

NOTIFICATION

**Forest and Environment Department,
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.**

Dated the 8th July, 2020.

**Constitution
of India.**

No.GVN/2020/(18)EXM/102007/1190/D-2:- In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India and in supersession of all the rules made in this behalf, the Governor of Gujarat hereby makes the following rules, to provide for regulating the method of Combined Competitive Examination for recruitment to the post of Assistant Conservator of Forest Class II and Range Forest Officer Class II, namely:-

1. Short title, commencement and application. -These rules may be called the Assistant Conservator of Forest, Class II and the Range Forest Officer, Class II (Combined Competitive Examination) Rules, 2020.

2. Definitions. - In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (a) "Appendix" means an Appendix appended to these rules;
- (b) "Commission" means the Gujarat Public Service Commission;
- (c) "examination" means the combined competitive examination for the recruitment to the posts of Assistant Conservator of Forest, Class II and Range Forest Officer, Class II ;
- (d) "Government" means the Government of Gujarat;

- (e) "Prescribed" means prescribed by regulations made by the Commission.
- (f) "relevant recruitment rules" means the recruitment rules prescribed by the Government for the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Class II and Range Forest Officer, Class II,

3. Holding of Examination.-

- (1) The Commission on receiving the requisition from the Government, shall hold an examination for selection of candidates for recruitment to the posts of Assistant Conservator of Forests, Class II and Range Forest Officer, Class II.
- (2) The procedure to call for application and scrutiny of the applications shall be decided by the Commission.
- (3) The dates, time and the places for holding the examination shall be decided by the Commission.
- (4) The personality Test shall be held at Gandhinagar.
- (5) The candidate who fails to remain present at the Personality Test, on the specified date and time shall not be eligible for selection.
- (6) The candidate shall be required to attend all the stages of examination at his own expenses.

4. Mode of Examination.-

- (1) The examination shall be held in two successive stages, namely:-

- (i) Preliminary Examination (Objective Type) for selection of candidates for the Main Examination; and
- (ii) Main Examination (Written and Personality Test) for the final selection of the candidates for the posts.

(2) The Preliminary Examination and the Main Examination shall be held in such manner as specified in Section- I, II, III and IV of the Appendix.

(3) The successful candidates in the Preliminary Examination shall be eligible to appear in the Main examination.

(4) The successful candidates in the Written Examination shall be called for Personality Test.

5. Syllabus.-The Syllabus of the examination i.e. Preliminary Examination and Main Examination shall be determined by the Commission.

6. Medium of Examination.-

(1) The medium of examination shall be Gujarati and English for Section II of the Appendix.

(2) The medium of examination for Paper I of Section III of the Appendix shall be Gujarati and for Paper II of Section III of the Appendix shall be English.

(3) The medium of examination for Papers III, IV and V of Section III of the Appendix shall be Gujarati and English. Answers to these papers shall be written in Gujarati or in English Language.

7. Application to appear in Examination.-

(1) The candidate, who desires to appear at the examination shall submit an application in such form, within such time limit as may be

prescribed by the Commission alongwith such fees as may be fixed by the Government.

(2) The candidate, who are declared qualified by the Commission for admission to the Main Examination shall apply again in such form as may be prescribed by the Commission alongwith such fees as may be fixed by the Government.

(3) The fees shall be paid in such manner as may be prescribed by the Commission. The fees once paid shall not be refunded or held over for the subsequent examination in any circumstances.

8. Eligibility.-

(1) A Candidate shall not be qualified for admission to the examination unless he is, -

- a. A citizen of India, or
- b. A subject of Nepal, or
- c. A subject of Bhutan, or
- d. Tibetan refugee who came over to India, before the 1st January 1962, with the intention of permanently setting in India; or
- e. A Person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam, with the Intention of permanently settling in India:

Provided that candidates belonging to categories (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall be required to furnish a certificate of eligibility issued by the Government.

(2) A candidate who is required to produce a certificate of eligibility, shall be allowed to appear in the examination conducted by the Commission and he shall also be appointed provisionally subject to the production of eligibility certificate within time frame, as decided by the Government.

9. Disqualification for appointment on ground of plural marriage.-

(1) No person, who,-

(a) If male, has more than one wife living; and

(b) If female, has married a man who has already another wife living;

Shall be eligible for appointment to any service under the State Government:

Provided that subject to the provisions of any law for the time being in force, the State Government may, if satisfied that there are special grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

(2) Every applicant for appointment to a service or post under the State Government shall declare whether he or she as the case may be, is married and, in the case of an applicant, who is a male whether he has more than one wife living and in the case of an applicant who is a female, whether she is married to a man who has already another wife living.

10. Age Limit. - The candidate for admission to the examination shall have attained the minimum age of 20 years and shall not have attained the maximum age prescribed in the relevant recruitment rules on the date as may be specified in the advertisement by the Commission.

11. Educational Qualifications.-

(1) The candidate possessing the requisite educational qualifications, other qualifications and requirements for the appointment under the relevant recruitment rules of the posts, shall be eligible for admission to the examination:

Provided that candidates who have appeared at an examination, the passing of which would render them educationally qualified for the Preliminary Examination, but have not been informed of the result, such candidates shall be permitted for admission to the Preliminary Examination:

Provided that such candidate shall be required to fulfil the minimum age criteria on the date mentioned by the Commission in the advertisement.

(2) All candidates who are declared qualified by the Commission for appearing in the Main Examination shall be required to produce proof of passing the requisite educational qualifications alongwith their application for the Main Examination. A candidate who fails to produce the proof of passing the requisite educational qualification shall not be eligible for admission to the Main Examination.

12. Decision of Commission shall be final.-

(1) No candidate shall be allowed to appear at the Main Examination unless the Commission is satisfied that,-

- (a) the candidate possesses the requisite qualifications and fulfils other requirements under the relevant recruitment rules of the posts;

- (b) he has paid the requisite fees alongwith the application;
- (c) the candidate is eligible in all respects and complies with all the requirements;
- (d) the candidate must fill the application form for the Main Examination and copy the same alongwith the copy of requisite documents shall be submitted to the Commission as prescribed by commission.

(2) The decision of the Commission as to the eligibility of a candidate for admission to the Main Examination shall be final.

(3) Subsequently, if at any time, the candidate is found ineligible for appearing in the Main Examination, his candidature shall be treated as cancelled and if already selected and appointed, his appointment shall be treated as cancelled *ab-initio* and his service shall be terminated forthwith:

Provided that no such appointment shall be terminated unless he has been given an opportunity of being heard.

13. Appearance at the Main Examination.-

The candidate who obtains such minimum qualifying marks in the Preliminary Examination, as may be fixed by the Commission at its discretion, shall be admitted to the Main Examination and a candidate who obtains such minimum qualifying marks in the Main Examination (Written), as may be

fixed by the Commission at its discretion, shall be called by it for Personality Test:

Provided that candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (including Nomadic Tribes and Denotified Tribes) or Economically Weaker Sections may be called for Personality Test, by the Commission, by applying relax standards in the Preliminary Examination as well as in the Main Examination(Written), if the Commission is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from these communities are not likely to be called for Personality Test on the basis of the general standard in order to fill up the vacancies reserved for them.

14. Ineligible if fails to attend Main Examination or Personality Test. - The candidate, who is qualified for the Main Examination but fails to attend the Main Examination or fails to attend any of the Main Examination papers or Personality Test shall not be eligible for selection.

15. Result of Main Examination.-

(1)(a) The result of the candidates whose names are to be recommended to the Government for the appointment to the posts, shall be arranged according to the order of merits of candidates alongwith the seat number and the total marks obtained by each of the candidates.

(b) The Commission shall also display the result of unsuccessful candidates containing the names, seat number and total marks obtained by each of the candidates.

(2) The Commission shall, submit a copy of the result to the Government and the Government shall publish the same in the official Gazette.

16. Rechecking of mark of Main Examination.-

(1) A candidate who desires to have his marks of Main Examination rechecked, may apply to the Commission alongwith such fees as may be fixed by the Commission for each paper within a period of thirty days from the date of declaration of the final result of the Main Examination.

(2) The candidate who desires to have the mark sheet of the Main Examination shall apply to the Commission alongwith such fees as may be fixed by the Commission within a period of fifteen days from the date of declaration of the final result.

(3) In no circumstances the marks of any part of the Main Examination shall be disclosed before the official declaration of the final result.

17. Forwarding the result to Government.- The Commission, on declaration of the result shall forward the list of candidates to the Government who are recommended for appointment alongwith necessary particulars such as whether candidate belongs to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (including Nomadic Tribes and Denotified Tribes) or Economical Weaker Sections, his date of birth, educational qualifications and such other particulars as the Government may direct.

18. Preparing of Merit List.-

- (1) After Main Examination, the candidates shall be arranged by the Commission in order of merit on the basis of the aggregate marks finally awarded to each candidate in the Main Examination (Written and Personality Test). Thereafter, the Commission shall, for the purpose of recommending candidates against unreserved vacancies, fix a qualifying mark (hereinafter referred to as general qualifying standard) with reference to the number of unreserved vacancies to be filled up on the basis of the Main Examination (Written and Personality Test). For the purpose of recommending reserved category candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (including Nomadic Tribes and Denotified Tribes) and Economic Weaker Sections against reserved vacancies, the Commission may relax the general qualifying standard with reference to number of reserved vacancies to be filled up in each of these categories on the basis of the Main Examination (Written and Personality Test):

Provided that the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (including Nomadic Tribes and Denotified Tribes) and Economic Weaker Sections, who have not availed themselves of any of the concessions or relaxations in the eligibility or the selection criteria, at the Main Examination and who after taking into account the general qualifying standards are found fit for recommendation by the Commission shall not be recommended against the vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (including

Nomadic Tribes and Denotified Tribes) and Economically Weaker Sections.

- (2) While considering the preference, the candidate belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (including Nomadic Tribes and Denotified Tribes) and Economically Weaker Sections recommended against unreserved vacancies may be adjusted against reserved vacancies by the commission if by this process they get a post of higher choice in the order of their preference.
- (3) The Commission may further lower the qualifying standard to take care of any shortfall of candidates for appointment against unreserved vacancies and any surplus of candidates against reserved vacancies arising out of the provision of this rule.
- (4) There shall be no waiting list. The residual vacant posts if any, due to non- joining of the candidates who have been allotted the posts for any reason, shall be carried forward to the next recruitment.

19. Order of Preference. -

- (1) The names of the candidates shall be arranged by the Commission in the order of merit on the basis of aggregate marks finally awarded to each candidate in the Main Examination(Written and Personality Test).
- (2) The candidate at the time of Personality Test shall indicate in his/ her own hand writing, the order of preferences for the posts for which he desires to be considered for appointment, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Commission:

Provided that the preference once given by the candidate shall be treated as final and no request for revision, addition, alteration or change in the preference shall be entertained by the Commission or by the Government.

(3) (a) The order of preference for the posts indicated by the candidate shall not confer any right for appointment to those posts. Having regard to the rank in the order of merit and the number of posts available, the preference given by the candidate shall be considered by the Government at the time of his appointment.

(b) where a candidate has not given preference for any post, or the candidate has given preference only for one posts, and the number of posts for which he has given preference are not available to accommodate the candidate as per his preference, he shall be allotted to any of the remaining vacant posts after allocation of all the candidate to the posts in accordance with their preference.

(4) Where a candidate fails to join the post offered to him within stipulated time, his name shall be deleted from the list of candidates recommended by the Commission for appointment.

(5) Where the candidate has been appointed to a particular post, no request shall be entertained by the Government for change of appointment to another post.

20. No right to appointment.- The mere success in the examination shall not confer any right to appointment and no candidate shall be appointed to the post unless the Government is satisfied after such inquiries as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the post.

21. Medical examination.- The candidate Qualified for appointment shall be required to pass a medical fitness and/or meet physical parameters in accordance with the relevant recruitment rules, made by the Government in this behalf:

Provided that the candidate shall be required to appear at the physical test for the posts, conducted by the Commission on the day of Personality Test. The candidate who do not fulfil the physical measurement as mentioned for the said posts, shall not be considered for such posts.

22. Training and examination.-

(1) The selected candidate shall be required to undergo such training and to pass such examination as may be prescribed by the Government.

(2) The selected candidate shall also be required to pass the Walking Test if any, in accordance with the relevant recruitment rules made by the Government in this behalf.

23. Disciplinary actions.- The candidate who is or has been declared by the Commission to be guilty of:-

1. obtaining support for his candidature by any means;
2. impersonating;
3. procuring impersonating by any person;

4. submitting fabricated documents or documents which have been tempered with;
5. making statement which are incorrect or false or suppressing material information;
6. resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with his candidature for the examination;
7. using unfair means during the examination;
8. writing irrelevant matter, including absurd language or pornographic matter in the scripts;
9. misbehaving in any other manner in the examination hall;
10. harassing or doing bodily harm to the staff employed by the Commission for the conduct of the Examination;
11. attempting to commit or as the case may be, abetting the Commission of all or any of the acts specified in the foregoing clauses: or
12. violating any of the instructions issued to the candidates alongwith his admission certificate permitting him to take the examination, shall, in addition to rendering himself liable to criminal prosecution, be liable –
 - (a) to be disqualified by the Commission from the examination for which he is a candidate,
 - (b) to be debarred either permanently or for a specific period,
 - (c) by the Commission from appearing in any examination or from any Interview for direct selection to be held by them; or
 - (d) by the State Government from any employment under it:

Provided that no penalty under clause (a) or clause (b) shall be imposed except after giving the candidate an

opportunity of making such representation in writing as he may wish to make in that behalf.

(e) to disciplinary action under the appropriate rules if he is already in the Government service.

24. Prohibition to use Certain Devices in examination hall.- The candidate shall not be allowed to carry with him a cellular phone, calculator, pager or any other electronic communication device.

25. Savings.-Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, any action initiated under the previous rules before the commencement of these rules, shall be valid till it is completed if any.

Appendix

[See rule 4(2)]

SECTION I

PLAN OF EXAMINATION

The Examination shall comprise of two successive stages:

- (A) Preliminary Examination (objective type) for the selection of candidates for Main Examination; and
- (B) Main Examination (includes Written and Personality Test) for selection of candidates for the posts.

(A) Preliminary Examination.-

The Preliminary Examination shall consist of two papers of objective type (multiple choice questions, MCQ) and carry 200 marks for each paper as shown in Section II of this Appendix. This examination is meant as a screening test only. The marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination by the candidates, who are declared qualified for admission to the Main Examination shall not be taken into consideration for determining their final order of merit. The number of candidates to be allowed to appear to the Main Examination shall be about fifteen times the total approximate number of vacancies so advertised. The candidate, who is declared qualified in the Preliminary Examination by the Commission, shall only be eligible for admission to the Main Examination, subject to the condition that he is otherwise eligible for admission to the Main Examination.

(B) Main Examination.

The Main Examination shall consist of written examination of total- 750 Marks and Personality Test of total 100 marks. The written examination shall consist of five papers, as shown in SECTION-III of this Appendix. The Personality Test shall consist of total-100 marks, as shown in SECTION-IV of this Appendix. The marks obtained by the candidates in the Main Examination and Personality Test shall determine their final ranking.

The candidates who obtain such minimum qualifying marks as may be fixed by the Commission, in the written part of the Main Examination, shall be called for the Personality Test. The number of candidates to be called for Personality Test shall be about the thrice the number of vacancies so advertised. The Personality Test shall carry 100 marks without any minimum qualifying marks.

SECTION II

Scheme and subjects for the Preliminary Examination.

The Preliminary Examination shall consist of two papers of total 400 Marks as follow:-

Paper No.	Nature of Examination	Subject	Marks	Duration
I	Objective Type	General Studies-1	200	3 Hours
II	Objective Type	General Studies-2	200	3 Hours

Note:

1. The detailed syllabus for the entire two question papers shall be such as may be prescribed and notified by the Commission.
2. The standard and the course content of the syllabus for General Studies papers shall be of a degree level.
3. The question papers shall be of the objective type (Multiple choice questions).

SECTION III

Scheme and Subjects of Main Examination (Written Descriptive Test)

The Scheme and subjects of Main Examination (Written Test) shall consist of the following papers:

Paper No.	Nature of Examination	Subject	Marks	Duration
I	Written Descriptive	Gujarati Language	150	3 Hours
II	Written Descriptive	English Language	150	3 Hours
III	Written Descriptive	General Studies-I	150	3 Hours
IV	Written Descriptive	General Studies-II	150	3 Hours
V	Written Descriptive	General Studies-III	150	3 Hours
Total Marks			750	

Note:

1. The standard of Gujarati Paper shall be equivalent to Gujarati subjects (higher level) of Twelfth standard of Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board.
2. The standard of English Paper shall be equivalent to English subjects (Lower level) of Twelfth standard of Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board.
3. The standard and the course content of the syllabus for the General Studies papers shall be of a degree level.
4. The detailed syllabus for each paper shall be such as may be prescribed and notified by the Commission.
5. The question papers for the Main Examination shall be of descriptive type.

SECTION - IV

Personality Test- 100 Marks

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

G. J. Dave

Joint Secretary to Government.

Copy to:-

- The Secretary to Governor of Gujarat, Raj Bhavan, Gandhinagar. **(By letter)**
- The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Sachivalaya Gandhinagar.
- The Personal Secretary to the Minister of Forest, Sachivalaya Gandhinagar.
- The Personal Secretary to the Minister of State (Forest), Sachivalaya Gandhinagar.
- The Secretary, Gujarat Public Service Commission, Gandhinagar. **(By letter)**
- Principal Secretary General Administration Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.

- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
- The Manager, Government Central Press, Gandhinagar.....with a request to publish this notification in the Government Gazette immediately and send 200 copies thereof to the Forest and Environment department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- The Legislative and Parliamentary Affair Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.....With a Request to publish Gujarati translation of Notification and Send two hundred copies to this Department.
- All branches of the Forest and Environment department.
- ✓ System Manager, Forest and Environment department.....With request to publish on the department's website.
- The Select file, Branch / Deputy Section Officer.


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