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Government of India
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
Press Information Bureau

'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated 5th April, 2024

NOTICE

Amendment of Recruitment Rules (RR) – Senior Photographic Officer, Group 'A' and Photographic Officer, Group 'B', General Central Service, Non-Ministerial in Photo Division (PD) of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.


Recruitment Rules for the posts of Senior Photographic Officer, Group 'A' and Photographic Officer, Group 'B', General Central Service, Non-Ministerial in Photo Division (PD) are proposed to be amended to bring them in consonance with Model Recruitment Rules issued by DoP&T and 7th CPC recommendations. Draft RRs are annexed.

2. The stakeholders are requested to kindly send their comments on the draft RRs for the said posts via e-mail at adm2.pib@nic.in within 30 days from the date of issue of this Notice.

Encl: As above.

To

All Stakeholders


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NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, dated.....

GSR ___ --- In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution, and in suppression of the Photo Division, New Delhi (Class I & II posts) Recruitment Rules 1982 (Deputy Director, Senior Photographic Officer, Photographic Officer & Administrative Officer), except as respects things done or omitted to have been done before such suppression, the President hereby makes the following rules to regulate the method of recruitment to certain Group A & B posts in the Photo Division, Press Information Bureau of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting of the Govt. of India, namely :-

1. **Short title and commencement-**

- (1) These rules may be called the Photo Division, Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, (Senior Photographic Officer, Group 'A' and Photographic Officer, Group 'B') Recruitment Rules, 2024.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. **Number of posts, classification and pay band and grade pay or pay scale** - The number of the said post, its classification and the Pay Matrix Level attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the schedule annexed hereto.

3. **Methods of recruitment, age limit and qualification, etc.** - The method of recruitment, age limit, qualifications and other matters relating to the said posts shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the said Schedule.

4. **Disqualification.** - No person,

- a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living; or
- b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person, shall be eligible for appointment to the said post:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

5. **Power to relax** - Where the Central Government is of the opinion that is necessary or expedient so to do so, it may, by order, for reason to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provision of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

6. **Saving** - Nothing in these rules shall affects reservations, relaxation of age limit, and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Caste, Schedule Tribes, Other Backgrounds Classes, Ex-servicemen and Other Special Category of persons, in accordance with the Orders issued by Central Government from time to time in this regard.

Draft Recruitment Rules for the post of Photographic Officer, Group 'B', Non-Ministerial, Gazetted in Pay Matrix Level 7 (Rs.44900-142400)in Photo Division, PIB

SCHEDULE

Name of post	Number of post	Classification	Pay level in Pay matrix	Whether selection post or non-selection post	Age limit for direct recruitment	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Photographic Officer	07 * (2024) * Subject to variation dependent on workload	General Central Service, Group B, Gazetted, Non-Ministerial	Pay Matrix Level 7 (Rs.44900-142400)	Not applicable.	Not exceeding 30 years of age (relaxable upto 5 years for Government servants in accordance with the instructions as issued by Central Government.). Note: The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be as advertised by UPSC.	Essential: (i) Degree from a recognized university or equivalent; (ii) 2 years' experience in various branches of Photography including experience in Press Photography in an organisation in the field of Print or Audio-Visual media. Note 1 : Qualifications are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in case of candidates otherwise well qualified. Note 2 : The qualification(s) regarding experience are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, if, at any stage of selection, the UPSC is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from these communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them. Desirable : (i) Diploma in photography or Motion Picture Photography (Cinematography) from a recognised institution; (ii) One year experience in production of documentary films; (iii) One year experience in write-ups on photographic features, published in various magazines.

Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment will apply in the case of promotees	Period of probation, if any	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation /absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods.	In case of recruitment by promotion/ deputation/ absorption grades from which promotion/ deputation/ absorption to be made	If DPC exists, what is its composition	Circumstances in which UPSC is to be consulted in making recruitment
8	9	10	11	12	13
Not applicable.	Two years	100% by direct recruitment	Not applicable.	Group 'B' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering confirmation) a) Secretary/Joint Secretary, Ministry of I&B – Chairman b) Dy. Secretary, Ministry of I&B – Member c) ADG/Director (Admn.), PIB – Member	Union Public Service Commission shall be consulted while making direct recruitment.

Draft Recruitment Rules for the post of Senior Photographic Officer, Group 'A', Non-Ministerial, Gazeted in Pay Matrix Level 10 (Rs.56100-177500) in Photo Division, PIB

SCHEDULE

Name of post	Number of post	Classification	Pay level in Pay matrix	Whether selection post or non-selection post	Age limit for direct recruitment	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Senior Photographic Officer	04* (2024) * Subject to variation dependent on workload.	General Central Service, Group A, Gazetted, Non-Ministerial	Pay Matrix Level 10 (Rs.56100-177500)	Selection	Not exceeding 35 years of age (relaxable upto 5 years for Government servants in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government.). Note: The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be as advertised by UPSC.	Essential (i) Degree from a recognized University or equivalent; (ii) 3 years' experience in various branches of Photography including experience in Press Photography in an organisation in the field of Print or Audio-Visual media. Note 1 Qualifications are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in case of candidates otherwise well qualified. Note 2 The qualification(s) regarding experience are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, if, at any stage of selection, the UPSC is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from these communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them. Desirable : (i) Diploma in photography or motion picture photography (Cinematography) from a recognised institution; (ii) One year experience in production of documentary films. (iii) One year experience in write-ups of photographic features, published in various magazines.

Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment will apply in the case of promotes	Period of probation, if any	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation /absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods.	In case of recruitment by promotion/ deputation/ absorption grades from which promotion/ deputation/ absorption to be made	If DPC exists, what is its composition	Circumstances in which UPSC is to be consulted in making recruitment
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No	Two years for promotes Two years for direct recruits.	By promotion failing which by transfer on deputation or absorption and failing both by direct recruitment.	Promotion: Photographic Officer with 5 years' service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis. Transfer on deputation Officer under Central Government (a) (i) Holding analogous posts; or (ii) with 5 years' service in posts in Pay Matrix Level 7 (Rs.44900-142400) or equivalent; or (iii) with 4 years' service in posts in Pay Matrix Level 8 (Rs47600-151100) or equivalent; (iv) with 2 years' service in posts in Pay Matrix Level 9 (Rs.53100-167800) and (b) Possessing the educational qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruits under Col.6.	Group 'A' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion) a) Chairman / Member, UPSC – Chairman b) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (Ministry of I&B)– Member c) ADG/Director (Admn.), PIB – Member Group 'A' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering confirmation in case of Direct recruitment) a) Secretary/ Addl. Secretary Ministry of I&B – Chairman b) Joint Secretary, Ministry of I&B – Member c) ADG/Director (Admn.), PIB – Member	Consultation with the Union Public Service Commission necessary while making promotion, direct recruitment and selecting an officer for appointment on deputation.