

FIRE

68. The Andhra Pradesh Fire Service Rules

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In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and of all other powers hereunto enabling the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following Special Rules for the Andhra Pradesh Fire Service in supersession of the Andhra Pradesh Fire Service Rules issued in G.O.Ms.No. 1738, General Administration (Rules) Department Dt. 21-11-1960.

Rule 1. Short title and commencement :—(1) These rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh Fire Service Rules, 1991.

(2) They shall come into force with immediate effect provided that nothing in these rules shall affect the appointments made in accordance with the said superseded rules.

[Rule 2. Constitution :—This service shall consist of the following category of posts in the Andhra Pradesh Fire Service :

Category I : Director of Fire Services.

Category II : Additional Director of Fire Service.

Category III : Regional Fire Officer.

Category IV : Divisional Fire Officers.

Rule 3. Method of appointment :—Subject to the other provisions in these rules, the method of appointment for the several categories specified in Rule 2 shall be made as follows :

<i>Category</i> (1)	<i>Method of Appointment</i> (2)
I. Director of Fire Service	By promotion from Category II
II. Additional Director of Fire Service	By promotion from Category III
III. Regional Fire Officer	By promotion from Category IV
IV. Divisional Fire Officer	(a) By direct recruitment. (b) By appointment by transfer from Assistant Divisional Fire Officers of the Andhra Pradesh Fire Subordinate Services.

Note :—In every unit of 3 vacancies, the First and Second vacancies of the post of Divisional Fire Officers shall be filled by appointment by transfer from the category of Assistant Divisional

Fire Officers and the third vacancy shall be filled by Direct recruitment].

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Rule 4. Reservation of appointment :—The rule of Special Representation for woman (General Rule 22-A) shall not apply to the appointments by direct recruitment to the category of Divisional Fire Officers.

Rule 5. Qualifications :—(1) No person shall be eligible for appointment as Divisional Fire Officer, by direct recruitment, unless :—

(i) He has completed the age of 21 years and has not completed the age of 26 years on the first day of July of the year in which the selection is made.

(ii) He holds a Degree of Engineering (Fire) of any University recognised by the University Grants Commission or any other equivalent qualifications :

Provided that if no candidate with BE (Fire) qualification are available, candidates with the Degree in any discipline will be considered;

(iii) He is not less than 167.6 centimeters in height ;

(iv) He is not less than 86.3 centimeters round the chest on full inspiration and has a chest expansion of not less than five centimeters on full inspiration ; and

(v) Satisfied a Medical Board in Hyderabad or in Visakhapatnam as to his physique, fitness and capacity for active out-door work and is certified by the Ophthalmic Surgeon, Osmania or Sarojini Devi Hospital, Hyderabad or King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam that his vision comes upto the requirement specified below without the use of contact glasses.

A contact glass or lens is defined as a glass shell the concavity of which is in contact with the globe of the eye, layer or liquid being interposed between the lens and the cornea. The meaning of the *glasses* whenever used below is to be interpreted as not, covering contact glasses :

Provided that candidate belonging to the Scheduled Tribes for appointment by direct recruitment as Divisional Fire Officer shall not be less than 164 centimeters in height and not less than 83.8 centimetres round the chest with a minimum expansion of not less than five cms. on full inspiration.

(a) The examination for determine the acuteness of vision includes two tests, one for distant, the other for near vision. Snell's test types will be used for the test for distant vision, without glasses at a distance 6.10 metres and for the test for near vision, without glasses at any distance selected by the candidate. The standards of the minimum acuteness or vision which will be used for guidance in the examination of a candidate are as follows :

STANDARD I

Right eye

Left eye

Distant vision - V-6/6

V-6/6

Near Vision Reads 0.6

Read 0.6

STANDARD II

Better eye

Worse eye

Distant vision V-6/6

V-without glasses not below 6/6 and after correction with glasses not below 6/24,

Near Vision Reads 0.6

Read 1.

STANDARD III

Better eye

Worse eye

Distant Vision without glasses = not below 46/24 and after correction with glasses not below 6/6

V-without glasses not below 6/24 and after correction with glasses not below 6/12

Near Vision Reads 0.8

Reads 1.

- (b) Each eye must have full field of vision as tested by any movements.
- (c) Squint or any morbid condition of the eyes or of the lids of either eye liable to the risk of aggravation of recurrence will cause the rejection of the candidate.
- (d) Each eye will be examined separately and the lid must be kept wide open during the test.
- (e) Inability to distinguish the principal colour will be regarded as cause for rejection, not but the fact will be noted in the proceedings and the candidate will be informed.
- (f) The degree of acuteness of vision of all candidates for appointment will be entered in the proceedings in the following manner;

V.R. Reads with glasses.

V.L. Reads with glasses.

(2) The qualifications for appointment to the post of Divisional Fire Officers and Regional Fire Officers by transfer or promotion shall be given in the annexure.

Rule 6. Minimum Service :—No person shall be eligible for appointment by transfer or promotion unless he has put in not less than three years service in the category from which promotion or transfer is made.

Rule 7. Tests :—Every person appointed to the service by direct recruitment shall pass within the prescribed period of probation, and examination in—

- (i) Manual of Firemanship (2 paper);
- (ii) Fire Service Manual;
- (iii) St. Johns. Ambulance Examination in First Aid;

(iv) Accounts Test for Executive Officers or Account Test for Subordinate Officers, Part-I and II;

(v) A certificate of competence in wearing and instruction of Breathing Apparatus.

Rule 8. Training :—(1) A probationer recruited direct as Divisional Fire Officer shall, during the prescribed period of probation successfully :

(i) Undergo a basic course of training for five months in the Andhra Pradesh Fire Service State Training School and pass such examination as may be conducted by the school as per syllabus prescribed by Director of Fire Services ;

(ii) Undergo a course of training for one month in central workshop in Driving Mechanism and Pump Operation, etc.;

(iii) Undergo a course of practical training in Fire Fighting and Rescue and training in Office Procedure and Administration under a Senior Divisional Fire officer, for one month.;

(iv) Undergo training in Institution of Administration or any other institutions for such period as may be prescribed by Government :

Provided that such of the candidates who are qualified by undergoing training in Junior Officers and Instructors courses in the National Fire Service College, Nagpur and who possesses the other qualifications specified undergo further training in the Andhra Pradesh Fire Service State Training School or the National Fire Service College, Nagpur.

(2) A probationer recruited direct during the period of training shall be eligible for the initial pay of the post with the usual allowances admissible at the place of training.

(3) The period of training shall be treated as duty for all purposes, like probation, pension, leave and increments subject to the conditions that unless he completes the training, or passes the tests prescribed during the period of training or after the training he shall not be eligible for the first increment.

(4) Every person appointed to the service by direct recruitment as a Divisional Fire Officer shall before the commencement of the training execute an agreement bond that he shall serve the Department for a period of five years after the completion of training referred to in sub-rule (1). He shall be liable to repay to the Government the pay and allowances or any other remuneration received by him in addition to the amount spent by the Government on his training :

(i) If he fails to serve the Department for a period of five years after the completion of his training for any reason ; or

(ii) If he discontinues the training or is discharged from training course for misconduct or any other reason : or

(iii) If he secures any other employment elsewhere than under the State Government.

(5) A Divisional Fire Officer appointed by direct recruitment shall undergo the Station Fire Officer's course at N.F.C. of Government of India, in Divisional Fire Officers Course of the National Fire Service College of Government of India as and when deputed to undergo such training.

Rule 9. Probation :—Every person appointed to a category by direct recruitment shall be on probation for a total of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years or a total period of one year on duty within a continuous period of two years, if appointed by promotion or by transfer from the date on which he joins duty.

ANNEXURE

(See Rule 5)

Category	Method of appointment	Qualification
(1)	(2)	(3)
2. Regional Fire Officer	By promotion	Must have passed the Station Officer and Instructors course and the Divisional Fire Officers course of the National Fire Service College of Government of India.
3. Divisional Fire Officer.	By recruitment Firemanship.	(i) Must have passed an examination in the Manual Firemanship (2 papers) (ii) Must hold a certificate of competence in wearing and instruction in the use of Breathing Apparatus. (iii) Must have passed the Accounts test for Subordinate Officers, Part I & II. OR Account Test for Executive Officers. (iv) Must have passed the Station Officer and Instructor Course of the National Fire Service College of Government of India.