

**Recruitment Rules to the post of Assistant Conservator of Forests  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Mantralaya, Mumbai 32 Dated 12 March 1998**

**NO.MFS 1087/75/CR-23/F-8** – In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India and in supersession of all existing rules, orders or instruments made in this behalf the Governor of Maharashtra is hereby pleased to make the following rules regulating recruitment to the post of Assistant Conservator of Forests, in the Maharashtra Forest Service, Group –A (Junior scale), under the Revenue and Forests Department of the Government of Maharashtra, namely:--

- 1) These rules may be called the Assistant Conservator of Forests in the Maharashtra Forest service, Group A (Junior Scale) (Recruitment) Rules 1998.
- 2) In these rules unless the context requires otherwise:-
  - (a) „Assistant Conservator of Forests Training course“ means a training course conducted by the State Forest Service College recognized by the Government of India for imparting training in forestry and allied subjects, for the Assistant Conservator of Forests after their selection by the state Government, in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Government of India in that behalf.
  - (b) “Commission” means the Maharashtra Public Service Commission.
  - (c) “Department” means Revenue and Forest Department of Government of Maharashtra ,
- 3) Appointment to the post of Assistant Conservator of Forests in the Maharashtra Forest Service ,Group A (Junior Scale) shall be made either –
  - (a) by promotion of a suitable person on the basis of seniority subject to fitness from amongst the person holding the post of Range Forest Officer in the Maharashtra Forest Service, Group-B having not less than three years regular service in that post, or
  - (b) by nomination from amongst candidates who are selected for the Assistant Conservator of Forests training course, on the basis of result of the competitive examination held by the commission in accordance with the rules made in this behalf from time to time and have successfully completed the training course.
- 4) In order to be eligible for admission to the competitive examination a candidate shall –
  - a) not be less than eighteen years and not more than thirty years of age.
  - b) possess a degree of a statutory university with at least one of the subject of Botany, Chemistry, Forestry, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, Zoology, Horticulture, or a Bachelor’s degree in Agriculture Engineering:
  - c) Possess the minimum physical standard as follows:

S.N.	Category of candidate	Height (in cm)	Chest girth (deflated) (in cm)	With minimum expansion by (in cm)
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1.	Male candidate	163	79	5
2.	Female candidate	150	74	5

Relaxable in the case of candidate belonging to Schedule Tribes as below:

3.	Male candidate	150	79	5
4.	Female candidate	145	74	5

d) have visual acuity 6/6 each eye with 4+OD after correction. There should be no infective condition of external eye or squint:

e) have ability for walking a distance of 25 kilometers and 14 kilometers to be completed in 4 hours by male or female candidates respectively.

Provided that after the selection of candidates by the commission, on the basis of Competitive Examination, a selected candidate shall be required to undergo the Physical and Medical test to be held by the department on the terms of Rules 4(c) and 4(d) respectively.

- 5) Appointment to the post by promotion and nomination shall be made in the ratio of 50:50.
- 6) A person appointed to the post by nomination shall be probation for a period of three years including two years of Assistant Conservator of Forests training course and 1 year field training as decided by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra state, Nagpur.
- 7) The inter-se seniority of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, appointed by nomination shall be determined by adding the marks obtained by the candidate in the examination held by the Commission and marks obtained by the candidate in the final examination of the Assistant Conservator of Forests Training courses.
- 8) A person appointed to the post whether by promotion or by nomination, shall be required to pass the departmental examination and examination in Hindi and Marathi according to the rules made in that behalf, unless he has already passed, or has been exempted from passing those examinations.
- 9) A person appointed to the post shall be liable for transfer anywhere in the state of Maharashtra.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

GOVIND SWARUP  
Secretary (Forests)