STATE OF NEW JERSEY

B-155

In the Matter of Michele Taylor, Technical Assistant Personnel, (PS9201T), Department of Transportation

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
OF THE

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

CSC Docket No. 2015-2127

Examination Appeal

ISSUED: FEB - 5 2015

(CSM)

Michele Taylor appeals the determination of the former Division of Selection Services (Selection Services)¹ which found that she was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Technical Assistant, Personnel (PS9201T), Department of Transportation.

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The examination at issue was announced with specific requirements that had to be met as of the closing date of September 22, 2014 (see attached). A total of three employees applied for the subject examination that resulted in a list of two eligibles with an expiration date of December 31, 2017.

The appellant indicated on her application that she was provisionally serving in the title under test from May 2014 to the September 2014 closing date. From December 2011 to May 2014 she was a Personnel Aide 2 and from November 2009 to December 2011 she was a Senior Clerk Typist. From January 2006 to November 2009 she was a Clerk. From February 1998 to January 2006 she was a Senior Member Service Representative with the Credit Union of New Jersey and from January 1992 to February 1998 she was a Customer Service Representative with Sovereign Bank. The appellant did not indicate completion of any college credits. Selection Services credited the appellant with two years and nine months of experience based on her provisional service in the title under test and as a Personnel Aide 2, but determined that the remainder of her experience was not applicable.

¹ Now the Division of Agency Services.

On appeal, the appellant maintains that she performed out-of-title duties as a Senior Clerk Typist. In support, the appointing authority states that due to major staffing turnover and the hiring and promotional freeze, it was necessary to reorganize work assignments that resulted in the appellant being assigned out-of-title duties. The appointing authority verifies that the appellant performed the required out-of-title duties as a Senior Clerk Typist from November 2010 to December 2011 due to business necessity and supports this appeal.

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.

CONCLUSION

In the present matter, a review of the documentation demonstrates that initially, Selection Services correctly determined that the appellant was not eligible for the subject examination. The appellant was properly credited with two years and nine months of experience based on her provisional service in the title under test and as a Personnel Aide 2, and in accordance with the substitution clause for education would need an additional one year and three months of experience to qualify for the examination. Primarily performing the duties of a Technical Assistant Personnel would be considered out-of-title work for incumbents in the Senior Clerk Typist title. However, the appointing authority has verified that the appellant performed the required out-of-title duties since November 2010 due to business necessity. Additionally, the subject eligible list is incomplete and the appellant continues to serve provisionally in the title under test. Under these circumstances, good cause exists to accept the appellant's out-of-title work experience and admit her to the subject examination.

ORDER

Therefore, it is ordered that this appeal be granted and the appellant's application be processed for current employment opportunity.

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

4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015

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Attachment

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NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION-STATE SERVICE PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT



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

SYMBOL: PS9201T

TITLE: TECHNICAL ASSISTANT PERSONNEL

ISSUE DATE: September 01, 2014 TITLE CODE: 41135/IYRXR2

DEPARTMENT: TPA/TRANSPORTATION

UNIT SCOPE: T360 Human Resources/Employee Support

WEIGHT CODE: *

SALARY: \$39,146.00 - \$55,161.00

CLOSING DATE: September 22, 2014

CLASS CODE: 18

APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 24, 2014

ONLY ON LINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS ANNOUNCEMENT

Open 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: Completion of sixty (60) semester hour credits from an accredited college or university. You must indicate the 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.

Experience: Two (2) years of experience in technical, clerical personnel work involving the application of procedural rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.

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

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.

NOTE: All requirements must be met as of the above closing date, however applications will be accepted up to and including September 24, 2014.

SPECIAL NOTE: IF YOU FILED AN APPLICATION FOR THIS ANNOUNCEMENT DURING THE ORIGINAL POSTING PERIOD YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FILE AGAIN.

Amended 9/16/14

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. NJAC 4A:4-2.6 states that all requirements listed, including assignment to the department and unit scope, must be met as of the closing date.

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- and pan-time permanent employees. If an employment list results from this announcement, it may be certified to fill full-time and

part-time positions. If 35- and 40-hour positions are used within the unit scope, 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.

6.SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS Please make sure you are assigned to the unit scope indicated above. If you do not know your unit scope assignment, please contact your Human Resource Office. If you file an application for this announcement and you are not assigned to the unit scope 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 regular business hours on the closing date will not change the application filing deadline so PLEASE FILE EARLY.

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