

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Lisa Lanza Administrative Secretary (PM3087V), Woodbridge Fire District 1

CSC Docket No. 2017-3492

Examination Appeal

ISSUED: November 2, 2017

(RE)

Lisa Lanza appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services (Agency Services) which found that she did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Administrative Secretary (PM3087V), Woodbridge Fire District 1.

The subject examination announcement was issued with specific requirements which had to be met as of the January 23, 2017 closing date (see attached). As there were no admitted candidates, the examination was cancelled on May 5, 2017.

Ms. Lanza listed one position on her application, Keyboarding Clerk 3, from July 1991 to January 2017. Official records indicate that the appellant was provisionally appointed pending promotional examination to Administrative Secretary on June 6, 2016. The appellant was found to be lacking five years of required experience as of the January 2017 closing date.

On appeal, Ms. Lanza argues that she possesses 23 years of applicable experience as a secretary to the Fire Official of the Woodbridge Fire Department.

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 except when permitted for good cause, applicants for promotional examinations may not use experience gained as a result of out-of-title work to satisfy eligibility requirements.

CONCLUSION

At the outset, it is noted that qualifying experience has the announced experience requirement as the primary focus of the position. That is, the announced experience should be the main duty of the listed position. Aside from her provisional position, the appellant's prior titles were all in the Keyboarding Clerk title series. Additionally, the duties she listed for Keyboarding Clerk 3 do not match the experience requirement or have it as the primary focus. Ms. Lanza described clerical duties such as preparing monthly reports, tracking leave time, maintaining records and files, preparing and processing invoices, preparing violation notices, coordinating a yearly open house, coordinating training classes and seminars, tracking overtime and training hours, creating folders, signing up employees for training classes, record retention, and preparing handouts. The appellant performed some secretarial duties, maintaining a calendar, making appointments, and preparing correspondence, but the majority of her duties do not have the announced experience requirement as the primary focus. Therefore, the duties of her position are clearly not those of an Administrative Secretary and the appointing authority should return her to her permanent title.

An independent review of all material presented indicates that the decision 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 her 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 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017

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NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY



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

WEIGHT CODE: *

SALARY: \$50,000.00 - \$80,000.00

CLOSING DATE: January 23, 2017

JURISDICTION CODE: N12251101

TITLE CODE: 00112/MRRMR4 JURISDICTION: WOODBRIDGE

ISSUE DATE: January 01, 2017

DEPARTMENT: FIRE DISTRICT 1

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Experience: Five (5) years of experience in the capacity of a secretary to an executive or administrative official in a public or private organization.

Note: Successful completion of a two (2) year program in secretarial science at an accredited college or university may be substituted for two (2) years of the above experience. You must attach a copy of your transcript to 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. 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

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- 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.
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