

**GAZETTE DATE : 13.06.2008**

**LAST DATE : 16.07.2008**

**CATEGORY NO : 227/2008**

1. Department : AGRICULTURE
2. Name of Department : AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANT GRADE - II
3. Scale of Pay : Rs.3590 - 5400/-
4. Number of vacancies : SC - 65 (Sixty Five)  
ST only - 51 (Fifty One)

**Note :-** The list of selected candidates published by the Commission shall remain in force for a minimum period of one year and maximum period of three years provided that the said list will not continue to be in force if a new list after the expiry of the minimum period of one year is published. Recruitment will be made for the above vacancies and also for the vacancies reported for Special Recruitment during the pendency of the list. A common Ranked list will be published for the vacancies reserved for SC/ST and ST only and candidates will be advised against the above vacancies. Only in the absence of sufficient ST candidates in the Ranked list fresh notification for exclusively for ST will be published.

5. Method of appointment : Direct Recruitment (from among Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes only)

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

6. Age limit : Should have completed 18 (Eighteen) years and should not have completed 40 (Forty) years as on 01.01.2008.  
(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 :**

- A (i) Diploma in Agricultural Science awarded by the Kerala Agricultural University or its equivalent. In the absence of Qualified hands under item (i) above.
- (ii) Vocational Higher Secondary Certificate in Agriculture. In the absence of qualified hand under items (i) and (ii).

(iii) (1) Pass in SSLC or its equivalent with Agriculture as optional subject.

OR

(2) Pass in SSLC or its equivalent and a recognized training in Agriculture.

OR

(3) Post Basic School Leaving Certificate with Agriculture as an optional subject.

**B. Good physique**

The following are the certificates accepted as recognized training in Agriculture.

- I Successful completion of two years certificate course in Agriculture Science conducted by Gandigram Rural Institute, Madurai or by other similar Rural Institutes recognized by the Government of India.
- II Certificate in Agricultural Science awarded by the National Council of Rural Higher Education, Government of India.
- III Certificate in KGTE or MGTE in Agriculture.
- IV One year training in Agriculture at an Agricultural School or basic Agricultural School.

Note (1) Persons who have completed the 2 years certificate course in Agriculture of the Rural Institute, Thavanur, will be given preference over KGTE/MGTE hands. The preference mentioned above will be within the meaning of [G.O. (M.S.) 50/70/PD, DATED 12.02.1970].

Note (2) The persons in possession of a Diploma in Agriculture Science awarded by the Kerala Agricultural University will have to pass the written examination conducted by the Public Service Commission. They will be exempted from the Endurance Test, prescribed in G.O. (M.S.) No. 312/75/Agri., dated 16.10.1975. The persons who possess the qualification viz. VHSE in agriculture will also be exempted from Endurance Test (Vide G.O (MS) No.66/05/ Agri. dt 12.04.2005)

Note (3) The candidates will be subjected to endurance Test, written/ objective test if necessary

**Endurance Test:-**

(1) 1600 metres race - Maximum duration 10 minutes

**(2) Digging a plot of 0.4 ares - Maximum duration 1 hour**

**Note:-** Endurance Test is not applicable for those candidates who possess the qualification under the Head of qualifications in 'A' I and 2

**V Pre Service Training.**

All the Direct Recruits except those who possess any of the certificates accepted as recognized training in Agriculture will have to undergo a course of training for six months; in any of the two centers at Ollukkara and thaliparamba. Intensive training will be given in theory as well as practical. At the end of the training period final test consisting theory, practical and oral will be conducted by the Deputy Director of Agriculture of the District concerned. Those who fail in the first chance will be given two more chances to sit for the test during the period of probation, failing which their probation will be terminated and service dispensed with. The test will be conducted half yearly during the period of probation. After the successful completion of training, the candidates will be appointed as Agricultural Assistants on Rs.3590 - 5400.

**VI** All the direct recruits except those who have got exemption from the training will have to execute a bond agreeing to serve the Government for a period of two years, failing which he/she should pay back to Government all the money paid to him/her and all the expenses incurred by Government for his/her training together with liquidated damages of Rs.300/- The specimen form of the bond to be executed can be had from the Agricultural Department. A sum of Rs. 50/- per mensem (Vide G.O.(m.s.)No. 407/70/Agri., dated 23.11.1970) will be paid as stipend during the period of training.

**VII**The Rank and Seniority of candidates selected for the post of Agricultural Assistant will be decided according to their ranks assigned in the advice list of the Public Service Commission, irrespective of whether they need or need not undergo the pre-service training. But in the case of those who fail to secure a pass after completion of the training in the first chance, their rank and Seniority will be revised on the basis of the chances and mark they obtain in the subsequent chances.

Candidates appointed by direct recruitment will be on probation for a period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years.

**8. Last date for receipt of applications: 16/07/2008 Wednesday upto 5 PM.**

9. Application Form :- The Applications can be submitted through either on-line or by through prescribed Application Form (conventional). The Application form is a single sheet of paper specially designed for processing through Optical mark Reader (OMR) also. Candidates have to fill up both sides of the Application. Each Application form contains a unique eight digit barcode on side A. This barcode number is unique for each application. The candidate has to quote this number for further enquiries.

The Application forms will be available in the Post Offices inside the State and Offices of the Kerala Public Service Commission.

The cost of Application form for SC/ST candidates of Kerala is Rs.5/- (Rupees Five only). An information brochure will be supplied with the application form. Candidates should read the instructions carefully before filling up the form. Candidates should not enclose any documents along with the application. Copies of documents to prove educational qualification, experience, age, Community etc., should be produced as and when called for by the Commission. Applications should be submitted in the form devised and printed by the Kerala Public Service Commission and applications otherwise submitted will be summarily rejected.

The Applications can be submitted by on-line facility also provided in the website of the Kerala Public Service Commission. Detailed instructions regarding the submission of applications are available in the website of the Kerala Public Service Commission viz., [www.kerapasc.org](http://www.kerapasc.org) . No application fee is required. The barcode number in the application form (in the website) shall be quoted in all further enquiries/ correspondence. Documents to prove qualification, age and Community have to be produced as and when called for. Applications which are submitted not in accordance with the instructions given in the website will be summarily rejected.

10. Address to which applications are to be sent :

The Deputy Secretary,  
Special Recruitment Wing,  
Kerala Public Service Commission,  
Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram,  
Pin - 695 004.

On-line-[www.kerapasc.org](http://www.kerapasc.org)

11. Paragraph two, three and twenty seven are not applicable to this selection.

**12. 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/P.D., dated 13.04.1972, G.O. Ms. No. 309/73/P.D., dated 29.11.1973 G.O.(P)21/76/P.D. dated 17.01.1976 and G.O. (P) No. 25/94/G.A.D., dated 22.01.1994 allowing Special Reservations to Scheduled Caste and 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.**

**(For details refer to the General Conditions)**

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