

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:1-1.2(c) provides that a rule may be relaxed for good cause in a particular circumstance in order to effectuate the purpose of Title 11A, New Jersey Statutes.

CONCLUSION

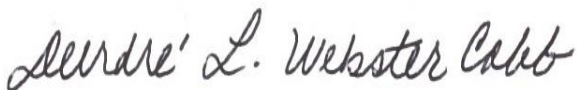
In the present matter, a review of the documentation demonstrates that initially, Agency Services correctly determined that the appellant was not eligible for the subject examination. As of the announced closing date, the appellant's transcripts did not evidence the required coursework in education and/or communications. However, it cannot be ignored that the appellant has been serving in the Biologist Education title series since August 2003. Further, the subject examination has been cancelled since the appellant was the only applicant and she continues to serve provisionally in the title under test. As such, good cause exists to accept the totality of the appellant's education and provisional experience after the closing date and admit her to the subject 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Therefore, it is ordered that this appeal be granted, the examination cancellation be rescinded, and the appellant's application be processed for prospective employment opportunities only.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
2nd DAY OF MAY, 2018



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