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| In the Matter of Gregg Lucianin, | : FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION |
| Purchasing Agent (PM0075V), | : |
| Passaic Valley Water Commission | : |
| | : Examination Appeal |
| CSC Docket No. 2018-50 | : |
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| | ISSUED: October 24, 2017 (RE |

Gregg Lucianin appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services which found that, per the substitution clause for education, he did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Purchasing Agent (PM0075V), Passaic Valley Water Commission.

The subject examination announcement was issued with specific requirements that had to be met as of the February 21, 2017 closing date (see attached). The appellant was found to be ineligible based on a lack of applicable experience. There were no other qualified applicants, and the examination was cancelled on July 7, 2017.

On his application, Mr. Lucianin indicated that he possessed no college credits, and he listed four positions; provisional Purchasing Agent from November 2016 to the closing date; Assistant Purchasing Agent from March 2005 to November 2016; Water Repairer from March 2001 to March 2005; and Water Repairer from September 1992 to March 2001. Official records indicate that the appellant was a provisional Purchasing Agent from November 2016 to the closing date, a Purchasing Assistant from February 2009 to November 2016, a Water Repairer 1 from June 1994 to February 2009, and a Laborer from June 1987 to June 1994. The appellant was credited with four months of experience in his provisional position. Thus, per the substitution clause for education, he was found to be lacking eight years, eight months of applicable experience. On appeal, Mr. Lucianin argues that he has been employed in the purchasing department for twelve years, and that he possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent certification.

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 in pertinent part 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.

CONCLUSION

The Division of Agency Services correctly determined that Mr. Lucianin was not eligible for the subject examination. Incumbents in the Purchasing Assistant title preform clerical duties in support of preparing purchase orders and the classification is not assigned professional level duties of writing purchase specifications. Based on his appeal, the appointing authority was notified that the appellant was claiming that he was working out-of-title writing purchase specifications while in the titles Purchasing Assistant and Water Repairer from March 2005 to November 2016, and it opted not to support this claim. As such, a basis for accepting out-of-title experience has not been presented. As he does not possess a Bachelor's degree, Mr. Lucianin lacks eight years, eight months of qualifying experience.

An independent review of all material presented indicates that the decision of the Division of Agency Services that the appellant did not meet the announced requirements for eligibility by the closing date is amply supported by the record. The appellant provides no basis to disturb this decision. Thus, the appellant has failed to support his burden of proof in this matter.

ORDER

Therefore, it is ordered that this appeal be denied.

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 THE 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017

Robert M. Czech, Chairperson Civil Service Commission

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Attachment

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NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SYMBOL: PM0075V

TITLE: PURCHASING AGENT

ISSUE DATE: February 01, 2017

TITLE CODE: 02948/ NXRRR7

JURISDICTION: PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION DEPARTMENT: PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

Visit www.state.nj.us/csc And select "Job Announcements" to view this announcement and to file an application

New Jersey Civil Service

Commission

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 Purchasing Agent 00673

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:

Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree. You must indicate either possession of a degree or total number of college credits completed to date on your application. (Foreign degrees/ transcripts must be evaluated by a recognized evaluation service.) Failure to do so will result in rejection from the examination process.

Applicants who do not possess the required education may substitute additional experience as indicated on a year for year basis with thirty (30) semester hour credits being equal to one (1) year of experience.

Experience: Five (5) years of experience in the writing of purchase specifications and in the purchase of equipment, materials and supplies on a large scale.

Note: In accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-9, applicants will be required to possess a valid Qualified Purchasing Agent Certification (QPA) issued by the State Division of Local Government Services, in the Department of Community Affairs. If you have the required license, you must provide proof to the employing agency prior to appointment. Failure to do so will result in rejection from the examination process.

Note: 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. ONLY ON-LINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. 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.

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

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SALARY: \$32,518.98 - \$123,674.00

CLOSING DATE: February 21, 2017

JURISDICTION CODE: N16991200

^{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 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) (as defined by N.J.S.A. 11A:5-1 et seq.). Those claiming Veterans Preference but have not yet received approval from DMAVA must pay the full application fee and may request a refund if the claim is approved 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.} SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS Please make sure you are assigned to the department indicated above. If you do not know your department, please contact your Human Resource Office. If you file an application for this announcement and you are not assigned to the department indicated above, YOU WILL BE FOUND INELIGIBLE FOR THIS EXAM AND YOUR APPLICATION FEE WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.

^{7.} 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.