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CATEGORY NO: 475/2020

Applications are invited online only through One Time Registration Scheme only from qualified candidates for selection to the undermentioned post in Kerala Government Service.

- 1 Department : Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department
- 2 Name of Post : Agricultural Officer
- 3 Scale of pay : ₹39500 83000
- 4 Number of vacancy : Anticipated vacancies

The above vacancy is now in existence. The Ranked list published by the Commission in response to this notification shall remain in force for a minimum period of one year provided that the said list will continue to be in in force till the publication of a new list after the expiry of the minimum period of one year or till the expiry of three years whichever is earlier. Candidates will be advised from the said list against the vacancies reported to the Commission in writing during the period of currency of the list.

<u>Note</u>:-3% of the vacancies shall be reserved for Physically Handicapped candidates (Category:Locomotor Disability/Cerebral Palsy, Low Vision, Hearing impairment)for the recruitment to the post as per G.O.(P)No.61/2012/SWD dated 17.10.2012.

5. Method of appointment - Direct Recruitment

6. Age limit - 18-37. Only candidates born between 01/01/2002 and 02/01/1983 (both dates included) are eligible to apply for this post with usual age relaxation to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Communities. (For other conditions regarding the age relaxation please see Part 2 of the General Conditions.)

<u>Note</u>:-The Village Extension Officers who have been selected and have undergone the Degree course in Agricultural Science and obtained the Degree from Kerala Agricultural University will be eligible to get age relaxation in upper age limit upto 45 years for direct recruitment to the post of Agricultural Officer.

7. Qualifications - B.Sc Degree in Agriculture/Horticulture awarded by Kerala Agricultural University or Degree in Agriculture/Horticulture from any other University recognized by Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Note:- 1)Rule 10 a (ii) of Part II KS & SSR is applicable.

2)Candidates with Post Graduate Degree in Agriculture/Horticulture but not having basic degree in Agriculture/Horticulture will be ineligible to apply for the post.

3)The Degree awarded by the Colleges/Universities should be after the course of study having 10+2+4 pattern prescribed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

4)Candidates who claim equivalent qualifications instead of qualification mentioned in the Notification shall produce the relevant Government Order to prove the equivalency at the time of certificate verification, then only such qualification shall be treated as equivalent to the prescribed qualification concerned.

5)In the case of difference in original Caste/Community claimed in the application and that entered in SSLC book, the candidate shall produce a Gazette notification in this regard, along with Non Creamy layer Certificate/ Community Certificate at the time of certificate verification.

8 Mode of submitting Application:-

a. Candidates must register as per ONE TIME REGISTRATION with the official Website of Kerala Public Service Commission www.keralapsc.gov.in before applying for the post. Candidates who have registered can apply by logging on to their profile using their User-ID and password. Candidates must click on the Apply Now button of the respective posts in the Notification Link to apply for a post. The Photograph uploaded should be taken after 31.12.2010. Name of the candidate and the date of photograph taken should be printed legibly at the bottom portion. The photograph once uploaded meeting all requirements shall be valid for 10 years from the date of uploading. There is no change in other instructions regarding the uploading of photographs. No application fee is required. Candidates shall take a printout of the application by clicking the link Registration Card in their profile. Candidates are responsible for the correctness of the personal information and secrecy of password. Before the final submission of the application on the profile candidates must ensure correctness of the information in their profile. They must quote the User-ID for further communication with the Commission. Application submitted is provisional and the details cannot be deleted or altered after submission. The application will be summarily rejected if noncompliance with the notification is found in due course of processing. Documents to prove qualification, age, Community etc. have to be produced as and when called for.

b. If written/ OMR/ Online Test is conducted as part of this selection, candidates shall submit a confirmation for writing the examination through their One Time Registration profile. Such candidates alone can generate and download the Admission Tickets in the last 15 days till the date of Test. The applications of candidates who do not submit confirmation within the stipulated period will be rejected absolutely. The periods regarding the submission of confirmation and the availability of Admission Tickets will be published in the Examination Calendar itself. Information in this regard will be given to the candidates in their respective profiles and in the mobile phone numbers registered in it.

c. Appropriate disciplinary action as per Rules of Procedure Rule 22 shall be initiated against those candidates who submit applications with bogus claims of qualification regarding education, experience etc. and submit confirmation for writing the examination, irrespective of whether they are present or absent for the examination.

d. Candidates who have AADHAAR card should add AADHAAR as I.D Proof in their Profile.

- **9** Last date for submission of application:- **03.02.2021**, Wednesday upto 12.00 midnight.
- **10** Address to which applications are to be sent : <u>www.keralapsc.gov.in</u>

(Candidates must see the General Conditions in Part II of the Gazette Notification for instructions regarding Photo, ID Card etc.)

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