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Applications are invited from qualified candidates to fill the vacancies of Range Forest Officer earmarked for Recruitment by transfer from approved probationers in the Kerala Forest Ministerial Subordinate Service and Kerala Forest Ministerial Service. The selected candidates shall be required to undergo 18 months Forest Rangers Course during 2011-2012 in any one of the State Forest Service Colleges under the Director, Forest Education, Government of India, Dehradun and one year practical training in the department. The selection will be subject to the decisions of the Director, Forest Education, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India in regard to the conduct of the Course.

- 1. Department** : Kerala Forest Department
2. Name of Post : Range Forest Officer
3. Scale of Pay : ₹ 20,740-36140/-
4. Number of vacancies : One (1)

(The above number of vacancies are provisional subject to change according to the allotment of seats by the Director, Forest Education, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and due to arising of more vacancies)

Note:- The Ranked List of candidates published by the Kerala Public Service Commission in pursuance of this notification shall cease to be in force after one month from the date of commencement of training or 3 months from the date of coming into force of the ranked list whichever is later.

- 5. Method of recruitment** : Recruitment by transfer
- 6. Age** : 19-32 Candidates born between 02.01.1979 and 01.01.1992
(both dates included) are eligible to apply for this post.
(The upper age limit will be relaxed by 5 years in the case of Scheduled caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates and 3 years in the case of Backward Classes)

7. Educational Qualifications:

(1) Candidates must possess a Degree in Science or Engineering from a University, Institution or Deemed University recognized by Government of India or Government of Kerala with at least one of the following subject:-

Agriculture, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Application/Computer science, Engineering (Agriculture/Chemical/Civil/Computer/Electrical/Electronics/Mechanical), Environmental Science, Forestry, Geology, Horticulture, Mathematics Physics, Statistics, Veterinary Science, Zoology.

(2) Must be an approved probationer

(3) Physical Standard

Minimum Physical Standards are prescribed below:-

For Male Candidates

Height – 168 cms

Chest – 81 cms(Normal)

Chest expansion -5 cms

All the Male candidates must qualify any of the five events out of the eight specified for men in the National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test shown below.

Sl.No	Items	Minimum Standard of efficiency
1	100 meters run	14 seconds
2	High Jump	132.2.cm
3	Long Jump	457.2 cm
4	Putting the shot of 7264 grams	609.6 cm
5	Throwing the cricket ball	6096 cm
6	Rope climbing (only with hands)	365.80 cm
7	Pull ups or chinning	8 times
8	1500 meters run	5 minutes & 44 seconds

For Female Candidates

Height – 157 cms

All the female candidates must qualify any of the five events out of the nine specified for women in the National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test shown below

Sl. No	Items	Minimum standard of efficiency
1	100 meters run	17 Seconds
2	High Jump	106 cm
3	Long Jump	305 cm
4	Putting the shot of 4000 grams	400 cm
5	200 meters run	36 seconds
6	Throwing the throw ball	1400 cm
7	Shuttle race (2500 cm x 400 cm)	26 seconds
8	Pull ups or chinning	8 times
9	Skipping (One minute)	80 times

Note:- Minimum height and chest measurement for SC/ST candidates shall be relaxed 5 cm and 2.5cm respectively. The minimum chest expansion of 5 cm shall however be applicable to them also.

Both the male and female candidates must possess the Medical Standards prescribed below.

1	Ear	Hearing should be perfect
2	Eye (a) Distant vision (b) Near vision (c) Colour vision (d) Night Blindness	Must be certified to possess visual standards specified below without glass 6/6 snellen 0.5 snellen Normal Nil
3	Muscles and Joints	No paralysis and all joints with free movements
4	Nervous system	Perfectly normal. Free from any infectious diseases

(Physical measurement will be taken by the Commission prior to the physical efficiency and medical standard test Candidates are well advised to ensure their physical measurement before they apply)

8. **Written Examination** : Candidates will have to appear for a written examination to be conducted by Kerala Public Service Commission on the following subjects.

COMPULSORY SUBJECT

1. General Knowledge : 100 marks
2. English (Essays and Precise Writing etc) : 100 marks

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

3. Any two subjects of the following : 200 marks each

Agriculture, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Applications/Computer Science, Engineering (Agriculture/Chemical/Civil/Computer/Electrical/Electronics/Mechanical) Environmental Science, Forestry, Geology, Horticulture, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, Veterinary Science, Zoology.(The standards of these subjects shall be that of a Bachelors Degree).

Note:- No candidates shall be allowed to take more than one subject of the following groups. Candidates who are applying under General Category should select the same subjects as under by transfer category.

- (i) Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering and Veterinary Science.
- (ii) Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
- (iii) Computer Application/ Computer Science and Computer Engineering
- (iv) Electrical Engineering and Electronics Engineering
- (v) Mathematics and Statistics

Note:- Optional subjects selected for examination should be specifically noted on the application, if not, the application will be summarily rejected.

9. **Walking test:-** Male candidates who come out successful in the physical efficiency test and written examination must pass walking test covering a distance of 25 kilometers within four hours on foot and women candidates, 16 kms within 4 hours. This test will be arranged by the Kerala Public Service Commission.

Interview :- Those candidates who are qualified in the written examination and physical tests will be required to present themselves for an interview at the time and place fixed by the Commission.

10. **Health Certificate:-** A Health Certificate (in original signed by a Civil Surgeon) testifying the candidates should have hearing and General Physical fitness for strenuous outdoor work in the Forest Department and showing two identification body marks should also be produced at the time of interview. The height and chest (both normal and expanded) should also be distinctly recorded for onward transmission to the Director, Forest Education, Government of India, Dehradun.

Note-1. Physically handicapped candidates are not eligible to apply for this post.

Note-2 The selected candidates will be sent by the Department before a Medical Board to issue a health certificate and to certify that the candidate is fit to take strenuous, outdoor work in the Forest Department.

Note -3 The candidates who are approved probationers/full members in the respective category should produce a service certificate showing the service particulars of the applicant in the form appended as and when called for.

11. Candidates are required to be present for the Physical Efficiency Test, Written Test, Walking Test and interview at their own cost

Note:- If accidents or injuries happen to a candidate while participating in the Physical Efficiency test, he /she will not be given further chance to participate in the test.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

1. Physical Measurement and Physical Efficiency Test – 2011 November
2. Written Test -2011 December
3. Walking Test and Interview – 2012 February

12. Rank List of the qualified candidates will be published and selection will be made from the list. Candidates thus selected by the Kerala Public Service Commission on the basis of the Competitive Examination, Physical Efficiency Test, Walking test and Interview shall be able to join the Forest Rangers Courses at any one of the State Forest Service Colleges under Director of Forest Education, Dehradun.
- a) On completion of Ranger's Course in the Forest College, they shall undergo a practical training for one year in the Forest Department.
 - b) During the period of Ranger's Course in the Forest College as well as in the Forest Department the selected candidates will be paid basic pay and other admissible allowances.
 - c) The Cost of training including traveling allowances at the rates admissible to them for journeys or tours performed by them in connection with the training shall be borne by the Government. Caution money and mess deposit, if any have to be deposited by the candidate on joining the college.
 - d) The period spent on training in the Forest College and practical training in the Forest Department shall be counted for leave and pension.
 - e) The selected candidates who do not complete successfully the Rangers Course will be reverted to the posts which they were occupying prior to their appointment by transfer.
 - f) The candidates finally selected for the course will be required to execute an agreement on stamp paper worth Rs.100/- binding themselves to serve the Government after completion of the course for a minimum period of 5 years. The selected candidates will have to furnish two solvent sureties, solvent to the extent of Rs.3,00,000/- or permanent Government servants of the Gazetted rank. In the event of failure in the examination and causing any loss to Government thereby or otherwise, they should refund the amount to cover liquidated damages at the rate of interest of 6% per annum on the amount spent on their behalf by Government.
 - g) The period of probation for the Range Forest Officers appointed shall be two years on duty within a continuous service of three years from the date on which he/she joins after successful completion of training in the Forest college.
 - h) Entrance and Training Rules (Revised) 2004 of Government of India and draft forms of agreement and bond to be executed are available for perusal by the selected candidates at the office of the chief Conservator of Forests (Administration), Thiruvananthapuram during office hours.

SERVICE CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENTAL CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF RANGE FOREST OFFICER UNDER RECRUITMENT BY TRANSFER.

(In original)

- 1 Name of Candidate :
- 2 Post now holding :
- 3 Scale of Pay and Pay as on the date of application :
- 4 Office in which now working (with Circle) :
- 5 State whether the candidate is an approved probationer/Full member in the post now held, if so furnish the date of declaration of probation :

Name of Post	Scale of Pay	Department	Duration	
			From	To

The above details have been verified with the Service Records of the candidate and are found correct. The candidate is eligible to apply for the post of Range Forest Officer under recruitment by transfer.

Signature with date
Name & Designation of the
Head of Office/ Department

(Office Seal)

13. **Method of submitting application:-** Applications, with a latest photo uploaded, shall be submitted online only. Photo should be the one taken within 6 months. Candidates name and date of photograph taken should be printed below the Photo. Detailed instructions regarding the submission of applications are available in the website of Kerala Public Service Commission viz., www.keralapsc.org. No application fee is required. The barcode number in the application form from the Website shall be quoted in all further enquires/correspondences. The Admission tickets for the Physical efficiency test, written test and interview may be downloaded from the website using the barcode number. Documents to prove qualification, age Community have to be produced as and when called for. Applications submitted not in accordance with the instructions given in the website will be summarily rejected.
14. Last date of receipt of Applications: 19/10/2011Wednesday up to 12 Midnight
15. Address to which applications are to be sent: www.keralapsc.org
16. General Conditions given in Part II of the Gazette Notification. Sub para vii under Para 2 and Para 5 of the General Conditions are not applicable to this post.
17. If a written test/OMR test is conducted as part of the selection hall ticket of eligible candidates will be made available in the website of the Kerala Public Service Commission. Candidates are instructed to download their hall ticket as per the instructions in the website.
18. At the time of Examination, Physical Efficiency Test, Practical Test, Interview etc, candidates shall produce their Photo affixed ID proof in Original and self attested photocopy of (Voters Identity Card, Driving License, Passport, Identity Cards issued by Social Welfare Department to Physically Handicapped Candidates, Photo affixed Pass Books issued by Nationalized Banks, PAN Card, Identity Cards issued to Government Employees by the concerned Departments) along with Hall Tickets.

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