

## 42. THE KERALA TRANSPORT SERVICE

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*Constitution.*—The Service shall consist of the following categories of officers, namely:—

- Category 1 Secretary, State Transport Authority.  
 †2 Secretary, Office of the Transport Commissioner.  
 ” 3 Regional Transport Officers.  
 ” \*4 Joint Regional Transport Officers.  
 ” 5 Motor Vehicles Inspectors.

*Appointment.*—(a) Appointment to the several categories shall be made as follows:—

Posts (1)	Method of appointment (2)
Secretary, State Transport Authority	1. By appointment of †Secretary, office of the Transport Commissioner Or
Secretary, Office of the Transport Commissioner	2. Regional Transport Officers (Category 3) By appointment from among Regional Transport Officers (Category 3) Or
Regional Transport Officers	By promotion from among Joint Regional Transport Officers (Category 4) By appointment of †Secretary, Office of the Transport Commissioner Or
Joint Regional Transport Officers	Promotion from among Joint Regional Transport Officers. †Recruitment by transfer from among Senior Superintendents in the Motor Vehicles Department. Or
Motor Vehicles Inspectors	By promotion of Motor Vehicles Inspectors. 1. Recruitment by transfer from among Assistant Motor Vehicles Inspectors in the Kerala Transport Subordinate Service Or 2. For special reasons, by direct recruitment.

(b) Promotion to the posts of Secretary, State Transport Authority, Secretary, office of the Transport Commissioner, Regional Transport Officers and Joint Regional Transport Officers shall be made from select lists prepared from among eligible officers on the basis of merit and ability, seniority being considered only where merit and ability are approximately equal. Persons included in a select list shall be ranked in the order of their seniority.

(c) Appointment to the post of \*Joint Regional Transport Officer from among Senior Superintendents and Motor Vehicles Inspectors shall be made in the ratio of 1:2. †The first vacancy shall be filled up by appointment by transfer of a Senior Superintendent:

†Provided that if no suitable candidate is available in the category of Senior Superintendents or Motor Vehicles Inspectors to keep up the ratio of 1:2, appointment shall be made from suitable candidates in the category of Motor Vehicles Inspectors or Senior Superintendents, as the case may be.

3. *Qualification regarding age.*—(a) No person shall be eligible for appointment as Motor Vehicles Inspector by direct recruitment if he has not completed the age of 21 years or has completed the age of 35 years on the first day of January of the year in which applications for appointment are invited.

(b) *Other qualifications.*—No person shall be eligible for appointment as Motor Vehicles Inspector by direct recruitment unless he possesses the qualifications specified below:—

*Essential.*—(i) Minimum general educational qualification of the S.S.L.C. Standard.

(ii) A diploma in Automobile Engineering issued after a course of duration of which is not less than three years, by Government or any other recognised University or Authority.

\*\*In the absence of candidates possessing this qualification, trade certificate in Motor Mechanic (Diploma in Craftmanship) issued by the Director General of Resettlement and Employment National Council for vocational Training with five years experience after obtaining a certificate, or

\*\*A pass in the K.G.T.E. Examination in Automobile Engineering (Higher) with group subjects [i.e. Auto Servicing and Maintenance, (Higher) Motor Mechanism and Driving (Higher), Heat Engines (lower) Machine Drawing

Lower) and Applied Mechanics (Lower)] with five years experience after passing the Examination; and

(iii) Motor driving Licence.

*Desirable*—Heavy duty vehicle driving endorsement.

4. *Reservation of appointment*.—The Rules of Reservation of appointments (General Rules 14-17) shall apply to appointments by direct recruitment to the category of Motor Vehicles Inspectors.

5. *Probation*.—Every person appointed to any of the categories shall, from the date on which he joins duty, be on probation.

(i) if recruited direct or by transfer from any other service, for a total period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years; and

(ii) if appointed by promotion for a total period of one year on duty within a continuous period of two years:

Provided that a Regional Transport Officer, in category 3 appointed as Secretary, Office of the Transport Commissioner in Category 2 or Secretary, Office of the Transport Commissioner appointed as Regional Transport Officer shall not be on probation again.

6. *Tests*.—Every person appointed to any of the categories shall, within the prescribed period of probation, pass the Account Test for Executive Officers and any other tests which may be prescribed by Government.

*Note*.—In the case of a person allotted to the State of Kerala from the service under the Government of Madras consequent on the States Reorganisation, a pass in Account Test for the Subordinate Officers, Part I shall be accepted as sufficient qualification in lieu of Account Test for Executive Officers.

7. *Training*.—A probationer in \*Category 4 before he takes charge shall undergo:—

(i) A course of training in the office of the Transport Commissioner and State Transport Authority, Trivandrum for a period of not less than two weeks, and

(ii) A course of practical training thereafter for a period of not less than one week under a Regional Transport Officer.

(iii) This period of Training shall not count for increments in the time-scale of pay applicable to the members of the Service.

8. *Postings and Transfers*.—Postings and Transfers of Motor Vehicles Inspectors, \*Joint Regional Transport Officers and Regional Transport Officer shall be made by the Transport Commissioner.