

Copy of Circular Letter No. 3863-G-II/10417, dated 1st February, 1957 from the Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab to all Heads of Departments, etc. etc.

**Subject : Medical Certificate of fitness on First Entry into Government Service.**

I am directed to invited a reference to Rule 3.1 of the Punjab Civil Services Rules, Volume I, Part I, which inter alia lays down that no person except as provided in Rules 3.2 and 3.3 may be appointed in India to a post in Government service without the production of a medical certificate of health in the prescribed form and to say that it has come to the notice of Government that the provisions of this rule are not strictly complied with in the various departments. Persons are appointed to gazetted and non-gazetted posts without obtaining from them the necessary health certificates before hand. This results in complications. Audit are not inclined to authorise pay to gazetted Government servants unless they have produced a medical certificate of their fitness. Difficulty may also be experienced by following this method if a person appointed to a Government post is declared medically unfit after he has put in service for a sufficiently long period. In order to avoid such eventualities, I am to impress upon you that the provisions of Rule 3.1. ibid should be enforced rigidly and in future no person should be appointed to a post in Government service unless he produces a medical certificate of Health.