



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

H&FWD - Medical Education Department- 'By transfer' method of appointment to the post of Assistant Professor in Nursing under Medical Education Department - Amendment to the eligibility criteria - Orders issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.48/2026/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 08-02-2026

- Read:
1. G.O (Ms) No. 428/67/H&FWD dated 21.07.1967
 2. G.O (Ms) No. 95/02/H&FWD dated 24/04/2002
 3. G.O (Ms) No. 190/2003/H&FWD dated 03.09.2003.

ORDER

Qualification and method of appointment to the post of Assistant Professor in Nursing under Medical Education Department is governed by the G.O read as 2nd paper above. There is provision for both direct recruitment and recruitment through 'by transfer'. A ratio of 1:1 between the candidates for by transfer method of appointment and candidates for direct recruitment was prescribed. Members borne to the cadre of Kerala Health (Nursing in Hospital Wing) Subordinate/State Service and Kerala Medical Education (Nursing in Hospital Wing) Subordinate/State Service are eligible to apply under by transfer method of appointment. Apart from the required educational qualification and registration with the State Nursing Council, a period of one year 'active' service was stipulated as an eligibility criteria for in-service candidates seeking by transfer appointment.

2. Rule 2 (13) of Part I of KS & SSR,1958 governs the eligibility of an in-service candidate for by transfer appointment. The said rule is quoted below:

"Recruitment by transfer: (13) A candidate is said to be "recruited by transfer" to a service

(i) if his appointment to the service is in accordance with the orders issued or rules prescribed for recruitment by transfer to the service: and

(ii) if at the time of his first appointment thereto-

(a) he is either a full member or an approved probationer in any other service, the rules for which prescribe a period of probation for members thereof;

Provided that, where the Special Rules for a service provide for recruitment by transfer to any class or category thereof from any specified class or category of another service, a candidate shall, unless the recruitment is made from a post carrying an identical scale of pay, be a full member or an approved probationer in the class or category so specified; or

(b) he is the holder of a post in any other service for which no probation has been prescribed, and has put in satisfactory service in that post for a period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years."

3. Since a candidate for by transfer appointment should be a full member or an approved probationer in the respective cadre in accordance with Rule 2 (13) of Part I of KS & SSR, the stipulation issued vide G.O read as 2nd paper above to the extent that one year completed service is enough for by transfer appointment to the category of Assistant Professor in Nursing is not in order. Also, the condition stipulated in an executive order cannot override a statutory provision in KS&SSRs.

4. Government have examined the matter in detail. It is necessary to have a candidate's probation declared in the feeder category of post in order to apply for by transfer appointment in terms of Rule 2 (13) of Part I KS & SSR,1958. Therefore, the qualification for by-transfer appointment prescribed as entry no. (iii) in the G.O read as 2nd paper above is substituted with the following:

"(iii) The in-service candidates for by transfer method of appointment to the post of Assistant Professor in Nursing under Medical Education Department shall have their probation declared in terms of Rule 2 (13) of Part I KS & SSR,1958".

5. The Government order read as 2nd paper above is amended to the above extent.

(By order of the Governor)

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