. Gorczyca's clarification and experience after the closing date, for eligibility purposes only, and admit him to the subject examination.

ORDER

Therefore, it is ordered that the appeal be granted, the examination cancellation be rescinded, and the appellant's application be processed.

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in a judicial forum.

DECISION RENDERED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON THE 15th DAY OF JULY, 2015

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Attachment

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NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

New Jersey Civil Service Commission

\$25.00 PROCESSING FEE REQUIRED Make Check/Money Order Payable to NJCSO

PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SYMBOL: PM1612S

TITLE: HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

ISSUE DATE: January 01, 2015 TITLE CODE: 02001@/ M4RMR2 JURISDICTION: SOUTH AMBOY

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

WEIGHT CODE: *

SALARY: \$ 9.38- \$ 30.81 / Per Hour

CLOSING DATE: January 21, 2015

JURISDICTION CODE: T12200009

ONLY ON LINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

FOR THIS ANNOUNCEMENT

Open to employees in the competitive division who have an aggregate of one year of continuous permanent service as of the closing date in any competitive title and meet the requirements listed below:

Experience: Two (2) years of experience in the operation and maintenance of construction and maintenance equipment.

Note: Appropriate formal training in the operation and maintenance of construction equipment may be substituted for one (1) year of the required work experience. You must indicate the details of the training program on your application. Failure to do so will result in rejection from the examination process.

License: Appointees will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position.

Appointees must possess a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Class B for the type of vehicle being operated.

Note: The responsibility for ensuring that employees possess the required motor vehicle license, commensurate with the class and type of vehicle being operated, rests with the Appointing Authority.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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^{1.} NJAC 4A:4-2.6 states that all requirements listed must be met as of the closing date, including assignment to jurisdiction/department, and satisfying the permanent status requirement.

^{2.} YOU MUST COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION IN DETAIL. Your score may be based on a comparison of your credentials with the job requirements. Failure to complete your application properly may lower your score or cause you to fail.

^{3.} This examination is open to full-time and part-time permanent employees. If an employment list results from this announcement, it may be certified to fill both fulltime and part-time positions. If 35- and 40-hour positions are used within the department, the resulting list may be used to fill either work week position.

4. NJAC 4A:4-1.5 states that any employee who is serving on a provisional basis and who fails to file for and take an examination which has been announced for his/her.

title SHALL BE SEPARATED FROM THE PROVISIONAL TITLE

^{5.} In accordance with Public Law 2010 c. 26, Veterans pay a reduced application fee of \$15.00 if they have previously established Veterans Preference with the DMAVA (as defined by N.J.S.A. 11A:5-1 et seq.), or your claim is approved by DMAVA at least 8 days prior to the issuance of this eligibility list. PLEASE NOTE THIS REDUCED FEE DOES NOT APPLY TO PUBLIC SAFETY TITLES. (i.e. Police, Fire, Corrections and Sheriff).

^{6.} If you are having difficulty submitting your application online, technical support and customer care are available during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST, Monday - Friday, excluding holidays and emergency closings. Please Email: OAS support@csc.state.nj.us or call (609) 292-4144. Please note that application support requests received outside of regular business hours on the closing date will not change the application filing deadline, so PLEASE FILE EARLY.