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Public Works (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 21/2016/PWD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 18th May, 2016  
4th Idavam, 1191.

**S. R. O. No. 395/2016.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Kerala Public Services Act, 1968 (19 of 1968) and in supersession of G. O.(Ms.) No. 173/PW dated 15th June, 1965, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following Special Rules for the Kerala Architectural Wing State Service in the Kerala State Public Works Department, namely:—

## RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) These rules may be called the Kerala State Public Works Department (Architectural Wing) State Service Special Rules, 2016.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Constitution.*—The service shall consist of the following categories of Officers, namely:—

Category 1	..	Chief Architect
Category 2	..	Deputy Chief Architect
Category 3	..	Senior Architect
Category 4	..	Deputy Architect
Category 5	..	Landscape Architect
Category 6	..	Technical Assistant (Architecture)
Category 7	..	Architectural Assistant.

3. *Method of Appointment.*—Appointment to the categories of posts shall be made in the manner specified in the Table I given below:

TABLE I

<i>Category</i>	<i>Method of Appointment</i>
(1)	(2)
1. Chief Architect	By promotion from category 2.
2. Deputy Chief Architect	By promotion from category 3.
3. Senior Architect	By promotion from category 4, 5.
4. Deputy Architect	1. By promotion from the qualified candidates in category 7.
5. Landscape Architect	1. By promotion from qualified candidates from category 7;

(1)	(2)
6. Technical Assistant (Architecture)	<p>2. In the absence of qualified hands under item 1 above, by direct recruitment.</p> <p>1. By promotion from the qualified candidates in category 7 having Civil Engineering qualification only (provided as per Rule 9);</p> <p>2. In the absence of suitable candidates in item (1) above, by promotion from suitable candidates in the Category 7 having Architectural qualification.</p>
7. Architectural Assistant	<p>(i) By transfer from Architectural Draftsman Grade I under the Kerala Architectural Subordinate Service;</p> <p>(ii) By direct recruitment.</p> <p><i>Note:</i>—40% of the posts shall be filled up by transfer in the ratio 3:2 between Diploma and Certificate holders from Kerala Architectural Subordinate Service. The remaining 60% of posts shall be filled up by direct recruitment. 10% of the posts under direct recruitment quota shall be filled up by direct recruitment from among persons who possess qualifications required and have rendered service of not less than two years in any of the categories, under Kerala Architectural Subordinate Service.</p>

*Note:*—The posts of Technical Assistant (Architecture) (ie. only those having requisite qualification for the post of Deputy Architect) and the Deputy Architect are interchangeable.

4. *Qualification regarding age.*—No person shall be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment if he/she has not completed 18 years of age or has completed 36 years of age with usual relaxation of age admissible to candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Communities as on the first day of the year in which applications for appointment are invited by the Kerala Public Service Commission.

Provided that persons in the Kerala Architectural State Service and the Kerala Architectural Subordinate Service, who possess necessary qualifications shall be exempted from the upper age limit prescribed above.

5. *Other qualifications.*—No person shall be eligible for appointment to any of the category specified in column (1) of the Table 2 below, by the method specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof unless he/she possesses the qualifications specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) thereof.

TABLE 2

<i>Category</i>	<i>Method of Appointment</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)
1. Chief Architect	By promotion from category 2	(1) Bachelors Degree in Architecture from a recognized University  or  Associate Membership of Indian Institute of Architects (A.I.I.A., Bombay);  and  (2) Must possess a valid current Certificate of Registration with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi set up under the Architects Act, 1972 (Central Act 20 of 1972) by the Government of India;

(1)	(2)	(3)
2. Deputy Chief Architect	By promotion from category 3	<p data-bbox="686 253 1065 318">(3) Must be an approved probationer in the category 2.</p> <p data-bbox="686 345 1065 448">(1) Bachelors Degree in Architecture from a recognized University</p> <p data-bbox="833 459 862 480"><i>or</i></p> <p data-bbox="686 488 1065 591">Associate Membership of Indian Institute of Architects (A.I.I.A., Bombay);</p> <p data-bbox="818 599 862 620"><i>and</i></p> <p data-bbox="686 644 1065 883">(2) Must possess a valid current Certificate of Registration with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi set up under the Architects Act, 1972 (Central Act 20 of 1972) by the Government of India;</p> <p data-bbox="818 891 862 912"><i>and</i></p>
3. Senior Architect	By promotion from category 4, 5	<p data-bbox="686 940 1065 1005">(3) Must be an approved probationer in category 3.</p> <p data-bbox="686 1032 1065 1135">(1) Bachelors Degree in Architecture from a recognized University</p> <p data-bbox="833 1143 862 1164"><i>or</i></p> <p data-bbox="686 1172 1065 1274">Associate Membership of Indian Institute of Architects (A.I.I.A., Bombay);</p> <p data-bbox="818 1282 862 1304"><i>and</i></p> <p data-bbox="686 1328 1065 1463">(2) Must possess a valid current Certificate of Registration with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi set</p>

(1)	(2)	(3)
		<p>up under the Architects Act, 1972 (Central Act 20 of 1972) by the Government of India;</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>(3) Must be an approved probationer in any one of the categories 4 and 5.</p>
<p>4. Deputy Architect</p>	<p>By promotion from the qualified candidates in the Category 7</p>	<p>(1) Bachelors Degree in Architecture from a recognized University</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>Associate Membership of Indian Institute of Architects (A.I.I.A., Bombay);</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>(2) Must possess a valid current Certificate of Registration with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi set up under the Architects Act, 1972 (Central Act 20 of 1972) by the Government of India;</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>(3) Must be an approved probationer in the post of Architectural Assistant.</p>
<p>5. Landscape Architect</p>	<p>1. By promotion from qualified candidates from category 7</p>	<p>(1) Masters Degree or equivalent in Landscape Architecture from a recognized University;</p> <p><i>and</i></p>

(1)	(2)	(3)
		<p>(2) Must possess a valid current Certificate of Registration with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi set up under the Architects Act, 1972 (Central Act 20 of 1972) by the Government of India;</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>(3) Must be an approved probationer in the post of Architectural Assistant.</p>
	2. In the absence of qualified hands under item 1 above by Direct Recruitment	<p>(1) Masters Degree or equivalent in Landscape Architecture from a recognized University;</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>(2) Must possess a valid current Certificate of Registration with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi set up under the Architects Act, 1972 (Central Act 20 of 1972) by the Government of India.</p>
6. Technical Assistant (Architecture)	1. By promotion from the qualified candidates in Category 7 having	<p>(1) Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from a recognized University or its equivalent qualification</p> <p><i>or.</i></p>

(1)	(2)	(3)
	Civil Engineering qualification only (provided as per Rule 9)	Associate Membership in the Institute of Engineers (India) (A.M.I.E.) in Civil Engineering Branch <i>or</i> Diploma in Civil Engineering recognized by Government of Kerala; <i>and</i> Must be an approved probationer in the post of Architectural Assistant.
	2. In the absence of suitable candidates in item (1) above, by promotion from suitable candidates in the Category 7 having Architectural qualification	(1) Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from a recognized University <i>or</i> Associate Membership of Indian Institute of Architects (A.I.I.A., Bombay); <i>and</i> Must possess a valid current Certificate of Registration with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi set up under the Architects Act, 1972 by the Government of India; <i>and</i> Must be an approved probationer with minimum two years service as Architectural Assistant. <i>or</i>



(1)	(2)	(3)
		<p>(2) Three year Diploma (after Secondary School) in Architecture awarded by the State Board of Technical Education, Government of Kerala</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>Any Diploma in Architecture awarded by the Government of India and recognized as its equivalent qualification.</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>Proficiency in Computer aided drafting in Auto CAD Level 1 &amp; 2 or any other software notified as equivalent by the Government of Kerala from time to time.</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>Must be an approved probationer with minimum two years service as Architectural Assistant</p>
7. Architectural Assistant	1. By transfer from Architectural Draftsman Grade I under the Kerala Architectural Subordinate Service.	<p>(1) Bachelors Degree in Architecture from a recognized University.</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>Associate Membership of Indian Institute of Architects (A.I.I.A.), Bombay</p> <p><i>and</i></p>

(1)	(2)	(3)
		<p>Must possess a valid current certificate of Registration with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi set up under the Architects Act, 1972 by the Government of India.</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>Must be an approved probationer with a minimum period of two years service as Architectural Draftsman Grade I</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>(2) <del>Three year Diploma</del> (after Secondary School) in Architecture awarded by the State Board of Technical Education, Government of Kerala</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>Any Diploma in Architecture awarded by the Government of India and recognized as its equivalent qualification.</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>Proficiency in Computer aided drafting in Auto CAD Level 1 &amp; 2 or any other software notified as equivalent by the Government of Kerala from time to time.</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>Must be an approved probationer with a minimum period of two years service as Architectural Draftsman Grade I</p> <p><i>or</i></p>

(1)	(2)	(3)
		(3) National Trade Certificate in Architectural Draftsmanship with training awarded by the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT), New Delhi or its equivalent qualification approved by the Government of Kerala.
		<i>and</i>
		Proficiency in Computer aided drafting in Auto CAD Level 1 & 2 or any other software notified as equivalent by the Government of Kerala from time to time.
		<i>and</i>
		Must be an approved probationer with a minimum period of two years service as Architectural Draftsman Grade I.
	2. By Direct recruitment <i>Note:</i> 40% of the posts shall be filled up by transfer in the ratio 3:2 between	(1) Bachelors Degree in Architecture from a recognized University;  <i>or</i> Associate Membership of Indian Institute of Architects (A.I.I.A.), Bombay
		<i>and</i>

(1)	(2)	(3)
<p>Diploma and Certificate holders from Kerala Architectural Sub-ordinate Service. The remaining 60% of posts shall be filled up by direct recruitment. 10% of the posts under direct recruitment quota shall be filled up by direct recruitment from among persons who possess qualifications required and have rendered service of not less than two years in any of the categories under Kerala Architectural Subordinate Service.</p>	<p>Must possess a valid current Certificate of Registration with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi set up under the Architects Act, 1972 (Central Act 20 of 1972) by the Government of India.</p>	

6. *Probation*:—Every person appointed to any of the categories by promotion shall be, from the date on which he/she joins duty, on probation for a period of 6 months on duty within a continuous period of one year. Probation for direct recruits/ by transfer candidates, shall be two years on duty within a continuous period of three years.

7. *Appointing Authority*:—Appointing authority for categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall be the Government of Kerala and that for category 7 shall be the Chief Architect.

8. *Tests*:—Every person appointed to any of the categories mentioned in Rule 2 shall, within the period of probation, possess Executive Officers Test and PWD Manual Test conducted by the Public Service Commission if he/she has not already passed the same.

9. *Savings*.—All persons who are members of this service without Architectural qualification, as on the date of commencement of these rules shall be given exemption from possessing the qualifications prescribed by these rules for the posts held by them and for the promotion from Subordinate Service and are free to opt for the new Special Rules on their acquisition for the qualifications included in the Table 2.

By order of the Governor,  
A.P.M. MOHAMMED HANISH,  
*Secretary to Government.*

### **Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The rules relating to the qualifications and method of appointment to the Architectural Wing of the State PWD was formulated by the Government of Kerala in G. O. (Ms.) No. 173/PW dated 15th June, 1965, when there was insufficient number of architecturally qualified hands available in the State to operate the wing. Therefore the qualifications prescribed for appointment were more related to Civil Engineering professionals working in various departments. Now the State is having sufficient number of architecturally trained personnel from various institutions for appointment to this wing. Further, the introduction of the Architects Act, 1972 by the Government of India (made applicable to all States and Union Territories), required its provisions to be built into these rules. Hence the existing rules had to be revised to effect the same.

Accordingly as per G. O. (Ms.) No. 19/2011/PWD dated 1-3-2011 one post of Landscape Architect was created in the cadre of Assistant Architect and one post of Architectural Head Draftsman was upgraded as Technical Assistant (Architectural) in the cadre of Assistant Architect. The posts of Architect, Assistant Architect and Architectural Head Draftsman were re-designated as Senior Architect, Deputy Architect and Architectural Assistant respectively. Government have decided to formulate a new Special Rules for the State Service of the Architectural Wing of the State PWD incorporating all the changes made as above and in consonance with the Architects Act, 1972.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.