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TAMIL NADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTIFICATION / ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited upto 5.45 p.m on **21-10 -2008** for direct recruitment to the vacancies for the year 2007- 2008 in the following post:-

Sl. No	Name of the Post	Service	Post Code	No. of vacancies
1.	HORTICULTURAL OFFICER	TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL SERVICE (Code No.017)	3001	47

2. IMPORTANT DATES:-

		Date	Time
A	Date of Notification	20-09-2008	-
B	Last date for receipt of applications	21-10-2008	5.45 P.M.
C	Date of Written Examination	21-12-2008	10.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M.

3. SCALE OF PAY:- Rs. 6,500 - 200 -11,100/-per mensem.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF VACANCIES WILL BE AS PER RULES.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION :-

- A. The Rule of reservation of appointments applies to this post.
- B. The number of vacancies advertised is only approximate and is liable to modification with reference to vacancy position at any time before finalisation of selection for Oral Test or selection for appointment, as the case may be.
- C. If no qualified and suitable woman candidates are available for selection against the vacancies reserved for them, those vacancies will be filled by male candidates belonging to the respective communal categories.

D. CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS:-

Candidates selected for appointment to the post will be required to produce a certificate of physical fitness in the form prescribed for "**Executive Posts**". The standard of vision required for the post is '**Standard III**', **colour blindness will be a disqualification** .

Standard of Vision "Standard -III" is as follows:

	Better eye		Worse eye
Distant vision without glasses	6/9	OR	6/9
Distant vision with glasses	6/6		6/12

Candidates with defective vision should produce Eye Fitness Certificate from qualified Eye Specialist.

- E. The Physically Handicapped persons should produce before appointment a certificate of physical fitness from the Medical Board to the effect that his/her handicap will not render him/her incapable of efficiently discharging the duties attached to the post to which he/she has been selected. There is no reservation for Physically Handicapped Persons.

- F. Reservation of appointments to "Destitute Widows" will not apply to this recruitment.
- G. Any claim relating to the selection should be received within 90 days from the date of announcement of results. Claims received thereafter will receive no attention.
- H. In G.O.Ms.No.241, P&AR (K) Department, dated 29.10.2007, as amended in G.O.Ms.No.101, P & A R (K) Department, dated 30.05.2008 the Government have issued orders reserving 3.5 % to BC Christians and 3.5% to BC Muslims within the 30% reservation available for BCs. All the concessions / relaxations available to BC candidates are applicable to BC Christian and BC Muslim candidates also.

Note:

The expression B.C.(i.e. Backward Class) wherever it occurs in the Commission's 'Instructions, etc. to candidates', Information Brochure, OMR application form, should be read as B.C.(Other than BCC & BCM), B.C.(Christian) and B.C.(Muslim).

6. QUALIFICATIONS: -

(A) **AGE** (as on 01.07.2008):-

I. Below 30 years ;

2. Below 32 years in the case of persons holding a Post Graduate or higher Degree in Horticulture such as M.Sc. (Horticulture) or Ph.D. in Horticulture.

Note:

- (1) No maximum age limit for SCs, STs, MBCs/DCs, BCs(Other than BCCs & BCMs), BCCs, BCMs and Destitute Widows of all castes.
- (2) Age relaxation of 5 years will be applicable to persons affected by the ban orders as per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.98,P&AR(S) Department, dated 17.07.06 and G.O.Ms.No.152, P&AR(S) Department, dated 18.09.06 respectively and subsequent clarifications thereon.
- (3) Candidates not belonging to SCs, STs, MBC/DCs, BCs(Other than BCCs & BCMs), BCCs and BCMs (i.e. others) who have put in five years of service in the State/Central Government are not eligible to apply even though they are within the age limit.

(B) EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION :

Candidates should possess the following or its equivalent qualification on the date of this Notification, viz. 20-09-2008:

A Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture of any University or Institution recognised by the University Grants Commission for the purpose of its grant.

(Details regarding equivalence of qualifications are given in paragraph 9 of the Commission's 'Instructions, etc. to candidates')

7. SCHEME OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION (OBJECTIVE TYPE) AND ORAL TEST:-

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks	Minimum Qualifying Marks for selection	
			SCs, STs, MBCs/DCs, BCs(Other than BCCs and BCMs), BCCs and BCMs	Others
Single Paper in the Subject: Horticulture (Code No. 064) (Degree Standard) (Objective Type) (200 Questions)	3 Hours	300	102	136
Interview and Record	-	40		
TOTAL		340		

Note:

- The existing syllabi for the above subject under Paper-I & Paper-II have been clubbed together and constituted as a syllabus for single paper. A single question paper in the said syllabus is to be answered by the candidates. The said question paper will be set in English only.
- The syllabi have been published in the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission Bulletin dated **16.05.2001** at the page mentioned below :

Sl.No.	Subject	Subject Code No.	Page
1.	Horticulture	064	864

The syllabi are also available in the Commission's Website at 'www.tnpsc.gov.in'

8. CENTRES FOR EXAMINATION:

Examination will be held at the following centre:

Sl.No.	Name of the Centre	Centre Code
1.	Chennai	001

Note:

- Candidates should appear for the examination at their own expenses at the above centre only.
- The Commission reserves the right to increase the number of examination centres and to re-allot the candidates at its discretion.

9. PROCEDURE OF SELECTION:-

Selection will be made in two successive stages i.e., (i) Written Examination and (ii) Oral Test in the shape of an interview. Final selection will be made on the basis of the total marks obtained by the candidates at the Written Examination and Oral Test taken together subject to the rule of reservation of appointments. Candidate's appearance both in the Written Examination and Oral Test is compulsory. A candidate who has not appeared for the Oral Test will not be considered for selection, even if he/she secures qualifying marks in the Written Examination. (For further details please refer paragraph 22(b) of the 'Instructions, etc. to candidates').

10. EXAMINATION FEE:- Rs.125/- (Rupees One hundred and twenty five only)

Examination fee should be paid only through any one of the Head POST OFFICES or Selected Sub-Post Offices (236 Nos.) in Tamil Nadu / Puducherry (The list of Post Offices is available in the Commission's Website at www.tnpsc.gov.in) and the Postal Receipt obtained for the payment of fee should be pasted in the space provided in the application. (For further details refer para 2 under part –III of Information Brochure and for Examination fee concessions, refer para 12 of the 'Instructions, etc. to candidates').

As per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.157, P & AR (M) Department, dated 26.08.08, Physically Handicapped persons are exempted from payment of examination fee irrespective of their family income.

Note:

All candidates should pay Rs. 5/- (Rupees Five only) as service charge to the Post Office, while obtaining the Postal Receipt. Candidates (other than those who apply Online) should inform the OMR application Number to the Counter Clerk of the Post Office for obtaining the Postal Receipt.

11. ENCLOSURES TO BE SENT ALONG WITH APPLICATION:-

Candidates should enclose copies of all certificates as mentioned in para 15 of the Commission's 'Instructions, etc. to candidates' and item 25 under part–II of Information Brochure along with a Postal Receipt to the value of Rs.125/- (Rupees One hundred and twenty five only) pasted in the column provided in the application, unless exemption of fee is claimed. **Original Certificates should not be sent.** Those applying Online please refer sub para D of Para 14 of this Notification/Advertisement.

Applications received without the attested copies of certificates as specified above will be rejected.

12. NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE :

Candidates who are already in service (whether regular service or in temporary service) of the Indian Union or of a State in India or in the employment of Local Bodies or Universities or Quasi-Government Organisations or Government owned undertakings and similar Organisations, need not send their applications through the Head of the Department or employer. Instead they may directly apply to the Commission duly informing their Employer in writing. However, they should produce a "No Objection Certificate" from the employer, at the time of Oral Test. In case, any criminal /disciplinary action is taken or if any punishment is imposed against such persons after the production of "No Objection Certificate" and before actual appointment, such candidates should report this fact forthwith to the Commission indicating their Register Number pertaining to this recruitment.

13. CONCESSIONS:-

Concessions in the matter of age and/or fees allowed to SCs., STs., MBCs/DCs., BCs.,BCCs , BCMs, Destitute Widows, Ex-Servicemen, Physically Handicapped persons, discharged and serving temporary State Government employees below 40 years of age, etc. are given in the Commission's 'Instructions, etc. to candidates'.

14. ISSUE OF APPLICATION FORMS: -

A. OMR application form along with an INFORMATION BROCHURE containing General Instructions for filling up the application form, Commission's 'Instructions, etc. to candidates' and an envelope for sending application can be obtained from any one of the HEAD POST OFFICES or selected Sub-Post Offices (236 Nos.) in Tamil Nadu / Puducherry on payment of Rs.30/- (Rupees Thirty only). (The list showing the names of Post Offices is available in the Commission's Website at www.tnpsc.gov.in).

- B. OMR application forms can also be obtained in person from the sales counter of the office of the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Omanthoorar Government Estate, Chennai-600 002, on all the working days till the closing date upto 5.00 p.m. (Excluding lunch interval between 1.30 and 2.00 p.m.) only on cash payment of Rs.30/- (Rupees Thirty only). **Application forms will not be supplied to the candidates by Post.**
- C. Candidates should use only the OMR application form (AD or subsequent series). No other typed or printed or Xeroxed / Photocopy of the application form will be accepted and such application, if any received, will be summarily rejected.
- D. Candidates can also avail the facility of applying Online on the Commission's Website at **www.tnpsc.gov.in**. Candidates applying Online should possess and keep ready Postal Receipt for Rs.155/- (i.e. Application fee Rs.30/- and Examination fee Rs. 125/-) obtained from any one of the Post Offices listed in Annexure-III to the Information Brochure before registering Online. Candidates claiming exemption from payment of Examination Fee should possess and keep ready Postal receipt for Rs.30/- towards the application fee. The Postal Receipt obtained for the payment of Application Fee/ Examination Fee should be pasted in the space provided in the application. Candidates applying Online shall also abide by the Commission's instructions laid down in this Notification / Advertisement/Commission's 'Instructions, etc. to candidates' / Information Brochure. Candidates applying Online should send their applications (i.e. The printout generated from the Website and signed by the candidate) with the Postal Receipt along with attested copies of Certificates so as to reach the Commission's office on or before the last date for receipt of applications, failing which his/her application will be rejected. The facility of applying Online will be closed on **19-10-2008** at 5.45.p.m.

15.RECEIPT OF APPLICATION :-

- (A) Candidates are advised to verify the following aspects also before sending their filled in OMR applications to the Commission's office:
- (i) Signature by the candidate below the declaration in Ballpoint pen or fountain pen only. **Failure to sign will entail rejection of his/her application.**
 - (ii) Post Code No. Viz. **3001**, in item (i) of Column 23 of the OMR application specified and the Boxes thereunder shaded.
 - (iii) Columns 11, 14 (c), 22 and 23(a) of the OMR application form need not be filled in.
 - (iv) Columns 1, 1(a), 3 and 4 in the OMR application form filled up based on the details available in this Notification / Advertisement.
 - (v) Columns 6, 7 and 7(a) of OMR application are filled in and the Boxes there under shaded.
- (B) **Filled in applications must be sent to the Controller of Examinations, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Omanthoorar Government Estate, Anna Salai, Chennai – 600 002 by Registered Post / Speed Post well in advance so as to reach the Commission's Office before 5.45 p.m. on 21-10-2008.**

Secretary.