



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department- Medical Education Service - Academic -Post Graduate Medical Admission 2011 - Minimum Qualifying service condition for in -service candidates - Relaxed - Orders Issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (S) DEPARTMENT

GO(Rt)No. 2356 /2011/H&FWD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 24.06.2011

Read: - 1. GO(Rt)No. 41/2011/H&FWD dated 04.01.2011

2. Judgment dated 30.03.2011 of the Hon'ble High Court in WP(C)

Nos.1014/2009 and 2610/2010

3. Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 29.04.2011 in SLP (CC)

6852-6853/2011 and connected cases.

4. Fax Message dated 24.06.2011 from the Advocate General, Ernakulam

5. Letter No. B2/5000/2011/DME dated 24.06.2011 from the Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

As per the PG Medical Prospectus 2011, applicants should have completed a minimum period of one year service under Medical Education Services and 4 years under other state services for being considered for admission to Post Graduate Courses under Service Quota. As per the orders of the Hon'ble High Court and Supreme Court read as 2nd and 3rd papers above, Government have conducted a separate entrance examination through the Commissioner for Entrance Examination (CEE) for in-service candidates with minimum qualifying service as stipulated in the Prospectus for Admission to Medical Post Graduate Degree/Diploma Courses 2011. Only 31 candidates have qualified the Separate Entrance Examination. A large number of in-service doctors who do not have the minimum qualifying service and qualified in the Common Entrance Test/ Separate Entrance Examination approached Government requesting for relaxation of the condition. Some of them have filed Writ Petitions before the Hon'ble High Court for relaxation of the minimum qualifying service prescribed in the Prospectus. The Hon'ble Court has sought for the opinion of Government in this regard.

Accordingly Government have reconsidered the case and found that there are many advantages to the Health care system of Government if the Prospectus condition regarding the minimum qualifying service is relaxed. The candidates will enter into a bond to serve Government for a fixed number of years. This will ensure that Specialist services are available in Government sector. At present there is an acute shortage of Specialists in Health Service Department. These candidates would help to fill that gap. Since the candidates have not completed the minimum qualifying years the difference between eligibility period and current service can also be added to the bond period resulting in more years of Specialist service. Government have appraised the stand before the Hon'ble High Court to relax the minimum qualifying service, subject to certain conditions and the Hon'ble Court disposed the Writ Petitions seeking to relax the minimum service for in-service candidates recording the stand of the Government.

In the circumstances, Government are pleased to relax the eligibility condition of minimum Qualifying Service as stipulated in Clause VIII (a) 2 of Prospectus for Admission to Medical Post Graduate Degree/Diploma Courses 2011 as follows.

- 1. The applicants under Service Quota should be regular staff under Health Service Department/Medical Education Service/Insurance Medical Service/Municipal Services and should have completed a minimum of one year service in their respective services, to become eligible to apply.*
- 2. The candidates shall execute a bond to serve Government in respective Department for the period mentioned in the Prospectus and in addition for a further period equal to the difference between number of years completed in service and the years required to reach the eligibility criteria as stipulated in the existing Prospectus, if the candidate has the necessary service left to fulfil that obligation. If not the candidate will serve Government till the end of his/her service.*

The admissions already made under Service Quota should not be interfered with.

The Government Order read as 1st paper above stands modified to the above extent.

The Director of Health Services shall provide a single seniority list including all sub quotas under Health Service Quota to the Director of Medical Education for allotment.

By Order of the Governor

Rajeev Sadanandan

Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram

The Advocate General, Ernakulam (with CL)

The Commissioner for Entrance Examination, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Insurance Medical Services, Thiruvananthapuram

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