

**THE TAMIL NADU MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
REGULATIONS, 1970**

1. These Regulations may be called the Tamil Nadu Municipal Public Health Service Regulations, 1970.

**Constitution** :— This service shall consist of the following classes and categories :-

<b>CLASS I:</b>	
Category I	Women Medical Officer
Category 2	Lady Superintendent.
Category 3	Medical Officer (Public Health Laboratory).
Category 4	Medical Officer (I.D. Hospital)
<b>CLASS II:</b>	
Category I	Sanitary Officer
Category 2	Selection Grade Sanitary Inspector
<b>CLASS III:</b>	
Health visitor	
<b>CLASS IV :</b>	
Category I	Sanitary Inspector
Category 2	Foremen. ..
<b>CLASS V :</b>	
Category I	Matron

Category 2	Health Assistant
Category 3	Cinema Operator
Category 4	Film Operator
Category 5	Resident Matron

**2. Appointment.**— Appointment to the class and category specified in column (1) of the Table below shall be made by the method specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof :

**TABLE**

Class and Category (1)	Method of Appointment (2)
Class I	By direct recruitment
Class II	By promotion from category of Class IV.
Class III	By direct recruitment
Class IV	
Category 1	By promotion from category 2 of Class V
Category 2	By direct recruitment
Class V	
Category 1	By direct recruitment
Category 2	(1) By recruitment by transfer from Field Assistant or Sanitary Supervisor ; or
Category 2	(2) By direct recruitment, if no qualified Field Assistant or Sanitary Supervisor is available.

Category 3	By direct recruitment
Category 4	By direct recruitment
Category 5	By direct recruitment

**3. Appointing Authority.**— The authority competent to make appointment to the classes and categories mentioned in column (1) below shall be those specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof :—

Class and Category	Appointing Authority
(1)	(2)
<sup>1</sup> [Classes I and II, Category I of Class IV and Category 2 of Class V	(a) Director of Municipal Administration
Class III, Category 2 of Class IV and Category 1, 3, 4 and 5 of Class V.	(b) The Executive authorities concerned.]

**4. Unit of appointment.**— The unit of appointment in respect of the classes and categories mentioned in column (1) below shall be as specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof:

Class and Category	Unit
(1)	(2)
<sup>1</sup> [Classes I and II, Category I of Class IV and Category 2 of Class V	All the Municipalities and the township committees in the State taken together.
Class III, Category 2 of Class IV Category 1, 3, 4 and 5 of Class V	The Municipality or the township Committee concerned.]

**5. Age.**— (a) No person shall be appointed to the class and category specified in column (1) below if he has completed or will complete on the first day of July of the year in which the selection for appointment is made the year of age specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof:

Class and Category	Age in years
(1)	(2)
Class I	
Category 1	40
Categories 2 to 4	25
Class III	38
Class IV	
Category 2	40
Class V	
Category 1	40
Category 2	30

1. Substituted by SRO-A 68/93, MA & WS. dated, 26-5-1993.

Provided that candidates who have rendered epidemic or festival duty or served under the National Programmes, National Small-Pox Eradication Programme, Malaria Eradication Maintenance Phase, National Filaria Control Programme, Yaws Eradication Programme, guinea Worm Eradication Programme shall be entitled to deduct the total period of such services from his age, provided that the period so deducted shall not exceed five years.

Categories 3 and 4	25
Categories 5	40

**6. Qualifications.**— No person shall be appointed to the class and category specified in column (1) below, unless he possesses, the qualifications, specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof:—

Class and Category (1)	Qualifications (2)
<b>Class I</b> Categories 1 and 2	Must possess degree of M.B.B.S. M.D. or M.S. of any University recognised by the University Grants Commission for the purpose of its grant ; provided that preference shall be given to candidate possessing the diploma in Maternity and Child Health.
Categories 3 and 4	(i) Must be registered practitioner within the meaning of the Tamil Nadu Medical Registration Act, 1914 (Tamil Nadu Act IV of 1914).
	(ii) Must hold the degree of M.B.B.S. of any University recognised by University Grants Commission for the purpose of its grant or the diploma in Medicine and Surgery of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
	(iii) (a) Must have served as House Surgeon or House Physician or Clinical Assistant or Assistant Surgeon or Medical Officer in a recognised Hospital in or out of India for a period of not less than twelve months :
	Provided that a candidate who has undergone compulsory House Surgeons as part of the M.B.B.S. degree course shall be eligible for appointment :
	Provided further that a candidate who has served as House Physician or Clinical Assistant or Assistant

	<p>Surgeon or Medical Officer in a recognised Hospital for a period of not less than nine months shall be considered for appointment, but shall not be eligible for appointment to the service unless before the date of such appointment, he has completed the remaining period of service to make up a total of twelve months , or</p> <p>Undergone a course of postgraduate study in or out of India for a period of not less than nine months ; or</p> <p>Obtained the Diploma of the School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Calcutta, after undergoing a course of study in that school for a period of not less than six months; or</p> <p>(b) served as Demonstrator in a Medical College for a period of not less than twelve months; and</p> <p>(iv) In the case of Category 3, should have a Diploma in Clinical Laboratory Science, Chennai or any other special qualifications which may be considered equivalent by the Government from time to time.</p>
<p><b>Class II:</b> Categories I and 2(a)</p>	<p>(a) Must possess a Sanitary Inspector's Certificate granted by the Additional Director of Health Services and Family Planning, Chennai, as the Chairman, Board of Examiners, constituted by Government-in this behalf; or must possess a Health Inspectors Certificate awarded by the Principal, Medical College, Trivandrum or must possess a Sanitary Inspector's Certificate awarded by the Director of Public Health, Bombay; and</p> <p>(b) Must possess physical fitness for camp life and satisfy the physical standard prescribed for the Health Inspectors.</p>
<p><b>Class III:</b></p>	<p>Must possess the Government diploma for Health Visitors granted by the Board of Examiners, Chennai.</p>
<p><b>Class IV:</b> Category I</p>	<p>(a) Must possess a Sanitary Inspector's Certificate granted by the Additional Director of Health Services and Family Planning, Chennai, as the Chairman, Board of Examiners, constituted by Government in this</p>
	<p>behalf; or must possess a Health Inspectors Certificate awarded by the Principal, Medical College, Trivandrum or must possess a Sanitary Inspector's certificate awarded by the Director of Public Health, Bombay ; and</p>

	(b) Must possess physical fitness for camp life and satisfy the physical standard prescribed for the Health Inspectors.
Category 2	Must possess knowledge in Automobile Engineering with practical Engineering with practical experience for not less than three years. Provided that preference shall be given to Licentiates in Automobile Engineering.
<b>Class V :</b> Category 1	(a) Successful training for a period of not less than three years in general nursing of men and women and for a period of not less than six months in Midwifery training in both cases to be undergone in an institution approved by the Government under Rule 37 of the rules made under sub-section (2) of Section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Nurses and Midwives Act, 1926 (Tamil Nadu Act III of 1926) with qualifications prescribed for registration as Nurse and Maternity Assistant under the said Act ; or A foreign training which is considered by the Additional Director of Health Services and Family Planning. Chennai to be equivalent or superior to the above training or possession of a basic degree in Nursing from a University recognised by the University Grants Commission for the purpose of its grant ; and (b) Should have served as Nurse for not less than five years in a Government Hospital or Hospital Maintained by a Local Body.
Category 2	(a) Must possess a Sanitary Inspector's Certificate granted by the Additional Director of Health Services and Family Planning. Chennai as the Chairman, Board of Examiners constituted by Government in this
	Certificate awarded by the National Council for Rural Higher Education, New Delhi, at the end of the course at the Rural Institute, Gandhigram, Madurai district; and (b) Must possess physical fitness for camp life and satisfy the physical standard prescribed for Health Inspectors.
Categories 3 and 4	(i) Must have passed III Form of a recognised Secondary School, and (ii) Must have passed the examination conducted by the Government Board of Examiners for Cinema Operator: Provided that preference shall be given to those who have experience for not less than one year in Radio Mechanism.

Category 5	<p>(i) Must. possess training for not less than three years in a General Hospital of over 100 beds strength approved by the Madras Nurses and Midwives Council, and a certificate of having passed the examination held at the end of the said course of training.</p> <p>(ii) Must possess at least one certificate in Section I-A, or I-B or I-C of the Register of Nurses under the Tamil Nadu Nurses and Midwives Act, 1926 (Tamil Nadu Act III of 1926) and</p> <p>(iii) Must possess training for not less than one year in a Public Health Nursing Institution recognised by the Government and a certificate of having passed the examination held at the end of the said course of training ;</p> <p><b>Explanation.</b>— (1) "A recognised Hospital" shall mean a hospital recognised by the Indian Medical Council.</p> <p>(2) "recognised secondary school" shall mean a school maintained by or opened with the sanction of the Government of Tamil Nadu or for which recognition has been accorded under the Tamil Nadu Educational Rules.</p>
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7. [\*\*\*] Omitted

**8. Probation.**— Every person appointed to a class or category (except Class II and Category II of Class IV) 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 :

Provided that service rendered as Health Inspectors under the Government shall be counted towards probation and increment in the category of Health Assistant.

**9. Reservation of appointment.**— The rule of reservation in General Rule 22 of the General Rule for the Tamil Nadu State and Subordinate Services shall apply to appointment by Direct recruitment.

**10. Applicability of General Rules.**— Municipal service shall to the Public Health Staff under the Municipalities governed by these Regulations.

### Government Clarifications

**(1) Regulation 5.**— The maximum age-limit for direct recruitment to all posts is enhanced to 28 years, where such limit is now below 28 years. Where the age-limit is higher than 28 years the higher limit shall be continued. In respect of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the existing concession of additional higher age-limit of 5 years, wherever it exists shall also be continued. *Vide* GO. Ms. No.1584, RD & LA, dated 16-10-1980.'

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1. Rule 7 omitted by SRO B-7 7 / 2007 (GO.Ms. No 155, Municipal Administration and Water Supply, ME (2) dt. 14-12-2006, before omission it was as under :—

**Training.**— In respect of persons appointed to categories 1 and 2 of class I without diploma in Maternity and Child Health, they may be required to undergo the above

training within a period of 3 years from the date of appointment. The period of such training shall be treated as duty. If a probationer fails to acquire the prescribed qualifications. She shall not be deemed to have completed the probation satisfactorily and shall not be entitled to appointment as full member or to further increments in the time-scale of pay applicable until and unless she has passed the prescribed examination. But such ineligibility for increments shall not operate to postpone future increments after she has passed the prescribed examination. If a probationer does not pass the prescribed examination within the period of 3 years from the date of her appointment, she shall be discharged from the service. She shall not engage in private practice.

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