

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Taxes (A) Department**

**NOTIFICATION**

G. O. (P) 112/74/TD.

*Dated, Trivandrum, 9th September 1974.*

**S. R. O. No. 689/74.**— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Kerala Public Services Act, 1968 (19 of 1968) read with section 3 thereof, and in supersession of all the existing rules and orders on the subject, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following Special Rules for the Kerala Excise and Prohibition Subordinate Service, namely:—

**Rules**

1. *Constitution.*—The Service shall consist of the following categories of officers, namely:—

Category (1): Excise Inspectors

Category (2): Excise Preventive Officers

Category (3): Excise Guards.

2. *Appointment.*—Appointment to the various categories shall be made as follows:—

*Category*

(1)

*Method of Appointment*

(2)

1. Excise Inspectors

(1) Direct recruitment, or

(2) Promotion from category (2) or

(3) Recruitment by transfer from among Upper Division Clerks employed in the Excise Department.

Provided that every fourth vacancy in the category shall be filled or reserved to be filled by direct recruitment:

Provided further that the remaining vacancies shall be filled in the ratio of 1:1 as between methods (2) and (3) till the last Upper Division Clerk in the Department is promoted and thereafter by method (2) above.

*Note:*—Ladies shall not be eligible to be considered for appointment to vacancies other than in the offices, Pharmaceutics, Distilleries, Breweries, Wineries and Bonded Warehouses involving no outdoor work, in view of the arduous and special nature of the duties and responsibilities attached to other posts.

(1)	(2)
2. Excise Preventive Officers	<p>(1) Direct recruitment, or  (2) Promotion from Category (3):</p> <p>Provided that every fourth substantive vacancy shall be filled or reserved to be filled by direct recruitment:</p> <p>Provided further that the remaining vacancies shall be filled by promotion from among Excise Guards possessing the minimum qualification of the S.S.L.C. standard and those who do not possess this qualification in the ratio of 1:1.</p>

3 Excise Guards Direct recruitment:

Provided that in all cases of direct recruitment mentioned in the Rule preference shall be given to ex-service men:

Provided further that in all cases of direct recruitment mentioned in the rule, only male candidates shall be eligible in view of the arduous and special nature and responsibilities to this attached to the post.

3 *Reservation of appointment.*—The Rules regarding reservation of appointments (General Rules 14 to 17) shall apply to appointments by direct recruitment.

4. *Age.*—No person shall be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment to any of the categories if he has completed or will complete 30 years of age or if he has not completed or will not complete 19 years of age on the first day of July of the year in which applications for appointment to the post are invited:

Provided that the maximum age limit in the case of Excise Guards in service for purposes of direct recruitment as Excise Preventive Officers shall be 35 years.

5. *Qualification.*—No person shall be eligible for appointment to any of the categories mentioned in Column (1) of the Table below, by the method specified against it in Column (2) thereof unless he possesses the qualifications specified in the corresponding entry in Column (3) of the said Table.

TABLE

Category	Method of appointment	Qualification
(1)	(2)	(3)
1. Excise Inspector	(1) Direct Recruitment	(1) Must possess a B. A., B. Sc. or B. Com. Degree of any recognised University or its equivalent. In the case of Ex-Servicemen the minimum qualification shall be S.S.L.C.

(1)	(2)	(3)
		<p>(2) Must not be less than 165 cm. in height and 81 cm. round the chest with a minimum expansion of 5 cm.</p> <p>Provided that the minimum height in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes shall be 160 cm. only.</p> <p>(3) Must be certified by a Medical Officer not below the rank of Civil Surgeon Grade II as to his physique, fitness and capacity for outdoor work.</p>
	(2) Promotion	Must possess the minimum educational qualification of the S.S.L.C. Standard.
2	Excise Preventive Officer	(1) Direct Recruitment
		<p>(1) S.S.L.C. or its equivalent.</p> <p>(2) Must not be less than 165 cm in height and 81 cm. round the chest with a minimum expansion of 5 cm.</p> <p>Provided that the minimum height in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes shall be 160 cm. only.</p> <p>(3) Must be certified by a Medical Officer not below the rank of Civil Surgeon Grade II as to his physique, fitness and capacity for active outdoor work.</p>
	(2) Promotion	<p>(1) Must have put in a service for a period of not less than 3 years as Excise Guard if he possesses the minimum educational qualification of the S.S.L.C. Standard and at least 7 years of such service in the case of those who do not possess this qualification.</p> <p>(2) Must have passed a test to be conducted by the Kerala Public Service Commission for purposes of deciding the eligibility for promotion.</p>

(1)	(2)	(3)
3. Excise Guards	Direct Recruitment	<p>(1) Must have completed the S.S.L.C. course or its equivalent.</p> <p>(2) Must not be less than 165 cm. in height and 81 cm. round the chest with a minimum expansion of 5 cm. Provided that in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes the minimum height shall be 160 cm. only.</p> <p>(3) Must be certified by a medical officer not below the rank of Assistant Surgeon as to his physique, fitness and capacity for active outdoor work.</p>

6. *Tests.*—(1) Every person appointed to any of the categories mentioned in Column (1) of the Table below by direct recruitment shall within the prescribed period of probation pass the tests specified in the corresponding entry in Column (2) of the Table below if he has not already passed them:—

TABLE

<i>Category</i> (1)	<i>Tests</i> (2)
Excise Inspectors	(1) Account Test (Lower) (2) Excise Tests—Parts A and B
Excise Preventive Officer	Excise Tests—Parts A and B

(2) No person shall be eligible for appointment by transfer or by promotion to any of the categories mentioned in Column (1) of the Table below unless he has passed the tests specified in the corresponding entry in Column (2) of the table:—

TABLE

<i>Category</i> (1)	<i>Tests</i> (2)
Excise Inspectors	(1) Account Test (Lower) (2) Excise Tests—Parts A and B
Excise Preventive Officers	Preventive Officers Test to be conducted by the Kerala Public Service Commission.

*Note.*—1. The Excise Preventive Officers promoted to the posts before the commencement of these rules shall have to pass the test within a period of two years of the introduction of the test. Failure to pass the test will be a bar to future promotions and grant of increment.

2. Provisional promotion as Preventive Officers is permissible during the period between the date of commencement of these rules and the introduction of the test and during a further period of two years.
3. A pass in the Travancore Account Test or Cochin Civil Account Test or Part I of the Madras Account Test for subordinate officers shall be deemed to be a pass in the Account Test (Lower).
4. A pass in full of the Cochin Excise Test or the Travancore Excise Test or Madras Tests A and B shall be deemed to be a pass in the Excise Test.
5. A pass in paper I of the Travancore Excise Test or Madras Test A shall be deemed to be a pass in Part B of the Excise Test.
6. A pass in paper II of the Travancore Excise Test or Madras Test B or any of the papers of the Cochin Excise Test shall be deemed to be a pass in Part A of the Excise Test.
7. Persons possessing a Degree in Law of a recognised University shall be exempted from passing Part B of the Excise Test.
8. Persons passing the Excise Tests Part A and B shall not be required to pass the Preventive Officers Test.

7. *Appointing authority.*—The appointing authority for category (1) and the Excise Preventive Officers and Excise Guards of special squads and Excise Intelligence Bureau shall be the Deputy Commissioner of Excise and the appointing authority for other members of the service shall be the Assistant Commissioners of Excise.

8. *Probation.*—Every person appointed to any of the categories of the service shall from the date on which he joins duty be on probation;

(a) If appointed by direct recruitment or by transfer for a period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years; and

(b) If appointed by promotion for a total period of one year on duty within a continuous period of two years.

*Not.*—The period of probation prescribed above excludes the period of training, if any.

9. *Training.*—Every person appointed to category (1) by direct recruitment shall undergo such training as may be prescribed by the Board of Revenue for a period of not less than six months. Officers in categories (2) and (3) shall undergo such training as may be prescribed by the Board of Revenue for a period of not less than three months. The period spent for training shall on no account be counted for probation and increment.

10. *Unit of appointment, discharge and re-appointment, seniority and appointment as full Member.*—For the purposes of appointment or re-appointment to the service, whether as a full member or not, discharge from the

service and seniority among the members of the service, the Excise Divisions shall be the unit in the case of Excise Preventive Officers and Excise Guards:

Provided that the Excise Preventive Officers and Excise Guards employed in the Special Squads and in the Office of the Board of Revenue (Excise) shall be deemed to be a separate unit.

11. *Postings and Transfers.*—Postings and transfers of all persons appointed to service from one unit to another shall be made by the Deputy Commissioner of Excise.

By order of the Governor,  
V. VENKITANARAYANAN,  
*Secretary.*

#### **Explanatory Note**

(This note is not part of the Rules but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

At present there are no statutory rules governing the recruitment and conditions of service of persons appointed to the Kerala Excise and Prohibition Subordinate Service. It is considered necessary to issue statutory Special Rules for the service. This notification is intended to achieve the above purpose.