

Notification

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No.GVN-102008(47)-EXM-102007-1190-D (FR 573) :- 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 recruitment to the post of the Assistant Conservator of Forests or Range Forest Officer, namely :-

1. **Short Title.-** These rules may be called the Assistant Conservator of Forest/Range Forest Officer's Competitive Examination Rules, 2008.
2. **Definitions .-** In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-
 - (a) "Commission" means the Gujarat Public Service Commission;
 - (b) "Examination" means the Combined Competitive Examination for recruitment to the post of Assistant Conservator of Forest / Range Forest Officer and includes the preliminary Examination, Main Examination and an interview test referred to in rule 4;
 - (c) "Government" means the Government of Gujarat;
 - (d) "Prescribed" means prescribed by the regulations made by the Commission;
 - (e) "Schedule" means schedule appended to these rules;
3. **Holding of Examination.-** (1) The Commission shall hold a combined competitive examination for selection of candidates on receiving of the requisition from the Government, for the aforesaid post. The dates and the place of the examination shall be decided by the Commission.
4. **Nature of Examination.-** (1) The examination shall be in two successive stages namely:-
 - (i) Preliminary Examination (Objective type) for selection of candidates for Main Examination, and
 - (ii) Main Examination (Written and Interview Test) for final selection of candidates.

(2) The Preliminary and Main Examination shall be held in the manner as specified in the Schedule.
5. **Syllabus.-** The Commission shall determine the details of Syllabus of each subject and supply to the candidates alongwith the application form.

6. **Medium of the Examination.-** (1) Subject to sub-rules (2) and (3), the medium of the examination shall be Gujarati.

(2) The answers to the questions paper of General English shall be given in English language.

(3) The answers to the question of optional papers may be given either in Gujarati or English.

7. **Place of Examination.-** (1) The Examination and interview test shall be held at Ahmedabad:

Provided that the examination may also be held at other centers if the Commission finds it appropriate.

(2) The candidates shall require to attend the written examination and interview test at their own expenses.

8. **Application for Examination.-** (1) A candidate who desires to appear at the preliminary examination shall submit an application prescribed form to the Commission alongwith such fees as may be fixed by the Government.

(2) The Candidates who have been declared successful at the preliminary examination by the Commission shall apply for the main examination in prescribed form to the Commission alongwith such fees as may be fixed by the Government.

(3) The fees once paid shall not be refunded or held over for any subsequent examination.

(4) The request for withdrawal of the application on any ground by the candidate shall not be allowed.

9. **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 Interview Test) and in that order, the commission shall recommend the qualified candidates for appointment to the extent of the number of vacancies to be filled in:

Provided that where the vacancies reserved for the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or Socially and Educationally Backward Classes can not be filled up on the basis of qualifying aggregate marks fixed for general category, the Commission may relax the standard of aggregate marks to make up for the deficiency in the reserved posts:

(2) The appointment of the candidate to a particular post shall be subject to the provision of recruitment rules in force relating to that post.

(3) If a candidate fails to join the post offered to him, his name shall

be cancelled from the list of candidates recommended by the Commission for appointment.

10. **Conditions for 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) 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) or (d) shall furnish a certificate of eligibility issued by the Government.

(2) A candidate who is required to produce a certificate of eligibility, may be allowed to appear in the examination or interview conducted by the Commission and he may also be appointed provisionally subject to the production of eligibility certificate.

11. **Disqualification for appointment on ground of plural marriage.**-

- (1) No person, who, -
- (a) has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living, or
 - (b) has a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person
- shall be eligible for appointment :

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

(2) The candidate shall require to declare in the application form whether he or she as the case may be, is married and, in the case of male candidate whether he has more than one wives living and in the case of female candidate whether she has married to a man who has already another wife living.

✓ 12. **Age Limit.**- A candidate for admission to the examination shall have attained the age of 21 years and shall not have attained the age of 28 years on the date mentioned by the Commission in the advertisement.

13. **Educational Qualifications.**-

(1) A candidate shall hold a Bachelor's degree of any University incorporated by an Act of the Parliament or State Legislature in

India or other educational institution established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University under section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 with one of the following subjects, namely :-

Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, Zoology or Bachelor's Degree in Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science, Agriculture, Forestry or Engineering or possess an equivalent qualification recognized as such by the Government for this purpose:

Provided that a candidate who has appeared at a degree examination, but the result is not declared the passing of which would render him educationally qualified for the examination mentioned in rule 3, shall also be eligible for admission to the Preliminary Examination.

(2) The candidate shall possess the following minimum physical standard:-

| Physical Standards | | Candidate (Except Scheduled Tribes Candidate of Gujarat Origin) | | Scheduled Tribes Candidate of Gujarat origin. | |
|--------------------|-----------|---|----------|---|----------|
| | | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| (a) | Height | 165 Cms. | 158 Cms. | 160 Cms. | 156 Cms. |
| (b) | Chest | | | | |
| | Normal | 79 Cms. | 74 Cms. | 76 Cms. | 71 Cms. |
| | Expanded | 84 Cms. | 79 Cms. | 81 Cms. | 76 Cms. |
| | Expansion | 5 Cms. | 5 Cms. | 5 Cms. | 5 Cms. |

(3) All candidates who are declared qualified by the Commission for appearing in the Main Examination shall require to produce proof of passing the degree examination along with their application for the Main Examination. A candidate who fails to produce the proof of passing the degree examination shall not be eligible for admission to Main Examination:

Provided that the candidate, in addition to the qualification specified in sub-rule (1), shall possess the requisite qualifications as prescribed in the relevant Recruitment Rules of the respective post.

14. **Medical Examination.-** The candidate selected for appointment shall require to pass a medical examination according to the rules, made by the Government in this behalf.
15. **Period of Probation .-** The selected candidate shall be on probation for a period of two years. The period of probation may be extended in accordance with the rules made by the Government in this behalf.

16. **Training and examination** .- The selected candidate shall require to undergo such training and pass such examination as may be prescribed by the Government.

17. **Commission's decision final** .- (a) No candidate shall be allowed to appear at the Main Examination unless the Commission is satisfied that candidate is eligible in all respect and has complied with all the requirements including the payment of requisite fees.

(b) The decision of the Commission as to the eligibility of a candidate for admission to the main examination shall be final and he candidate who has not been permitted to appear in any stage of the examination by the commission shall not be allowed to appear at remaining stage of the examination.

18. **Restriction as to examination** .- (1) The candidate shall require to answer all question papers in his own handwriting.

(2) (a) A candidate shall not be permitted to carry with him a cellular phone, pager, mobile or any other electronic communication device.

(b) A candidate shall not be allowed to use calculator in Preliminary examination.

Provided that the candidate may be permitted to bring and use the simple battery operated non programmable pocket calculator in conventional type paper as may be prescribed by the Commission. However, the transfer of calculator amongst the candidates in the examination hall shall not be permissible.

19. **Appearance to Main Examination** .- (a) The candidates who have obtained minimum qualifying marks as may be fixed by the Commission in the Preliminary Examination, shall be allowed to appear in the Main Examination subject to satisfying the eligibility criteria.

(b) The candidates who have obtained minimum qualifying marks as may be fixed by the Commission in the Main Examination (Written) shall be called for interview test.

Provided that candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes or Socially and Educationally Backward Class may be, allowed to appear in the Main Examination (Written test) or, as the case may be called for interview test by relaxing the standard in the Preliminary Examination or, as the case may be, 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 available for the Main Examination (Written) or, as the

case may be, for interview test on the basis of the qualifying standard fixed for general category in order to fill up the vacancies reserved for such categories.

20. **Ineligible if fails to attend interview.**- The Candidate, who is qualified for the interview test but fails to attend the interview test shall not be eligible for selection.
21. **Result of Examination .-** (1) The Commission shall publish, the result of the examination in the Official Gazette, in two parts.
- (2) Part-I shall show the names and seat numbers of the candidates arranged according to the order of merit showing total marks obtained by each candidate whose name is recommended to Government for appointment and
- (3) Part-II shall show the result of unsuccessful candidates containing the name, seat number and total marks obtained.
- (4) The Commission shall display the result on its notice board.
22. **Mark-sheet and re-checking of Marks of Main Exam .-** (1) A Candidate who desires to have his marks of Main Examination re-checked 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.
- (2) A candidate who desires to have the marksheet 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 .
23. **Recommendation for Appointment .-** The Commission, shall forward the final list of successful candidates to the Government who are recommended for appointment alongwith necessary particulars such as whether candidate belongs to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or Socially and Educationally Backward Classes and the date of birth, qualifications etc.
24. **No Right to appointment .-** 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.
25. **Disciplinary Actions.**- The candidate who is or has been declared by the Commission to be guilty of -
- (i) Obtaining support for his candidature by any means;
 - (ii) Impersonating;
 - (iii) Procuring impersonating by any person;

- (iv) Submitting fabricated documents or documents which have been tempered with;
- (v) Making statement which are incorrect or false or suppressing material information ;
- (vi) Resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with his candidature for the examination ;
- (vii) Using unfair means during the examination;
- (viii) Writing irrelevant matter, including absurd language or pornographic matter in the scripts;
- (ix) Misbehaving in any other manner in the examination hall;
- (x) Harassing or doing bodily harm to the staff employed by the Commission for the conduct of the Examination;
- (xi) 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
- (xii) Violating any of the instructions issued to the candidates along with 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; or
 - (b) to be debarred either permanently or for a specific period,-
 - (i) by the Commission from appearing in any examination or from any interview for direct selection to be held by them; or
 - (ii) 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.
- (c) to disciplinary action under the relevant rules if he is already in Government service.

SCHEDULE

(See rule 4)

SECTION-I

SCHEME OF THE EXAMINATION

The Competitive examination shall comprise of two successive stages:

- (A) Preliminary Examination (objective type) for the selection of candidates for Main Examination; and
- (B) Main Examination (written and Interview Test) for selection of candidates.

A. Preliminary Examination: The Preliminary Examination shall consist of one paper of objective type (multiple choice questions) and carry a maximum of 150 marks as shown in Section II of this Schedule. 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 counted 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 and the interview test. The written examination shall consist of five papers of conventional type.

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 interview test. The number of candidates to be called for the interview test shall be about the thrice the number of vacancies so advertised. The interview test shall carry 70 marks without any minimum qualifying marks.

The marks obtained by the candidates in Main Examination and the interview test shall determine their final ranking.

SECTION-II
Preliminary Examination

| Paper | Subject | Marks | Duration |
|---------|-----------------|-------|-----------|
| Paper-I | General Studies | 150 | Two hours |

Note :

1. The syllabus shall be such as may be prescribed by the Commission.

2. The question papers shall be of objective type (Multiple choice questions).

3. The question paper shall be in Gujarati.

SECTION-III
Main Examination

The scheme and subjects of Main Examination shall consist of the following papers:

Compulsory Papers

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|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Paper-I | Gujarati | 100 marks | Three hours |
| Paper-II | General English | 100 marks | Three hours |
| Paper-III | General Studies | 100 marks | Three hours |

Optional papers

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| Paper-IV | Optional Subject | 200 marks | Three hours |
| Paper-V | Optional subject | 200 marks | Three hours |

One subject to be selected from the following subjects for paper-IV and paper-V.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ • Agriculture • Agriculture Engineering ✓ • Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science ✓ • Botany ✓ • Chemistry • Chemical Engineering ✓ • Civil Engineering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry ✓ • Geology ✓ • Mathematics ✓ • Mechanical Engineering ✓ • Physics ✓ • Statistics ✓ • Zoology |
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Provided that the candidates will not be allowed to offer the following combination of subjects:

- (a) Agriculture and Agricultural Engineering
- (b) Agriculture and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science
- (c) Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
- (d) Mathematics and Statistics
- (e) Of the Engineering subjects viz. Agricultural Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering – not more than one subject.

SECTION-IV

Interview test – 70 marks.

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

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Deputy Secretary to Government.