

GAZETTE DATE : 15/12/2023
LAST DATE : 17/01/2024
CATEGORY NO. 529/2023

Applications are invited online only through One Time Registration Scheme from qualified candidates for selection to the undermentioned post in Kerala Government Service. Before applying for the post, the candidates shall register as per One Time Registration Scheme through the official website of Kerala Public Service Commission. Candidates who have already registered can apply through their profile.

- 1 Department : Agriculture Development & Farmers Welfare
2 Name of Post : Agricultural Assistant Grade II (By Transfer)
3 Scale of pay : ₹ 27,900-63,700/-
4 Number of vacancies : Not estimated

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 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 that may be reported to the Commission during the period of currency of the list.

- 5 **Method of appointment** : By – Transfer Recruitment from Last Grade Servants of Agriculture Department.

- 6 Age limit Upper age limit for appointment by transfer shall be 50 years as on the first day of January 2023.

Note :- Other conditions regarding age relaxation is not applicable.

- 7 **Qualifications** : A: (i) Diploma in Agricultural Science awarded by the Kerala Agricultural University or its equivalent.

OR

- (ii) Pass in SSLC with Agriculture as optional subject or its equivalent.

OR

- (iii) Pass in SSLC or its equivalent and a recognized training in Agriculture.

OR

- (iv) SSLC and KGTE in agriculture

B: Good Physique

The following are the Certificates accepted as recognised training in Agriculture

1. Successful completion of 2 years certificate course in Agricultural Science conducted by Gandhigram Rural Institute, Madurai or by Other similar Rural Institutes recognised by the Government of India.
2. Certificate in Agricultural Science awarded by the National Council of Rural Higher Education, Government of India.
3. Certificate in KGTE or MGTE in Agriculture.
4. One year training in Agriculture in an Agricultural Training School or a basic Agricultural Training School.

- Note:**
- 1) Persons who have completed the 2 years certificate course in Agriculture of the Rural Institute, Thavanur will be given preference over KGTE/MGTE holders, The preference mentioned above will be given within the meaning of GO(Ms)50/70/PD dated 12.02.1970.
 - 2) Persons in possession of Diploma in Agricultural Science awarded by the Kerala Agricultural University will have to pass the written examination/objective type test conducted by the KPSC. They will be exempted from endurance test prescribed in GO (Ms)312/75/Agri.Dated 16.10.1975.
 - 3) Persons who have completed 50 years of age, candidates who possess MGTE (Agriculture) are exempted from endurance test vide GO(Ms)77/2020/Agri dated 30.09.2020.
 - 4) All Candidates except those who are not exempted from endurance test will have to undergo and pass an endurance test, conducted by the KPSC.

The Endurance Test will consist of :-

- i. 1600 m race – maximum duration of 10 minutes.
- ii. Digging a plot of 0.4 acres – maximum duration 1 hour.

5) Pre Service Training

All candidates selected by the By Transfer method except those who possess any of the certificates accepted as recognised training in agriculture will have to undergo a course of training for 6 months in any of the two centres at Ollukkara and Thaliparamba. Intensive Training will be given in theory as well as practical. At the end of the training period final test consisting theory, practical and oral will be conducted by the Deputy Director of Agriculture of the District concerned. Those who fail in the first chance will be given two more chances to sit for the test during the period of probation, failing which their probation will be terminated and service dispensed with. The test will be conducted half yearly during the period of probation. After the successful completion of training, the candidates will be appointed as Agricultural Assistants on ` 27900-63,700/-

- 6) All candidates selected by the By Transfer method except those who have got exemption from the training will have to execute a bond agreeing to serve the Government for a period of two years failing which he/she should pay back to Government all the money paid to him/her to all the expenses incurred by the Government for his/her training together with liquidated damages of 300 (PR). The specimen form of the bond to be executed can be had from the Agricultural Department.

- 7) The Rank and Seniority of candidates selected for the post of Agricultural Assistant will be decided according to their ranks assigned in the advice list of the Public Service Commission, irrespective of whether they need or need not undergo pre service training. But in the case of those who fail to secure a pass after completion of the training in the first chance, their rank and seniority will be revised on the basis of the chances and mark they obtained in the subsequent chances. Candidates appointed By Transfer will be on probation for a period of two years within a continuous period of 3 years.

- c) The recruitment By Transfer from among the Last Grade Servants to the post of Agriculture Assistant Gr.II shall be subject to the eligibility test conducted by the KPSC as in the case of recruitment for the posts of LDC/LD Typist from Low paid employees.

Last Grade Servants of Agriculture Department should produce the Service Certificate in original from Head of Department as and when required by the Commission.

SERVICE CERTIFICATE
(To be produced in Original)

1.	Name of the Employee	:	
2.	Name of the post now held by the applicant with scale of pay	:	
3.	Name of the Department in which now working	:	
4.	Name of Service to which the applicant belongs	:	
5.	Date of commencement of service and date of Commencement of Probation	:	
6.	Whether the applicant is a Probationer or Approved probationer or full Member of the Service	:	
7.	Service Particulars (from date of entry into service till date)	:	

Sl. No.	Name of post held	Period		Length of Service			Date of Declaration of Probation
		From	To	Year	Month	Days	
Total Service							

Certified that above details in respect of Sri/Smt
Who is a probationer/approved probationer/Full member of the
(Name of Service) have been verified by me with the service particulars as given in the service Book of the candidate and that they are found correct.

Also Certified that Sri/Smt is eligible to apply for the post of By Transfer as per part I Rule 2 (13) of KS&SSR 1958.

Signature
Name & Designation
of the Head of Office

Place:
Date :

(Office Seal)

- Note:**
1. Rule 10 a(ii) of part II of KS&SSR is applicable.
 2. In addition to the qualifications prescribed in the notification, the qualifications recognized by executive orders, or standing orders of Government as equivalent to a qualification specified for a post, in the Special Rules and such of those qualifications which pre-suppose the acquisition of the lower qualification prescribed for the post, shall also be sufficient for the post. The copy of the Government orders declaring equivalent/higher qualifications shall be produced as and when required by the Commission.
 3. The Degrees/Diplomas awarded by UGC approved Universities or Institutions established through an act passed by the Parliament / State Legislative Assembly in accordance with the condition laid down in GO(Ms)No.526/PD dated 17.07.1965 are acceptable for appointment in Government Services.

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 in 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 the post. The photograph uploaded should be one taken after 31.12.2013. Those candidates who have created new profile from 01.01.2022 onwards should upload their photograph taken within six months. Name of the candidate and the date of photograph taken should be printed legibly at the bottom portion of the Photograph. 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 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 cannot be deleted or altered after submission. **Candidates are advised to keep a printout or soft copy of the online application for future reference. Candidates can take the print out of the application by clicking on the link 'My applications' in their profile. All correspondence with the Commission, regarding the application should be accompanied with the print out of the application.** The application will be summarily rejected if non-compliance with the notification is found in due course of processing. Original Documents to prove qualification, experience, age, community etc. have to be produced as and when called for. The profile correction made by the candidates themselves or through the office of the KPSC on request after the last date fixed for the receipt of applications will not be reflected in the application. Such correction will come into effect only on the date on which correction have been made.
- (b) If a 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 prior to 15 days 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 number registered in it.
- (c) Candidates who have AADHAAR card should add AADHAAR Card as I.D Proof in their profile.

9. Special Instructions to candidates

- (a) Candidates are required to acquaint themselves with the instructions given in the notification as Part II, General Conditions before submitting application for the post. Applications which are not submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down in the General Conditions are liable to be rejected.
- (b) Appropriate disciplinary action as per Rule 22 of the Kerala Public Service Commission Rules of Procedure shall be initiated against those candidates who submit applications with bogus claims of qualification regarding education, experience etc. and are liable to be disqualified for being considered for a particular post or debarment from applying to the Commission either

permanently or for any period or the invalidation of their answer scripts or products in a written/practical test or the initiation of criminal or other proceedings against them or their removal or dismissal from office or the ordering of any other disciplinary action against them if they have already been appointed, or any one or more of the above.

10 Last date for receipt of applications:- 17.01.2024, Wednesday upto 12.00 midnight.

11 Address to which applications are to be sent : www.keralapsc.gov.in

(For details including Photo, ID card etc refer the General conditions given in Part II of the Gazette Notification).

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