

Higher Education - Technical Education - Polytechnics - Admission of students - Minimum eligibility marks for admission - from 2002-2003 - orders - Issued.

Higher Education (B2) Department

G. O. (Ms.) No. 1

Dated : 2-1-2002

Read:

1. From the Association of the Self financing Polytechnics representation dated 29-5-2001 and 26-7-2001.
2. Writ Petition in the High Court of Madras in W.P.No. 16582/2001 filed by one Thiru Murugan.

ORDER:

Prior to 1997-98, admission of students into Polytechnics in Tamil Nadu was being done as per rules by the Institutions themselves. From 1996-97, Single Window System of Admission has been introduced for admission of students into the Engineering Colleges. Following this, Single Window System of Admission was introduced in respect of admission of students in polytechnics also, from the year 1997-98. However, owing to various factors, during 2000-2001, 18,812 seats fell vacant in various polytechnics of Tamilnadu. Consequently, Single Window System of Admission For Polytechnics was done away with. Even after this move, during 2001-2002, 13,245 seats fell vacant.

2. The Association of the self-financing Polytechnics has represented to the Government, that such large number of vacancies in their Institutions, which have been established by investing huge sums of money, has had a catastrophic effect on the economy of the polytechnics.

While examining the matter, it was found that:-

- (i) The Polytechnics which have been established with heavy investments are facing financial difficulties;
- (ii) Consequently a few institutions have already been closed. If the situation continues, closure of more polytechnics in the coming years cannot be ruled out;
- (iii) Seeking admission in the adjoining states, by those who secured less marks, inflicts additional financial on the parents and physical and mental strain on the students themselves.

3. To find a way out from the above impasse, it was considered necessary to ensure that more students are admitted into the Polytechnics and thereby seats are not kept vacant. While this matter was engaging the attention of the Government a Writ Petition was filed by one Thiru Murugan through W.P. No. 16582/2001 in the High Court of Madras praying for a direction to reduce the marks for admission into the Polytechnics of Tamil Nadu. The Special Government Pleader has reported that, when the Writ Petition came up for hearing on 28-9-2001, the court has observed that considering the large number of vacancies kept unfilled in the polytechnics of Tamil Nadu, action to reduce the marks /rule could be taken up by the Government and suitable policy evolved to enable it to fill up the vacant seats.

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The Special Government pleader has further informed that to enable the Government to take action to modify the mark rule, further hearing in the Writ Petition has been adjourned to some other date. On this, the Government has informed the Government Pleader, that the proposal for reduction of marks for admission of students is a policy matter and the same is under consideration of the Government. The Government Pleader was also requested to appraise the above position to the Court.

4. While examining the proposal for reduction of marks, all aspects pertaining to the issue including about the quality of education have been analysed.

5. It has been said that there is no basis for entertaining the perception that the quality of education will go down if the mark is reduced for admission, because those who secure good marks at "X" (tenth) Standard level, would naturally opt for the famous and pioneer polytechnics. The standard of such students who come out from such high quality Institutions will be also very high. On the other hand, there is no guarantee that the quality and standard of education of all the students could be kept up by not reducing the marks, because those who with low marks and could not get admission in our State will be seeking admission in the neighbouring states. Therefore, it can not be said that quality of education will slump if the marks for admission is reduced or the quality will be maintained if the marks is not lowered.

6. The government have therefore decided to revise the eligibility criteria for admission into the polytechnics of Tamil Nadu. They accordingly direct that all those who have passed in 10th Standard (S.S.I.C.) be made eligible for admission into the polytechnics of Tamil Nadu, from the academic year 2002-2003.

(By order of the Governor)

MOHAN VERGHESE CHUNKATH,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Director of Technical Education, Chennai-25
The Addl. Director of Technical Education, Chennai-25.
The Principals of all Polytechnics - through Addl. Director of Technical Education, Chennai-25.
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DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION: CHENNAI 600 025
Endt. No. 6960/I-2/2001 Dated 8-1-2002

(Copy) communicated for information and necessary action.

Sd/- Dr. E. Ramasamy,
Addl. Director of Technical Education (Poly)

To
The Principals,
Government, Government Aided, Affiliated and Self financing
Polytechnics.

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DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION

From	To
The Commissioner of Technical Education Chennai 600 025	The Principals of all Government / Government Aided / Self-Financing Polytechnic Colleges

Letter No. 43289 / I-2 / 2004, dated: 20.4.2005

Sir / Madam,

Sub : Technical Education – Admissions to First Year and Lateral Entry Diploma Courses – Eligibility criteria with respect to subject of study – Board of Examinations meeting – Resolutions – intimated – reg.

Ref : This Office Lr. No. 69915 / M1 / 2004, dated : 20.01.2005

The 42nd Board of Examinations and Studies meeting was held at this Directorate on 18.01.2005. In the Board meeting the following points were included among other agenda items:

1. Fixing the eligibility norms regarding subjects of study and award of pass for candidates who have passed their 10th Standard / +2 Examination **under Other State Boards** for getting admission into First year / Lateral Entry courses in Polytechnic Colleges in the State.
2. To prescribe the subjects of study in +2 level for getting admission into Diploma in Garment Technology (presently treated under Engineering category) under Lateral Entry Scheme.

The above mentioned agenda items were discussed by the Board Members and the following resolutions were passed during the Board meeting. The minutes of the meeting has been circulated vide this office letter mentioned under reference.

- I. **Eligibility Criteria regarding subject of study and award of pass for admission into First Year Diploma Courses.**

The Candidates who have passed their Xth or Equivalent Examinations under the Other State Boards subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions :

- a. Mathematics and Science subjects – Compulsory among other subjects of study.
- b. Candidate should have secured the minimum marks prescribed for a pass in Mathematics and Science subjects by the respective State Boards irrespective of award of overall pass.

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- c. Overall pass Certificate awarded by the respective State Boards, satisfying the above two conditions.
- II. **Eligibility Criteria regarding subject of study and award of pass for admission into Direct Second Year (Lateral Entry) Diploma Courses.**
 - a. Candidates should have secured the minimum marks prescribed for a pass by the respective State Boards in respect of subjects of study prescribed by our State under Academic and Vocational streams irrespective of award of overall pass.
 - b. Overall pass Certificate awarded by the respective State Boards, satisfying the above condition.
- III. **Eligibility for admission into Diploma in Garment Technology under Lateral Entry Scheme:**
 - a. Subjects of study prescribed for Engineering Courses under Academic and Vocational streams will apply.

The Principals of all Polytechnic Colleges are requested to strictly adhere to the eligibility norms mentioned above while admitting candidates passed out of Other State Boards from the Academic year 2005 – 06 onwards.


25/4/2005
for Commissioner of Technical Education