

**THE TAMIL NADU MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SUBORDINATE
SERVICE RULES, 1970**

1. These Rules shall be called the Tamil Nadu Municipal Engineering Subordinate Service Rules, 1970.

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

Class I :		
Category	1	Junior Engineer, Grade I (Engineering)
Category	2	Drainage Works Superintendent
Category	3	Water Works Superintendent
Category	4	Motor Vehicles Inspector
Category	5	Sewage Farm Supervisor or Superintendent.
Class II :		
Category	1	Public Works Junior Engineer, Grade I
Category	2	Water Works Junior Engineer, Grade II
Category	3	Electrical Superintendent (Water Supply), Grade I
Category	4	Electrical Superintendent (Drainage), Grade I
Category	5	Workshop Junior Engineer, Grade II

1. Substituted for old name "Tamil Nadu Municipal Engineering and Water Service Rules 1970", by G.O. Ms. No. 166, MA & %VS (ME-III), dated the 29th June 1999.

Class III:		
Category	I	Foreman, Public Health
Category	2	Foreman, Engineering
Category	3	Motor Mechanical Superintendent
Class IV:		
Category	1	Public Works Overseer ..
Category	2	Water Works Overseer
Category	3	Electrical Superintendent (Water Supply), Grade II
Category	4	Electrical Superintendent (Drainage), Grade II
¹ [Category	5	Draughtsman]
Class V :		
Category	1	Mechanic, Grade I
Category	2	Drainage Inspector
Category	3	Head Works Fitter, Grade I
Category	4	Electrician (Water Supply & Drainage), Grade I
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Class VII		
Category	I	Mechanic, Grade II
Category	2	Head Works Fitter, Grade II
Category	3	Tap Inspector
Category	4	Pipe Line Fitter, Grade I
Category	5	Turner
Class VII-A :		
Category	I	Lighting Inspector

Category	2	Electrician, Grade i]
Class VII-B :		
Category	1	Driver (Diesel Road Roller)
Category	2	Driver (Lorry)
Category	3	Driver (Tractor)
Category	4	Driver (Jeep, Car or Van)

1. Substituted for the expressions, "Category 5 - Draughtsman, Grade I & II" by G.O. Ms. No. 166. M.A. & W.S. (ME-111), dated the 29th June 1999.
2. The expressions "Class VI - Draughtsman, Grade 111" Omitted *by ibid*.

Class VIII :		
Category	1	Mechanic, Grade III
Category	2	Head Works Fitter, Grade III
¹ Category	2-A	Tube Well Mechanic
¹ Category	3	Meter Reader
¹ Category	4	Electrician, Grade HI
Category	5	Filter Bed Operator
Category	6	Pipe Line Fitter, Grade II
Category	7	Switch Board Operator
Category	8	Wireman
Category	9	Wireman Helper
Class VILLA :		
Category	1	Carpenter
Category	2	Welder
Category	3	Painter
Category	4	Carpenter-cum-Blacksmith
Class VIII-B:		Works Inspector
Class IX		
Category	1	Avenue Maistry
Category	2	Pipe Line Maistry
Category	3	Lighting Superintendent

3. Method of Appointment.— (a) Appointment to the following categories shall be made by direct recruitment :—

- (i) Categories 4 and 5 of Class I
- (ii) Category 5 of Class II
- (iii) Categories 1, 2 and 3 of Class III
- ²[(iv)...]
- (v) Category 2 of Class V
- ³[(vi) ...]

1. Category 2-A, 3 and 4 were inserted by GO. Ms. No. 166, M.A.& WS. (ME-III), dated the 29th June 1999.
2. The expressions "(iv) Category 1, 2 and 5 of class IV" was omitted by GO.Ms. No. 166. M.A. & W.S. (ME-III), dated the 29th June 1999.
3. The expression "(vi) Class VI" was omitted by *ibid*.

(vii) Categories 3 and 5 of Class VII

(viii) Category 1 of Class VII-A

(ix) Categories 1,2 and 3 of Class VII B

¹[(x) Categories I to 9 of Class VIII]

(xi) Categories I to 4 of Class VIII A

(xii) Class VIII-B

(xiii) Categories 1,2 and 3 of Class IX

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(b) Appointment to the categories mentioned in column (1) of the Table below shall be made by promotion from the corresponding entries mentioned in column (2) thereof.

TABLE

Categories	By Promotion from
(1)	(2)
³ [(1) Category 1 of Class I	Categories I and 2 of Class II
(2) Categories 2 and 3 of Class I	Categories 3 and 4 of Class II
(3) Categories 1 and 2 of Class II	Categories 1,2 and 5 of Class IV
(4) Categories 3 and 4 of Class II	Categories 3 and 4 of Class IV
(5) Categories 1,2 and 5 of Class IV	Categories 3 of Class VII and Class VII-B
(6) Categories 3 and 4 of Class IV	Category 4 of Class V
(7) Category 1 of Class V	Category 1 of Class VII
(8) Category 3 of Class V	Category 2 of Class VII
(9) Category 4 of Class V	Categories 1 and 2 of Class VII-A
(10) Category 1 of Class VII	Category 1 of Class VIII
(11) Category 2 of Class VII	Categories 2 and 2A of Class VIII
(12) Category 4 of Class VII	Category 3 of Class VIII
(13) Category 2 of Class VII-A	Category 4 of Class VIII]

1. Substituted for the expression, "Categories I to 7 of Class VIII" by G.O. Ms. No. 166, M.A. & W.S. (ME-III), dated the 29th June 1999.

2. Proviso omitted by *ibid*.

3. Substituted by GO. Ms. No. 166, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (ME-III), dated 29th June 1999.

Provided that when sufficient number of candidates qualified for appointment by promotion is not available, the appointing authority may, with the concurrence of that State Government ' [in respect of categories mentioned in the first five entries in column (1) of the Table and the Director of Municipal Administration in respect of categories mentioned in the sixth to tenth entries in column (1), thereof], resort to direct recruitment. Such of those candidates in the Tamil Nadu Municipal Last Grade Service can be appointed on transfer to any of the categories in Classes VII to IX, provided they possess the requisite qualifications.

²[(c) Appointment to category 4 of class VII-B shall be made by recruitment by transfer from the qualified persons in the Tamil Nadu Municipal Last Grade Service :

Provided that when sufficient number of qualified candidates for appointment by recruitment by transfer from the Tamil Nadu Municipal Last Grade Service are not available, then, the appointing authority may, resort to direct recruitment.]

4. Recruiting and appointing authority.— (a) The recruiting authority in respect of the classes and categories in column (1) below shall be those specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof :—

Class & Category (1)	Recruiting Authority (2)
Class I, Class II, ¹ [Class IV]	Selection Committee
Class III, ² [Class V]	Appointment Committee
Class VII, Class VII-A	
Class VII-B, Class VIII	
Class VIII-A, Class VIII-B and Class IX.	

1. Substituted for the expression, "Categories 3 and 4 of Class IV", by GO. Ms. No. 166, MA & WS (ME-III), dated 29th June 1999.
2. Substituted for the expression "Categories I, 2 and 5 of Class IV, Class V' by *ibid*.
3. Substituted for the expression, "in respect of categories mentioned in the first five entries in column (1) of the Table and the Director of Municipal Administration in respect of categories mentioned in the fifth to Ninth entries in column (1) thereof" by GO. Ms. No. 166, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (ME-I11), dated 29th June 1999.
4. Added by SRO-A 101/83, RD & LA, dated the 23rd March 1983.

(b) The appointing authority in respect of the classes and categories in column (1) below shall be those specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof:

Class & Category (1)	Appointing Authority (2)
Class I, Class II and ¹ [Class IV]	Director of Municipal Administration
Class III ¹ [Class V]	The Municipal Commissioner concerned
Class VII, Classes Vu-A, Class VIII-B	
Class VIII, Class VIII-A, Class VIII-B and Class IX	

5. Procedure for recruitment.— The Selection Committee or the Appointment Committee, as the case may be, shall, in the matter of recruitment adopt the following procedure :-

(1) By Selection Committee.— (a) Direct recruitment : The Director of Municipal Administration shall estimate the number of substantive vacancies likely to arise in each category for which recruitment has to be made by the Selection Committee. The estimate shall cover the calendar year for which the recruitment is made. In July of every year, the Director of Municipal Administration shall advertise the number of such vacancies available and invite applications from all eligible candidates '[and get the applications scrutinised by the concerned Head of Department.]

The applications together with the estimate of vacancies shall be furnished to the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall, then, select candidates on the basis of an interview only. The recruitment shall be made separately for each category. The names of the candidates selected for appointment shall be arranged in the order of preference in each list. The list thus prepared be the list of "approved candidates" and furnished to the appointing authority.

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1. Substituted for the expression "categories 3 and 4 of Class IV" by GO. Ms. No. 166, MA & WS (ME-III), dated the 29th June 1999.
 2. Substituted for the expressions, 'Class 111; Categories 1,2 and 5 of Class IV, Class V, Class vi" by *ibid*.
 3. Substituted for the expression, "and shall have the applications scrutinised by the Chief Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water, Supply and Drainage Board" by G.O. Ms. No. 166, MA & WS (ME-III), dated the 29th June 1999.

(b) Promotion.— The Director of Municipal Administration shall obtain from every Commissioner (i) the names of all eligible candidates in the employ of the Municipality concerned ; and (ii) the Commissioner's views on the suitability or otherwise of the candidates for promotion. He shall then '[***] arrange their names in the order of their seniority in the category from which promotion has to be made, and also record his own views on the fitness or otherwise of the candidates. He shall, thereafter, place the lists before the selection committee which shall scrutinise them and draw the promotion panel for each category.

It shall be open to the selection committee to interview any candidate, if it has any doubt about his fitness for promotion or the rank that should be assigned to him in the promotion panel.

The selection committee shall, after it has drawn the promotion panel in the manner aforesaid, send it to the appointing authority.

(2) (a) Direct Recruitment by the Appointment Committee.— The Commissioner of the Municipality concerned shall call for a list of eligible candidates from the local Employment Exchange, and shall '[***] place it before the appointment committee. The committee shall, then, select the required number of candidates on the basis of an interview only. If sufficient number of candidates from the Employment Exchange is not available, the Commissioner shall advertise the vacancies in the local dailies of the district and invite applications from eligible candidates. The applications, ²[***] shall be placed before the appointment committee. The appointment committee shall then select the candidates on the basis of an interview only. If a selection is to be made from such of those persons who are employees of the Municipal council, the Employment Exchange need not be consulted.

The selection shall be made for each category. The names of the candidates selected for appointment shall be arranged in the order of preference in each list.

1. The expressions "consult the Chief Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board and" were omitted by G.O. Ms. No. 166, MA & WS (ME-I11), dated the 29th June 1999.
2. The expressions "after having the list scrutinised by the Superintending Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board concerned" were omitted by *ibid*.

The lists thus prepared shall be lists of "approved candidates". The appointment committee shall send the list to the Commissioner immediately after it is drawn up.

(2) (b) Promotion by Appointment Committee.— The Commissioner of the Municipality concerned shall prepare a list of candidates from among the employees of the Municipality who are eligible for promotion and record his views about their suitability for promotion. He shall [***] arrange their names in the order of their seniority in the category from which promotion has to be made and also record his own views on the fitness or otherwise of the candidates. He shall, thereafter, place the lists before the appointment committee which will scrutinise them and draw the promotion panel for each category.

It shall be open to the appointment committee to interview any candidate if it has any doubt about his fitness for promotion or the rank that should be assigned to him in the promotion panel.

The appointment committee shall, after it has drawn the promotion panel in the manner aforesaid, send it to the appointing authority.

6. Special qualifications.— No person shall be appointed to the category mentioned in column (1) of the Table below unless he possesses the qualifications specified in the corresponding entries in column (2) thereof.

TABLE

Categories	Qualifications
(1)	(2)
Class I : Category I	Should possess- (a) the Diploma in Licentiate in Civil Engineering ¹ [or Diploma in Civil and Rural Engineering]; and (b) experience of not less than 5 years in category 1 or category 2 of Class II
Categories 2 and 3	Should possess- (a) the Degree of B.E. (Mechanical) (or) the Degree of B.E. (Electrical) of any University recognised by the University Grants Commission for the purpose of its grant; and

1. The expressions "consult the Chief Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board and" were omitted by GO. Ms. No. 166, MA & WS (ME-III), dated the 29th June 1999. .

	<p>(b) experience of not less than 2 years in a pumping station or in installation, repairs and maintenance of electrically driven pumping sets under a firm of engineering contractors which undertakes such work and which has been approved by the Chief Engineer (Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board)</p> <p>Or</p> <p>(a) The L.E.E. or L.M.E. Diploma and</p> <p>(b) experience of not less than 12 years in a pumping station of which three years shall be in the post of Electrical Superintendent (Water Supply), Grade 1 or Electrical Superintendent (Drainage) Grade I.</p>
Category 4	Should possess a Diploma or Licentiate in Automobile Engineering.
Category 5	Should possess the B.Sc., Degree in Agriculture of any University recognised by the- University Grants Commission for the purpose of its grant.
Class II : Categories I and 2	<p>Should possess--</p> <p>(i) a Degree in Engineering of any University recognised by the University Grants Commission for the purpose of its grant ; or</p> <p>(ii) the Diploma in Engineering of the College of Engineering, Guindy ; or</p> <p>(iii) the Upper Subordinate Diploma or the Licentiate in Civil Engineering Diploma of the College of Engineering, Guindy ; or</p> <p>(iv) the Lower Subordinate Diploma of the College of Engineering, Guindy, with practical experience for not less than 10 years ; or</p> <p>(v) the Licentiate in Civil Engineering Diploma or ¹[Diploma in Civil and Rural Engineering] or Licentiate in Sanitary Engineering Diploma awarded by the Board of Technical Examination, Chennai :</p> <p>Provided that —</p> <p>(i) no candidate possessing the Upper Subordinate Diploma or the Licentiate in Civil Engineering Diploma of the College of Engineering, Guindy or the Licentiate in Sanitary</p>

	<p>Engineering Diploma awarded by the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Chennai or the Board of Technical Examination, Chennai, shall be eligible for appointment, if a suitable candidate possessing the Degree in Engineering of any University recognised by the University Grants Commission for the purpose of its grant or the Diploma in Engineering of the College of Engineering, Guindy is available for such appointment; and</p> <p>(ii) no candidate possessing the Diploma in Engineering shall be eligible for appointment, if a suitable candidate possessing the Degree in Engineering of any University recognised by the University Grants Commission for the purpose of its grant is available for such appointment.</p>
Categories 3 and 4	Should possess the Diploma in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering or the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Chennai or an equivalent qualification accepted by the Chief Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board.
Category 5	<p>Must possess</p> <p>(a) the L.M.E. Diploma of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay or the L.M.E. Diploma awarded by the State Board of Technical Education and Training, Chennai;</p> <p>(b) practical experience for a period of not less than 5 years in a workshop which, in the opinion of the Superintending Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, is well equipped and which is approved by the Superintending Engineer, Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board ; and</p> <p>(c) ability to read and write Tamil.</p>
Class III: Categories 1 and 2	<p>Should possess</p> <p>(a) the L.M.E. Diploma of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay or of the Government School of Technology, Chennai or the L.M.E. Diploma granted by the Technological Diploma Examination Board of the Government of Tamil Nadu ; and</p>

	(b) practical experience including automobile repairs for at least 5 years in a workshop which, in the opinion of the Chief Engineer, ¹ [Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board] is well equipped.
Category 3	Shall possess a Degree or Diploma in Automobile Engineering with practical experience of not less than 5 years in the repairs and maintenance of motor vehicles in a workshop.
Class IV :	

Categories 1 and 2	<p>Should possess-</p> <p>(i) the Upper Subordinate Diploma or the Licentiate in Civil Engineering Diploma of the College of Engineering, Guindy ; or</p> <p>(ii) the Lower Subordinate Diploma or the Overseer Diploma of the College of Engineering, Guindy or of the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Chennai ; or</p> <p>(iii) Licentiate in Civil Engineering Diploma ' [or Diploma in Civil and Rural Engineering]; or Licentiate in Sanitary Engineering Diploma awarded by the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Chennai ; or</p> <p>(iv) the Group Certificate in Sanitary Engineering in the Government Technical Examination with five years experience as Draughtsman under a Municipal Council ; or</p> <p>(v) the new Overseer Diploma of the College of Engineering, Guindy</p>
Categories 3 and 4	<p>Should possess</p> <p>(a) the Diploma in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering of the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Chennai or an equivalent qualification accepted by the Sanitary Engineer ; and</p> <p>(b) two years experience as Electrician in the pumping stations of the Municipal Councils.</p>
Category 5	<p>Should possess</p> <p>(a) the Lower Subordinate Diploma of the College of Engineering, Guindy or Vishakapatnam ; or</p> <p>(b) the Diploma of Draughtsman recognised by the Government of Tamil Nadu ; or</p>

	<p>(c) a pass by the Lower Grade in the Government Examination in-</p> <p>(i) Building, Drawing and Estimating;</p> <p>(ii) Building Construction and Materials;</p> <p>(iii) Surveying and Levelling;</p> <p>(iv) Applied Mechanics;</p> <p>(v) Geometrical Drawing; or</p> <p>(d) five years experience as a field qualified Tracer and a pass by the Lower Grade in the Government Technical Examination in Building Construction and Materials; or</p> <p>(e) the Overseer Diploma of the College of Engineering, Guindy or of the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Chennai ; or</p>
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	<p>(f) Licentiate in Civil Engineering Diploma or Licentiate in Sanitary Engineering Diploma awarded by the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Chennai ; or</p> <p>(g) the Civil Engineering Subordinate Diploma of the Orissa School of Engineering, Cuttack or the All India Certificate of Civil Engineering or the All India Council for Technical, Education; or</p> <p>(h) the Certificate of Draughtsmanship awarded for Draughtsman (Civil) Course conducted by the Industrial Training Institute Chennai ; or</p> <p>(i) the Draughtsman (Civil) Trade awarded by the National Council for Training in vocational trades:</p> <p>Provided that preference shall be given to candidates with higher qualification:</p> <p>Provided further that no candidate possessing the Civil Engineering Subordinate Diploma of the Orissa School of Engineering, Cuttack shall be eligible for appointment, if a suitable candidate possessing a Diploma issued in the State is available for appointment</p> <p>Provided also that no candidate possessing the qualifications prescribed in item (h) or (i) shall be eligible for appointment if a suitable candidate possessing the qualifications prescribed under items (a) to (g) is available for the post.</p>
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Class V : Category 1	<p>²[(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education ;</p> <p>(ii) Industrial Training Institute (Mechanic Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ; and</p> <p>(iii) Minimum experience for a period of not less than three years in an Automobile or Diesel Pumps in reputed workshop.]</p>
Category 2	<p>²[(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education ;</p> <p>(ii) Industrial Training Institute (Plumping Trade or Fitter Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ; and</p> <p>(iii) Minimum practical experience for a period of not less than two years in the relevant field.]</p>

Category 3	² [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education ; (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Fitter Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ; and (iii) Practical experience for a period of not less than three years].
Category 4	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education ; (ii) Diploma in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering of the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Chennai ; or the Electrical Trade Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trade, Government of Tamil Nadu ; and (iii) One year experience in pump and pumping machinery and three years experienced in an electrical undertaking or any reputed firm undertaking installation and repairs to electrical and pumping machinery]
⁴ [(Class...]	

Class VII Category 1	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education; (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Mechanical Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ; and (iii) Practical experience in the trade for a period of not less than one year in a reputed workshop.]
Category 2	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education; (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Fitter Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ; and (iii) Practical experience for a period of not less than one year]._
Category 3	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education; (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Plumber Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ; and (iii) Practical experience for a period of not less than one year as Plumber.]

Category 4	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education; (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Plumber Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ; and (iii) Practical experience for a period of not less than five years in the trade.]
Category 5	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education; (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Turner Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ; and (iii) Practical experience for a period of not less than one year in the trade.]

Class VII-A : Category I	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education ; (ii) Diploma in Electrical Engineering awarded by the Board of Technical Education, Chennai ; or Industrial Training Institute (Electrician Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ; and (iii) Practical experience in Pump or-Pumping machinery or in an electrical undertaking or any reputed firm which undertakes installation and repairs to electrical and pumping machinery for a period of not less than one year.]
Category 2.	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education ; (ii) Diplotria in Electrical Engineering awarded by the Board of Technical Education, Chennai ; or Industrial Training Institute (Electrical Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ; and (iii) Practical experience in Pump or Pumping machinery or in an electrical undertaking or any reputed firm which undertakes installation and repairs to electrical and pumping machinery for a period of not less than one year.]

Class VII-B : Categories 1 to 3	Should possess- (a) - a certificate of first or second class Engine-operator granted under the authority of the Government of Tamil Nadu ; or (b) a certificate of competency in steam engines or boilers or internal combustion engines or the type concerned granted under the authority of the Government of Tamil Nadu ; or (c) (i) the Diploma in Mechanical Engineering of the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Chennai ; and (ii) One year experience in driving a steam or motor road roller or lorry in the case of drivers of steam or motor road rollers, as the case may be.
Category 4	Recruitment by Transfer: Should possess (a) a valid driving licence; (b) sound physique By Direct Recruitment : (a) should have passed VIII Standard; (b) possess a valid driving licence; (c) sound physique
Class VIII: Category I	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education ; (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Machine Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu;]
Category 2	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education; (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Fitter Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ;
Category 2-A	⁶ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education; (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Fitter Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu;]
Category 3	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education; (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Instrumentation Mechanic Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ; and (iii) (a) Must have experience in the repairs of meters for a period of not less than two years ; or (b) Must undergo a training for a period of not less than four

	months in a motor manufacturing firm approved by the Superintending Engineer, Commissionerate of Municipal Administration in the case of candidates not possessing the experience after their selection to the post.]
Category 4	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education ; (ii) Diploma in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering awarded by the Board of Technical Education, Chennai ; Industrial Training Institute (Electrician Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ; and (iii) One year experience in pump and pumping machinery and three years experience as an Electrician or three years service in an electrical undertaking or any firm dealing in installation and repairs to electrical and pumping machinery.]
Category 5	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education ; and (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Fitter Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu ;
Category 6	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education ; and (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Fitter Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu.]
Category 7	³ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education ; and (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Wireman Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu .]
Category 8	⁵ [(i) A pass in the X Standard Examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education ; and (ii) Industrial Training Institute (Wireman Trade) Certificate awarded by the National Council for Training in Vocational Trades of Government of Tamil Nadu.]
Category 9	A pass in the VIII Standard.
Class VIII-A Category 1	Five years' experience in carpentry
Category 2	Five years' in welding
Category 3	Five years' in welding

Category 4	Five year's in carpentry and smithy.
Class VIII -B :	<p>(i) A pass in Form III in a recognised secondary school or the possession of E.S.L.C. ; and</p> <p>(ii) A pass in Lower Grade in 3 of the following Civil Engineering subjects in the technical examinations conducted by the Government :-</p> <p>(a) Building Materials and Construction;</p> <p>(b) Earthwork and Road Making;</p> <p>(c) Surveying and Levelling;</p> <p>(d) Building, Drawing and Estimating;</p> <p>(e) Applied Mechanics;</p> <p>(f) Geometrical Drawing;</p> <p>(g) Mensuration;</p> <p>(h) Hydraulics and Irrigation.</p> <p>Preference will be given to candidates who have passed the 3 subjects or who hold higher qualifications; or</p> <p>iii) should possess the Diploma of Licentiate in Civil Engineering or Diploma in Civil Engineering</p>
Class IX :	-
Category 1	Must have passed III Form ; or
Category 2	VIII Standard of a recognised School
Category 3	Explanation. — A "recognised school" means a school maintained by or opened with the sanction of the Government of Tamil Nadu or for which recognition has been awarded by the Director of School Education under the Educational Rules of State.

1. Inserted by SRO-A 100/83. RD & LA, dated the 23rd March 1983.
2. Substituted by G.O. Ms. No. 166, MA & WS (ME-III), dated 29th June 1999.-
3. Respective entries in column (2) substituted by G.O. Ms. No. 166, MA & WS (ME. III), dated 29th June 1999.
4. Entry in column (I) Class VI and respective entries in column (2) are omitted by *ibid*.
5. Categories 8 and 9 in column (I) and respective entries in column (2) was added by G.O. Ms. No. 166, MA & WS (ME-III) dated 29th: June 1999.
6. Category 2A in column (1) and respective entries in column (2) are added by G.O. Ms. No. 166, MA & WS (ME-III) dated 29th June 1999.

7. **Qualification regarding age.**—No person shall be appointed to the category specified in column (i) below if he has completed on the first day of July of the year in which recruitment is made the years of age specified against the entry in Column (ii).

(i)		(ii)
Class I Categories 2 to 5	30	Where a period of training or experience has been prescribed in the special rules, in addition to such educational qualification, such period of training or experience may be deducted from their age for computing the age limit
Class II Category 5	30	
Class III Categories 1 to 3	30	
Class IV Categories I, 2 and 5	30	
Class V Categories 1 to 4	35	

Classes VI to IX

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prescribed.

Provided that a candidate belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes shall be appointed to any class or category in the service by direct recruitment if he has not completed ¹[33] years of age on the said date.

8. Unit of appointment. For the purposes of appointments, transfer, discharge for want of vacancies, reappointment and appointment as full members of the service, the unit shall be as follows:—

Category	Unit
(1)	(2)
Categories I to 5 of Class I	All the Municipalities in the State taken together. The following groups of Municipalities shall each constitute a separate unit. Group I: All the Municipalities in Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari and Ramanathapuram districts taken together. Group II : All the Municipalities in Madurai and Tiruchirappalli districts taken together.
Categories 1 to 5 of Class II ² [and	
Categories 1, 2 and 5 of Class IV]	
Categories 3 and 4 of Class IV	

1. Substituted by GO. Ms. No. 1785, R.D. & L.A. dated the 24th October 1981.
2. Added by GO. Ms. No. 166, MA & WS (ME-III), dated 29th June 1999.

	Group III : All the Municipalities in Thanjavur and South Arcot districts taken together.
	Group IV : All the Municipalities in Chengalpattu, North Arcot and Dharmapuri districts taken together.
	Group V : All the Municipalities in Salem, Coimbatore and Nilgiris districts taken together.
Class III, ¹ [Class V] Class VII-A, Class VII-B Class VIII, Class VIII-A, Class VIII-B and Class IX	The Municipality concerned.

²[9. Probation.— (a) Every person appointed to a class or category by direct recruitment shall, from the date on which he joins duty, be on probation for a total period of two years in duty within a continuous-period of three years.

(b) Every person appointed to a class or category by recruitment by transfer shall, from the date on which he joins duty, be on probation for a total period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years, if the responsibilities of the post to which he is appointed are distinctly of higher order.]

10. Liability to serve in the Armed Forces.— Every person who is a graduate in Engineering and who is appointed to any of the categories in Class I or TI shall, within the first 10 years of his service in the said Class, be liable to serve for a minimum period of 4 years (including the period spent on training) in the Armed Forces or on work relating to the defence effort anywhere in India or abroad, if so required :

Provided that the liability to serve in the Armed Forces or on work relating to the defence efforts shall not ordinarily apply to a person who is above 40 years of age at the time of his first appointment to the category or who has already so served during the period of his service in the Department:

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1. Substituted for the entries "Categories 1, 2 and 5 of Class N, Class V. Class VI" in column I by GO. Ms. No. 166, MA & WS (ME-III), dated 29th June 1999.
 2. Substituted by G.O. Ms. No. 554, RD & LA dated the 13th April 1983.

8. Reservation of appointment.— The rule of reservation in General Rule 14 shall apply separately to each of the categories in Classes I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VILA, VII-B, VIII, VIII-A, VIII-B and IX.

III. SECTION 2

Tamil Nadu Municipal Engineering Subordinate Service Rules, 1970

(1) **Rule 2.**— The designation of Senior Supervisor is changed as Junior Engineer, Grade I, and the designation of supervisor is changed as Junior Engineer, Grade - II, *Vide* G.O. Ms. No. 1540, dated 6.10.1980.

(2) **Rule 6**— Class VII-B.— Cleaners and other categories in the Engineering Branch who are in possession of heavyvehicle driving licence may be appointed as drivers, provided they possess good physique and are able to read and write Tamil. *Vi de* G.O. Ms. No. 1096, RD & LA, dated 11-6-1981.
