

In the Matter of Michael Luzzi, General Supervisor Water (PM0161T), Nutley

CSC Docket No. 2015-3178

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OF THE **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Examination Appeal

ISSUED: JUL 1 7 2015

(CSM)

Michael Luzzi appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services (Agency Services) which found that he was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for General Supervisor Water (PM0161T), Nutley.

The examination at issue was announced with specific requirements that had to be met as of the closing date of February 21, 2015 (see attached). The subject examination was cancelled on June 4, 2015 since the appellant, who was the only applicant, was deemed ineligible.

The appellant indicated on his application that he was a Sewer Repairer 1/Water Repairer 1 from October 1996 to June 2014. The appellant did not indicate supervision of any staff members. A review of the appellant's personnel record indicates that he was serving provisionally in the title under test from June 2014 to the closing date, February 2015. From October 2000 to June 2014 he was a Sewer Repairer/Water Repairer and from October 1996 to October 2000 he was a Laborer 1 and a Truck Driver. Agency Services did not credit the appellant with any applicable experience. Therefore, he would need three years of experience to qualify for the examination.

On appeal, the appellant states that he possesses the necessary experience to qualify for the subject examination. Dr. Joseph P. Scarpelli, Director of Public Works, Nutley, verifies the appellant's four years of supervisory and lead worker experience. Specifically, he explains that the appellant supervises a team of five Water and Sewer Repairers in the installation and repair of all water meters, water

mains, valves and water services. Additionally, he confirms that the appellant coordinates daily work of the water system with the Assistant Water and Sewer Superintendent.

CONCLUSION

N.J.A.C. 4A:4-2.6(a) provides that applicants shall meet all requirements specified in the promotional examination announcement by the closing date.

N.J.A.C. 4A:4-2.6(c) provides that applicants for promotional examinations with open competitive requirements may not use experience gained as a result of out-of-title work to satisfy the requirements for admittance to the examination or for credit in the examination process, unless good cause is shown for an exception.

Initially, Agency Services correctly determined that the appellant was not eligible for the subject examination. As of the closing date, the appellant was not credited with any experience because he did not indicate the supervision of employees on his original application. Thus, he would need three years of supervisory experience to qualify for the subject examination. primarily performing supervisory duties would be considered out-of-title work for an incumbent in the Sewer Repairer 1/Water Repairer 1 title. Further, the importance of submitting a properly completed application that includes a listing of all duties is essential since a complete application provides the only reliable barometer by which this agency can make the initial determination whether to admit or reject an applicant as no other tool is available to rely on in order to make this important initial assessment in an expeditious, fair, and efficient manner. accordance with N.J.A.C. 4A:4-2.1(g), the Civil Service Commission (Commission) can accept clarifying information in eligibility appeals. Information submitted on appeal pertaining to duties in a given position that expands or enlarges information previously submitted is considered clarifying and is accepted. However, any documentation indicating work in a setting that was not previously listed on an application or resume cannot be considered after the closing date. Thus, the Commission can only consider information provided on appeal regarding the positions listed on the appellant's original application.

In this case, the appellant clarified his application and Dr. Scarpelli confirmed that he performed the required out-of-title supervisory duties for more than four years. Additionally, the appellant continues to serve provisionally in the title under test and the examination was cancelled due to a lack of qualified applicants. Accordingly, the Commission accepts the appellant's out-of-title work and clarification of his experience, for eligibility purposes, and admits him to the examination.

ORDER

Therefore, it is ordered that this appeal be granted, the examination cancellation be rescinded, and the appellant's application be processed for prospective employment opportunities only.

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 PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT



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

SYMBOL: PM0161T

TITLE: GENERAL SUPERVISOR WATER

ISSUE DATE: February 01, 2015 TITLE CODE: 06659/ NBRGR1

JURISDICTION: NUTLEY

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

WEIGHT CODE: *

SALARY: \$36,904.00 - \$65,000.00

CLOSING DATE: February 21, 2015

JURISDICTION CODE: N07160004

Visit www.state.nj.us/csc And select "Job Announcements"

to view this announcement and to file an application

Open to employees in the competitive division who have an aggregate of one year of continuous permanent service as of the closing date and are currently serving in the following title(s):

Assistant General Supervisor Water 06660

Or 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: Three (3) years of supervisory experience in the installation, repair, and maintenance of water mains, pipes, valves, hydrants, and other water service equipment.

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. The responsibility for ensuring that employees possess the required motor vehicle license, commensurate with the class and type of vehicles they operate, rests with the Appointing Authority.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 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 full-time 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@exc.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.

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