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Applications must be submitted online through the official website of the Commission after 'ONE TIME REGISTRATION'. Candidates who have already registered can apply through their profile

1. Department : Kerala Forest Department
2. Name of Post : Range Forest Officer (SR for SC/ST)
3. Scale of Pay : ₹ 20,740-36,140/-
4. Number of vacancies : SC/ST-2 (Two)

(The above 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.)

- Note:-
1. 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.
 2. The selected candidates shall be required to undergo 18 Months Forest Rangers Course during 2012-2013 in any one of the State Forest Service Colleges under the Directorate of Forest Education, Government of India Dehradun and one year Practical training in the department. The selection will be subject to the decision of the Director, Forest Education Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India in regard to the conduct of the course.

5. Method of Recruitment: Direct recruitment (Special Recruitment from SC/ST candidates)

Note:- Applications received from candidates other than Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe candidates will be rejected. Individual communications regarding the rejection of their applications for the above reason will not be issued.

6. Age : **19-34** (Only Candidates born between **02/01/1979** and **01/01/1994**) (both the dates included) are eligible to apply for this post . (No other age relaxation will be allowed)

Note:- In the absence of qualified candidates within the age limit, the upper age limit shall be relaxed upto 50 years. But in no case the maximum age limit shall exceed 50 (fifty) years

7. Qualifications: (For Candidates from among Forestry Graduates.)

(A) A degree in Forestry from Kerala Agriculture University or any equivalent degree from any University, Institution or Deemed University recognized by Government of India or Government of Kerala for this purpose.

(B) Physical Standard.

Minimum Physical Standards are prescribed below:-

For Male Candidates

Height – 163 cm

Chest – 78.5 cm (Normal)

Chest expansion – 5 cm

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

Sl. No.	Items	Minimum standard of efficiency
1	100 Meters run	14 seconds
2	High Jump	132.20 cm
3	Long Jump	457.20 cm
4	Putting the shot of 7264 Grams	609.60 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 - 152 cms

All the female candidates must qualify in any of the five events out of the nine specified below of National physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test.

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

(C) Medical Standard:- Both the **male and female** candidates must possess the Medical Standards prescribed below.

1	Ear	Hearing should be perfect
2	Eye	Must be certified to possess visual standards specified below without glass
	(a) Distant vision	6/6 snellen

	(b) Near vision	0.5 snellen
	(c) Colour vision	Normal
	(d) Night Blindness	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 National Physical Efficiency One star Standard Test and Medical Standard Test. Candidates are well advised to ensure their Physical Measurements before they apply.)

8. Competitive Examination: Candidates will have to appear for a competitive 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 SUBJECT

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

Agriculture, Botany, Environmental Science, Forestry, Geology, Horticulture, Mathematics, 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.

- (i) Agriculture and Veterinary Science.
- (ii) 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 competitive examination must pass physical Test covering a distance of 25 (twenty five)kilometers within four hours on foot and women candidates must cover 16 (Sixteen) kilometers on foot within 4 hours. This test will be arranged by the Kerala Public Service Commission.

Interview:- Those candidates who are qualified in the competitive examination and physical test 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 on the certificate.

Note:- 1. Physically Handicapped candidates are not eligible for applying 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 make strenuous, outdoor work in the Forest Department for onward transmission to the Director Forest Education, Government of India, Dehradun.

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

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

1. Examination: 2013 June
 2. Physical Measurement, National Physical Efficiency One Star Standard Test and Medical Standard Test: 2013 May
 3. Walking Test and Interview : 2013 August
 4. Rank list
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, Walking test and Interview shall be able to join the Forest Rangers Course at any one of the State Forest Service Colleges under Director Forest Education, Dehradun.
13. On completion of Ranger's Course in the Forest College, they shall under go a practical training for one year in the Forest Department.
14. During the period of Ranger's Course in the Forest College as well as the period of practical training in the Forest Department, the candidates shall be paid basic pay and other admissible allowances.
 15. 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.
 16. The period spent on training in the Forest College and practical training under the Forest Department shall be counted for leave and pension.
17. The candidates who do not complete successfully the Rangers course will be terminated and will be discharged from service.
18. 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 are further required 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.

19. The period of probation for the Range Forest Officers appointed shall be two years duty with in a continuous period of 3 years service.

20. 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 Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration), Forest Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram during office hours.

21. Method of submitting application:

Candidates shall register as per 'ONE TIME REGISTRATION ' system on the Official Website of Kerala Public Service Commission 'www.keralapsc.gov.in' for applying for the post. Candidates who have registered shall apply by logging on to their profile using their User- ID and password. Candidates shall click on the 'Apply Now' button of the respective post in the Notification link for applying for a post. No application fee is required. Candidates can view and have a print-out of the details in the profile if required, by clicking the **link Registration Card**. Candidates are responsible for the correctness of the personal information and secrecy of password. Before applying for a post, candidates must ensure correctness of the information in their profile. They must quote the User- ID for further communication with the Commission. Applications once submitted will be received as provisional and particulars shall not be deleted or altered after submission. Applications submitted not in accordance with the conditions of the notification will be summarily rejected. Documents to prove Qualification, community, age etc. have to be produced as and when called for .

22. Last date for receipt of applications 02.05.2013 Thursday upto
12 midnight

23. On- Line Address to which applications are to be sent :
www.keralapsc.gov.in

24. Sub Para VII under Para 2 and Para 5 of the General Conditions are not applicable to this post.

25. Appointments are made subject to the rank secured in the Ranked List of candidates prepared in pursuance of this notification subject to the conditions laid down in G.O.(Ms) No. 142/72/PD dated 13.04.1972, G.O.(Ms) No. 309/73/PD dated 29.11.1973, G.O.(P) No. 21/76/PD dated, 17.01.1976 and G.O.(P) No. 25/94/GAD dated, 22.01.1994 allowing special reservations to Scheduled castes/Scheduled Tribes in accordance with the procedures made for this purpose from time to time and subject to the rules under sections 3 (c) 17 (a), 17(b) of Part II of Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958.

26. If a written Test/OMR Test is conducted as part of the selection, Admission Ticket of eligible candidates will be made available in the Website of Kerala

Public Service Commission. Candidate are instructed to download their Admission Ticket as per the instructions in the Website.

(for details including Photo, ID refer to the General Conditions)

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