### No. 42/119/2019-5HR-II HARYANA GOVERNMENT GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT (HUMAN RESOURCES-II BRANCH)

Dated, Chandigarh the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to Government Haryana.

2. All the Heads of Departments in the State of Haryana.

- 3. All the Managing Directors/Chief Administrators of all Boards/Corporations in the State of Haryana.
- 4. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State of Haryana.
- 5. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Haryana.

# Subject: - Regarding Policy for Recruitment to Group-C & D posts through Common Eligibility Test, 2024.

#### Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite your attention to the subject noted above and to say that a CET Policy namely 'The Policy for Recruitment to Group C and D posts through Common Eligibility Test (CET), 2022' was notified vide No. 42/119/2019-5GS-I dated 05.05.2022.

2. The matter regarding amendments in CET Policy, 2022 was under consideration of the Government. Due to large number of amendments, decision was taken by the Government to issue the revised policy namely 'The Policy for Recruitment to Group C and D posts through Common Eligibility Test (CET), 2024' which has been notified vide No. 42/119/2019-5HR-II dated 31.12.2024 after the approval of Council of Ministers. The copy of the revised policy is enclosed herewith for information.

Yours faithfully,

Superintendent Human Resources-II

for Chief Secretary to Government Haryana

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A copy alongwith Gazette (Extra) notification dated 31.12.2024 is forwarded to the Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Sector-2, Panchkula for information and further necessary action.

Superintendent Human Resources-II for Chief Secretary to Government Haryana

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#### HARYANA GOVERNMENT

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT (HUMAN RESOURCES-II Branch)

#### Notification

The 31st December, 2024

**No. 42/119/2019-5HR-II.**— Whereas fair and reasonable process of selection to posts subject to the norm of equality of opportunity under Article16 (1) of the Constitution of India is a constitutional requirement.

Whereas with a view to secure and sustain the confidence of the public in general and to ensure credible and trustworthy recruitments to Government posts, the Government of Haryana proposes to introduce a Common Eligibility Test to simplify and standardize the recruitment process for Government employment to all direct recruitment to Group C posts including the posts of Police service, Prisons and Home Guards etc. but excluding the teaching posts and all direct recruitment to Group D posts other than the posts where minimum educational qualification is below Matriculation in the Haryana Group D Employees (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2018 (5 of 2018). This test shall be held as and when decided by the Government from time to time.

In supersession of Haryana Government, General Administration Department (in General Services-I Branch), Notification No. 42/119/2019-5GS-I, dated the 05th May, 2022, the State Government is pleased to declare the following policy for recruitment through the Common Eligibility Test, namely:-

#### 1. SHORT TITLE AND APPLICABILITY.

- (i) This policy may be called the Policy for Recruitment to Group C and D posts through Common Eligibility Test, 2024.
- (ii) It shall apply to direct recruitment to Group C posts including the posts of Police service, Prisons and Home Guards etc. excluding (i) the teaching posts (ii) Ex-Agniveer and (iii) Group D posts for which minimum educational qualification is below Matriculation in the Haryana Group D Employees (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2018 (5 of 2018), in the departments of State Government or any Board, Corporation, statutory body or any other agency owned and controlled by the State Government other than any University established by or under a State Act.

#### 2. **DEFINITIONS.**

- (i) 'Annexure' means the Annexure appended to this policy;
- (ii) 'CET' means the Common Eligibility Test to be held separately for Group C and D posts which shall be a computer-based online/offline/ Optical Mark Reading (OMR) based test to be conducted by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission or any other Agency on its behalf as decided by the Government and it shall be bilingual i.e., conducted in Hindi and English as an when decided by the Government;
- (iii) 'CET marks' means the marks obtained by an applicant in CET;
- (iv) 'Commission' means the Haryana Staff Selection Commission;
- (v) 'Government' means the Government of State of Haryana in the Human Resources Department;
- (vi) 'Group C posts' means all Group C posts including the posts of Police Service, Prisons and Home Guards etc. but excluding the teaching posts, where the minimum educational qualification is 10+2/equivalent or Matric with additional qualification, earmarked for direct recruitment in the departments of State Government, Boards, Corporations, statutory bodies or any other agency owned and controlled by the State Government, to be filled up through the Commission;

'Group D posts' means all Group D posts, other than the posts where minimum educational qualification is below Matriculation in the Haryana Group D Employees (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2018, as amended from time to time, earmarked for direct recruitment in the departments of State Government, Boards, Corporations, statutory bodies or any other agency owned and controlled by the State Government, to be filled up through the Commission;

- (vii) 'marks of skill and/or written examination for Group C post' means the marks obtained in skill and/or written examination,
- (viii) 'Parivar Pehchan Number' means the family identification number issued under section 5 of the Haryana Parivar Pehchan Act, 2021 (20 of 2021);
- (ix) 'teaching posts' means the posts advertised by the Commission for which qualifying of Haryana Teacher's Eligibility Test (HTET) is one of the essential qualifications.

#### 3. QUALIFICATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TO APPEAR IN CET.

- (i) The minimum educational qualification shall be class 10+2/equivalent or Matric with additional qualification, for eligibility to appear in CET for Group C posts. The minimum qualification shall be Matric alongwith Hindi or Sanskrit as one of the subjects in Matric or Hindi as one of the subjects in Higher Standard or as per provision in Haryana Group D Employees (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2018 (5 of 2018) for eligibility to appear in CET for Group D posts.
- (ii) No person shall be eligible to appear in CET unless he is,-
  - (a) a citizen of India; or
  - (b) a subject of Nepal; or
  - (c) a subject of Bhutan :

Provided that a person belonging to any of the categories (b) or (c) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government.

#### 4. Syllabus for CET.

- (1) The syllabus for Common Eligibility Test shall be divided into two parts comprising—
  - (a) 75% weightage for General Awareness, Reasoning, quantitative ability, English, Hindi, and for Group C posts, computer knowledge in addition; and
  - (b) 25% weightage for History, Current Affairs, Literature, Geography, Environment, Culture etc. of Haryana.
- (2) The question paper shall be of the level of senior secondary education (i.e.10+2 level/equivalent) for Group C posts and of the level of secondary education (Matric level) in case of Group D posts.

Provided that Hindi and English shall be of Matric Level.

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#### 5. **REGISTRATION FOR CET :**

- (i) All applicants shall register on a designated portal i.e. *onetimeregn.haryana.gov.in* by such last date to be published by an advertisement issued by the Commission, providing all particulars relating to the identity of the applicant and uploading all the required documents relating to any claim including claim for reservation, educational qualifications and such other details as the Government or the Commission may seek, from time to time, for the purpose of recruitment.
- (ii) The Parivar Pehchan Number enables the recruiting agency to verify the applicant's claims in respect of residence, educational and other qualifications, caste and experience certificate, family income/assets, status of parents (if any parent is deceased the verification of death certificate is involved), marital status of female applicant, separation certificate of legally separated women, disability certificate, sports gradation certificate, denotified tribe/Vimukt Jati certificate, certificate of ex-serviceman, dependent of ex-servicemen certificate, dependent of freedom fighter, FIR copy etc.
- (iii) The applicant may register using his Parivar Pehchan Number or Aadhaar Number or otherwise on the basis of such documentation as may be specified by Government from time to time.
- (iv) On registration, the applicant shall be allocated a Registration Number which shall be the reference ID for all purposes concerning the examination and recruitment process. An applicant who obtains the Registration Number and intends to offer candidature for direct recruitment for Group C and/or Group D post(s) in subsequent years shall not have to re-register but shall apply online for consideration in subsequent years using the same Registration number and pay the requisite fee.

#### 6. FEES FOR CET:

(1) For CET, the processing fees per test shall be as under:-

Sr. No.	Category	Residents of Haryana		Non-residents of Haryana	
		who provide PP Number/Aadhaar No.	who do not provide PP Number/ Aadhaar No.	who provide Aadhaar No.	who do not provide Aadhaar No.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Male applicants of general category	50% of Standard Rate	Standard Rate	50% of Standard Rate	Standard Rate
2	Male applicants who are children of Ex-Servicemen		Standard Rate	50% of Standard Rate	Standard Rate
3	Female applicants who are of general category or reserved category		50% of Standard Rate	50% of Standard Rate	Standard Rate
4	Ex-servicemen	25% of Standard Rate	50% of Standard Rate	50% of Standard Rate	Standard Rate
5	Disabled persons who covered under the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016	25% of Standard Rate	50% of Standard Rate	50% of Standard Rate	Standard Rate
6	Applicants who belong to S/Caste, Backward Class, Economically Weaker Sections	25% of Standard Rate	50% of Standard Rate	50% of Standard Rate	Standard Rate

Note 1.— For the above table, the Standard Rate shall be Rs. 1,000/- or as fixed by Government from time to time.

Note 2.— An applicant who deposited the fee at the time of registration shall be entitled to appear once in the CET, for both the posts of Group C and D. However, an applicant who wants to re-appear in CET to improve his marks either for Group C or Group D posts shall have to deposit the fee again.

#### 7. CET EXAMINATION AND MARKS FOR GROUP C POSTS:

- (i) An applicant who intends to apply for direct recruitment to any applicable Group C post shall have to appear in CET for Group C posts.
- (ii) The Commission shall issue an advertisement for Group C posts based on requisition received from the Departments of State Government or any Board, Corporation, statutory body or any other agency owned and controlled by the State Government stating its intent to conduct the CET.
- (iii) An applicant who does not possess the CET minimum educational qualification specified for CET before the last date of registration for CET on the designated portal but is due to appear for the examination to attain the appropriate educational qualification during the year in which the CET is conducted, shall also be eligible to appear in the CET:

Provided that the name of such applicant shall not be considered for skill and/or written examination for the advertised posts until he acquires the minimum essential educational qualification and/or experience, if any, specified for that post by the last date for attaining such minimum qualification specified in the advertisement issued by the Commission for the conduct of skill and/or written examination.

- (iv) An applicant who has not attained the minimum age or who has crossed the maximum age limit prescribed by Government for entry into Government service for Group C post as on the last date fixed in the advertisement published by the Commission for registration for CET shall be ineligible to appear in CET. The relaxation in upper age limit to the applicants of Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and other categories and of experience shall be admissible as per rules or instructions issued by Government from time to time.
- (v) Every applicant, who appears in the CET, shall be given marks based on his performance in the CET. An applicant of general category shall have to obtain minimum 50% marks in CET to be eligible for skill and/or written examination of second stage, however, an applicant of reserved category (both vertical and horizontal) shall receive concession @ 10%, for the purpose of eligibility for CET, i.e. the minimum cut-off for such candidates shall be 40%. An applicant of any category who obtains less than the minimum marks in CET, shall have to re-appear in CET in the next or any subsequent attempts.
- (vi) The CET marks of applicants shall be declared on the website of the Commission.
- (vii) An applicant shall be eligible to reappear in CET whenever conducted on a subsequent date and the CET marks shall be revised if the applicant improves it in the next or any subsequent attempts.
- (viii) There shall be no restriction on the number of attempts to appear in the written examination component of the CET. If an applicant who has already qualified the CET for Group C post will have the option to appear again in CET to improve his CET marks in the next or any subsequent occasion, if he so desires.
- (ix) The CET marks obtained by an applicant shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of declaration of the result of CET. Provided that if an applicant improves his CET marks in the next or any subsequent attempt, then the fresh period of validity of three years will commence from the date of declaration of result of such attempt.
- (x) CET marks shall be declared on the website of the Commission in respect of the applicants who have achieved the specified cut-off as per sub-clause (v) above.

#### 8. CET EXAMINATION AND MARKS FOR GROUP D POSTS:

- (i) An applicant who intends to apply for direct recruitment to any applicable Group D post shall have to appear in the CET for Group D posts.
- (ii) The Commission shall issue an advertisement for Group D posts based on requisition received from the Departments of State Government or any Board, Corporation, statutory body or any other agency owned and controlled by the State Government stating its intent to conduct the CET.
- (iii) An applicant who does not possess the CET minimum educational qualification specified for CET but has attained the minimum age before the last date of registration for CET on the designated portal and is due to appear for the examination to attain the appropriate educational qualification during the year in which the CET is conducted, shall also be eligible to appear in the CET:

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Provided that such applicant shall not be eligible to apply for selection against the advertised posts like other eligible candidates of similar category having equal to or lesser CET marks until he acquires the minimum essential educational qualification and/or experience, if any, specified for that post by the last date for attaining such minimum qualification specified in the advertisement issued by the Commission.

- (iv) An applicant who has not attained the minimum age or who has crossed the maximum age limit prescribed by Government for entry into Government service for Group C post as on the last date fixed in the advertisement published by the Commission for registration for CET shall be ineligible to appear in CET. The relaxation in upper age limit to the applicants of Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and other categories and of experience shall be admissible as per rules or instructions issued by Government from time to time.
- (v) Every applicant, who appears in the CET, shall be given marks based on his performance in the CET. An applicant of general category shall have to obtain minimum 50% marks in CET, however, an applicant of reserved category (both vertical and horizontal) shall receive concession @ 10%, for the purpose of eligibility for CET i.e. minimum cut-off for such candidates shall be 40%. An applicant of any category who obtains less than the minimum marks in CET he shall have to re-appear in CET the next or any subsequent attempts.
- (vi) The CET marks of applicants shall be declared on the website of the Commission.
- (vii) An applicant shall be eligible to reappear in CET whenever conducted on a subsequent date and the CET marks shall be revised if the applicant improves it in the next or any subsequent attempts.
- (viii) There shall be no restriction on the number of attempts to appear in the written examination component of the CET. If an applicant who has already qualified the CET for Group D post will have the option to appear again in CET to improve his CET marks in the next or any subsequent occasion, if he so desires:
- (ix) The CET marks obtained by an applicant shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of declaration of the result of CET. Provided that if an applicant improves his CET marks in the next or any subsequent attempt, then the fresh period of validity of three years shall commence from the date of declaration of result of such attempt.
- (x) CET marks shall be declared on the website of the Commission in respect of the applicants who have achieved the specified cut-off as per sub-clause (v) above.

#### 9. PROCESS FOR RECRUITMENT OF GROUP C POSTS:

(i) After publication of CET (Marks) in accordance with sub-clause (xi) of clause 7 above, the posts available for recruitment shall be advertised by the Commission along with the syllabus, procedure/manner of conducting skill and/or written examination of the advertised posts and last date for attaining minimum educational qualifications and/or experience. On the advertisement being issued, the Commission shall invite applications electronically of the eligible candidates based on the merit list of CET (Marks) to know whether the candidate is willing to appear for skill and/or written examination for that post.

(Provided that out of the candidates applying for the post, the maximum number of candidates eligible to appear for the skill and/or written examination shall be ten times the total number of posts advertised by the Commission. The eligible candidates shall apply electronically on the website of the Commission using their Registration Number. The last date for submission of application shall also be mentioned in the advertisement by the Commission).

- (ii) If the CET (Marks) of the last candidate who has applied for the post in terms of sub-clause (i) above is achieved by more than one candidate, then all the candidates at the cut off CET (Marks) who have applied for the post shall be entitled to be considered for appearing in the skill and/or written examination for the post(s) advertised by the Commission.
- (iii) On receipt of requisitions of the posts of different nomenclature but of similar educational qualifications and pay scales, the Commission shall be competent to hold one common skill and/or written examination with the condition that the distribution/allocation shall be on merit-based option given by the successful candidates for the post and/or Department.
- (iv) When the number of candidates applying under sub-clause (i) who are eligible is less than the number limit specified in the above said clause then the Commission may extend the date by publication on the website for enabling further eligible candidates to apply.

- (v) For consideration of a candidate against a post of general category, such candidate has to secure minimum 50% marks in the skill and/or written examination to be considered for selection/recruitment. In case of consideration against the reserved category post (whether vertical or horizontal) the candidate shall receive a concession @ 10% for the purpose of eligibility for the purpose of skill and/or written examination, i.e. the minimum cut off for such candidates shall be 40% because they have been given10% concession in minimum marks.
- (vi) The Commission shall on the basis of marks obtained in the written/skill examination shortlist the candidates for selection, recommendation or waiting list in the respective categories and publish on the website in accordance with clause12.

For calculation of total marks of skill and/or written examination of a candidate, the marks obtained in skill and/or written examination shall be added to the score, if any,(like NCC in case of Police Recruitment etc.) to derive at the total marks of skill and/or written examination of the candidate.

Save as otherwise provided in any instructions of Government, in case of non-availability of eligible candidate(s) of respective category after the skill and/or written examination for the post which remain unfilled shall be re-advertised as per reservation policy. A clear mention of this condition shall be made in the advertisement issued by the Commission.

(vii) The Commission reserves the right to review the formula to decide the maximum number of CET qualified candidates who shall be eligible to appear for the skill and/or written examination, in future whenever it feels the need for the same.

#### 10. PROCESS FOR RECRUITMENT OF GROUP D POSTS:

The Commission shall on the basis of CET mark shortlist the candidates for selection, recommendation or waiting list in the respective categories and publish on the website in accordance with clause 12. The posts available for recruitment shall be advertised by the Commission to invite applications electronically of the eligible candidates based on the merit list of *CET (Marks)* to know whether the candidate is willing to be appointed on that post. The eligible candidates shall apply electronically on the website of the Commission using their Registration Number by such last date as may be indicated in the advertisement. Accordingly, the Commission shall recommend the name to the concerned Appointing Authority for appointment to Group D post.

#### 11. RECOMMENDATION OF NAME OF CANDIDATE(S) BY THE COMMISSION:

The name of eligible candidates in order of merit shall be recommended to the concerned Appointing Authority to issue appointment letter and such candidate shall be ineligible to be considered for further selection on the post of same pay level after 90 days from the date of joining on the said post based on the CET marks unless he appears afresh in CET and obtains a new CET marks).

#### 12. WAITING LIST:

In this regard the instructions issued by Government from time to time shall be applicable.

#### **13. MAINTENANCE OF RECORD:**

The record of CET shall be preserved for one year from the date of declaration of result in hard copy. Digital copy of records shall be retained for five years.

#### **14. JURISDICTION:**

All legal disputes with regard to the CET shall be subject to the jurisdiction of Courts at Panchkula (Haryana) only.

#### 15. SAVINGS:

Any action taken consequent to the issue of the earlier notification by Haryana Government, General Administration Department (in General Services-I Branch) vide No. 42/119/2019-5GS-I, dated the 22nd May, 2022, including the registration of the applicants for Common Eligibility Test, shall be deemed to have been taken under this Policy.

#### 16. POWER TO AMEND:

The power to interpret, change, amend and removal of doubt of any provision of this notification shall lie with the Human Resources Department.

VIVEK JOSHI, Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana.

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#### Annexure-A

#### Illustration No. 1: Validity of CET marks in case of improvement by an applicant:

Mr. A appeared in CET-2022 during the year 2022 and obtained 70% marks, he appeared again in CET-2023 held in the year 2023 to improve his marks because he was not appointed against any post till that date. Now he obtained 85% marks in the CET-2023. The validity of highest marks (85%) of Mr. A will commence from the date of declaration of result of CET-2023 upto next three years or upto the date he further improves his marks in CET, whichever is earlier.

Mr. B appeared in CET-2022 during the year 2022 and obtained 84% marks, he appeared again in CET-2023 held in the year 2023 to improve his marks because was not appointed against any post till that date. Now he obtained 75% marks. The validity of highest marks (84%) of Mr. B will remain intact commence for a period of three years from the date of declaration of result of CET-2022 and during this period the lower marks (75%) obtained in CET-2023 will be ignored.

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