

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

In the Matter of William O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Clerk (PM0745U), Jersey City

CSC Docket No. 2017-1081

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

**Examination Appeal** 

ISSUED: API

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(RE)

William O'Donnell appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that he did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Assistant Chief Clerk (PM0745U), Jersey City.

The examination at issue was announced with specific requirements that had to be met as of the April 21, 2016 closing date (see attached). It was found that appellant failed to satisfy the experience requirement. One candidate appeared on the eligible list, which has been certified once, but no appointments have yet been made.

On his application, Mr. O'Donnell listed three positions: provisional Assistant Chief Clerk, and two positions as Public Safety Telecommunicator. He was credited with one year, eleven months of experience in his provisional position, and found to be lacking two years, one month of applicable experience.

On appeal, the appellant argues that he meets the minimum requirements for the position, and he indicates that he had been working out-of-title for many years, since 2005. He indicates that a classification review was done on his position and the Assistant Chief Clerk title was found to be appropriate for the duties he performs. The Director of the Department of Public Safety indicates that Mr. O'Donnell has been exclusively performing clerical duties since 2005. In addition, the appointing authority indicates that the appellant has been working out-of-title since January 2005. Further, the appointing authority requests that Mr.

O'Donnell's out-of-title work experience be accepted, and that it would like to appoint him to the subject title.

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

Initially, the appellant was correctly deemed to be ineligible for the subject examination since he lacked the minimum experience. However, the appointing authority has indicated that Mr. O'Donnell performed out-of-title duties for at least four years while in the title of Public Safety Telecommunicator. With the acceptance of this out-of-title work, Mr. O'Donnell possesses the required experience. The examination was not competitive with one admitted candidate, and Mr. O'Donnell remains in his provisional position as an Assistant Chief Clerk. Thus, based on the documentation submitted and under these circumstances, good cause exists to accept Mr. O'Donnell's out-of-title work experience, for eligibility purposes only, to satisfy the requirements for the subject examination.

## ORDER

Therefore, it is ordered that this appeal be granted, 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 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2017

Robert M. Czech

Chairperson

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# Attachment

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Click here to file Online Print
\$25,00 PROCESSING FEE REQUIRED
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SYMBOL: PM0745U

TITLE: ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK

ISSUE DATE: April 01, 2016
TITLE CODE: 00354/ DYRJR0
JURISDICTION: JERSEY CITY
DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC SAFETY

WEIGHT CODE: \*

SALARY: \$14,200.00 - \$49,190.00

CLOSING DATE: April 21, 2016
JURISDICTION CODE: N09060085

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):

Clerk 4 03859 Clerk 3 02773

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: Four (4) years of supervisory experience in clerical work

Note: Successful completion of a two (2) year program in business or commerce studies at an accredited college or university may be substituted for two (2) years of the above experience. Successful completion of a secretarial training program at a vocational or business school may be substituted on a year for year basis for up to two (2) years of the above experience. You must indicate the total number of college credits completed to date on your application. (Foreign degrees/transcripts must be calculated by a recognized evaluation service.) 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 at 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 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@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.

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