

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Personnel & Administrative Reforms (Rules) Department

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM

No. 10267/Rules-1/87/P&AD Dated, Trivandrum, 9th Nov. 1987.

Subj- Public Service - Basic qualification and
obligatory departmental tests - Difference -
Clarification - Issued.

According to Rule 13B of Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules persons in Government service who attain the age of 50 years shall be eligible for permanent exemption from passing obligatory departmental tests for all purposes of promotion, appointment as full member etc. There are some special rules in which tests such as Account Test (ii) are prescribed as "Qualification" for appointment to certain postes and some "tests" such as Account Test (Lower) also are prescribed for appointment. A question has now come up before Government where a person attaining the age of 50 years will get exemption under Rule 13B of K.S.&S.S. Part II for the Account Test (Higher) etc. prescribed under qualifications along with the "tests" prescribed in the Special Rules.

2. In this connection, Govt. wish to clarify that the tests such as Account Test (Higher) etc. prescribed under "Qualification" are basic qualifications like educational qualification for appointment/promotion to the post, whereas "tests" prescribed in the Special Rules are obligatory departmental tests. A person attaining the age of 50 years shall get exemption under Rule 13 B, K.S.&S.S. Part II only from passing the obligatory departmental tests prescribed in the Special Rules and he shall not be exempted from the tests prescribed under qualifications for appointment/promotion to the post.

Sd/-
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All Sections of Secretariat including Law, Finance,
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