

**TAMIL NADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Office Order No. 130, dated 12.11.2020**

*(Amended vide Commission's orders dated 21.03.2023)*

Sub.: Recruitment (Direct) – Tamil Nadu State and Subordinate Services – Written Examinations – Norms for Determination of Examination Centres for the conduct of Written Examinations – Regarding.

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The following orders are issued with regard to the determination of examination centres for the competitive examinations conducted by the Commission.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>No. of Candidates expected to appear for Written Examinations</b>	<b>No. of Centres</b>	<b>Name of Centres</b>
1.	Up to 2400	1	Chennai
2.	2401 to 10,000	3	Chennai, Madurai & Coimbatore
3.	10, 001 to 15,000	5	Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Trichy & Tirunelveli
4.	15, 001 to 25, 000	7	Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Trichy, Tirunelveli, Salem, & Thanjavur
5.	25, 001 to 1,00,000	15	Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Salem, Thanjavur, Chidambaram, Vellore, Ramanathapuram, Nagercoil, Kancheepuram, Karaikudi, Pudukkottai, Udthagamandalam
6.	1,00,001 and above	38	All District Headquarters
7.	Combined Civil Services Examination II – Preliminary Examination	125	All District Headquarters and selected Taluk Headquarters

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8.	Combined Civil Services Examination II – Main Written Examination	20	Selected District Headquarters
9.	Combined Civil Services Examination IV and VAO – Preliminary Examination	301	All Taluk Headquarters
10.	Combined Civil Services Examination IV and VAO – Main Examination (Descriptive Type)	37	All District Headquarters
11.	<p>Main Written Examination (Descriptive Type) for recruitment to the posts included in / of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combined Civil Services Examination - I</li> <li>• Civil Judge</li> <li>• Assistant Public Prosecutor, Grade II</li> <li>• District Educational Officer</li> <li>• Assistant Conservator of Forests</li> <li>• Assistant Commissioner, HR &amp; CE Department</li> <li>• Motor Vehicles Inspector, Grade-II (<i>Objective Type</i>)</li> </ul>	1	Chennai only

<b>COMPUTER BASED TEST (CBT)</b>		
12.	Up to 100	Chennai
13.	Above 100	The number of Centres notified in the notification for CBT examination shall not be changed. Examination will be conducted as per Notification only.

2. On receipt of applications with reference to a particular notification, if it is observed that the total number of candidates in a centre is less than **400**, that centre shall be cancelled and the candidates who had opted for that centre shall be re-allotted to a nearby centre to be notified for the purpose. However, Udhagamandalam being a hill station, the cancellation of this centre shall be resorted to, with the prior approval of the Commission, only if the number of candidates who had opted for this centre is less than **100**.

3. In case of unforeseen events, including natural calamities, when change of centre becomes inevitable, change of centre shall be effected with the prior approval of the Commission.

4. In respect of the preliminary examination for Combined Civil Services Examination-I and written examinations for mass recruitments like Combined Civil Services Examination-II & IIA, Combined Civil Services Examination-IV, etc., the number of candidates expected to appear for the current examination may be arrived at, based on the number of candidates who had applied for the previous examination and centres may be suggested accordingly, while submitting the notification for Commission's approval.

5. While conducting written examinations over a period of two or more days, the number of examination centres suggested while submitting the notification for Commission's approval, shall be done, taking into account the number of candidates who had applied for the previous examination and the number of candidates expected to appear for the current examination.

6. In order to reduce the expenditure incurred for the conduct of examinations, wherever the written examinations to be conducted are of the same standard, such recruitments shall be combined and a common written examination shall be conducted. At the same time, it shall also be ensured that such a procedure will not hamper the process of recruitment and selection.

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