



### ABSTRACT

Public Services – Disbanding of existing Equivalence Committee functioning under the Chairman, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and setting up of a New Equivalence Committee under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department – Issuance of equivalence to the courses offered by the educational institutions for the purpose of employment in public services and for pursuing higher studies – Orders – Issued.

Higher Education (K2) Department

**G.O.(Ms) No.93**

**Dated : 30.05.2019**

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திருவள்ளூர்வராண்டு, 2050.

Read :-

1. G.O. (Ms) No.441, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (PER.R) Department, dated 20.12.1993
2. G.O. (Ms) No.214, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (K) Department, dated 27.11.2006.
3. G.O. (Ms) No.4, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (M) Department, dated 09.01.2014.
4. From the Chairman, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Chennai, DO Letter No.3169/RND-F1/2018, dated 24.12.2018.

### ORDER:-

In the Government orders first to third read above, orders were issued, among others, constituting a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chairman,, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission with the following members to examine the requests of Educational Institutions to recognize the courses offered by them for the purpose of appointment in public services :-

- i) The Secretary to Government, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department.
- ii) The Secretary to Government, School Education Department.
- iii) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department.
- iv) The Vice-Chairperson of Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education.

- v) The Vice-Chancellor of University of Madras
- vi) The Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai
- vii) The Director of Technical Education, Chennai and
- viii) The Vice-Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai

2. In the D.O. Letter fourth read above, the Chairman, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission has stated that the Committee was constituted when there was no other mechanism / institution like Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education / Tamil Nadu State Council for Technical Education. The Commission obtains the opinion of Universities and decides the status of equivalence. But now, all the proposals seeking equivalence are sent to the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education / Tamil Nadu State Council for Technical Education. The Councils, in turn, inform the Commission, in percentage terms, the equivalence of course under consideration. Thereby, the Commission merely acts as a recommending body. The Council looking into the technical aspects of equivalence is under the administrative control of Higher Education Department and the Government Orders are also issued by the same Department. Hence, the need for conducting Equivalence Committee by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission has become redundant. The Equivalence Committee has been originally set up on the model of Union Public Service Commission. Now, the Union Public Service Commission has itself dispensed with this model. The Public Service Commission of neighbouring States like Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka also do not have such procedure. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission has requested the Government to dispense with the existing Equivalence Committee mechanism.

3. The Government have examined the above proposal in detail and decided that the existing Equivalence Committee, functioning under the Chairmanship of the Chairman, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, formed vide G.O. (Ms) No.441, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department (PER-R) Department, dated 20.12.1993, be disbanded and a new Equivalence Committee be constituted in its place, **under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department**, alongwith the following nine members of the committee to examine the requests of the educational institutions, to issue equivalence to the courses offered by them, for the purpose of appointment in public services :-

- i) The Secretary to Government, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department - **Member**
- ii) The Secretary to Government, School Education Department - **Member**
- iii) The Vice-Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education - **Member**
- iv) The Member-Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education - **Member-Secretary**

- v) The Vice-Chancellor of University of Madras - **Member**
- vi) The Vice-Chancellor of Anna University, Chennai - **Member**
- vii) The Vice-Chancellor of Annamalai University - **Member**
- viii) The Director of Technical Education - **Member**
- ix) The Director of Collegiate Education - **Member**

The Chairman / Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Chairman / Member Secretary, Teachers Recruitment Board and any other officials of the Chairman's discretion, shall be included in the Equivalence Committee, as Special Invitees and invited to the meeting, as and when required.

4. The Member-Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education will constitute a committee with the concerned Chairpersons of the Board of Studies, to take up unitwise comparison study of the syllabus of courses and the Committee will submit their report to the Member-Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education. The Member-Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education will place the above report of the committee of Chairpersons of the Board of Studies, before the Equivalence Committee for passing resolutions and forward the resolutions of the Equivalence Committee to the Government, for issuing necessary orders for equivalence of qualifications.

5. The Government will then examine the Equivalence Committee's recommendation and issue necessary orders. The Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education will extend necessary support to the Equivalence Committee.

6. The Government also direct that the general public / students / teachers / colleges / Universities / Recruitment boards / other stakeholders who seek equivalence of courses offered by the Colleges / Universities will address the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, directly.

7. The Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education be empowered to take up the issues relating to the request of various educational institutions for consideration of equivalence for various courses awarded by them for the purpose of higher studies.

8. The Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education be also empowered to formulate the fee structure to meet out the expenses incurred in dealing with the Equivalence issues for the purpose of employment in public services and higher studies.

9. The Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department be directed to issue necessary amendments to section 25 of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016, in this regard.

10. This Order issues with the concurrence of Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department vide its U.O. No.17340/M2/2019-1, dated 29.05.2019.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

MANGAT RAM SHARMA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To :

The Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Chennai – 9.  
The Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department, Chennai – 9.  
The Secretary to Government, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department,  
Chennai – 9.

The Secretary to Government, Law Department, Chennai – 9.

The Vice-Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, Chennai – 5.

The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Chennai-3.

The Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Chennai-3.

The Chairman, Teachers Recruitment Board, Chennai – 6.

The Member-Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education,  
Chennai – 5.

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras, Chennai-5

The Vice-Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai-25

The Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram.

The Director of Technical Education, Chennai-25

The Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai -6.

The Member-Secretary, Teachers Recruitment Board, Chennai -6.

The Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Council for Technical Education, Chennai.

All Secretaries to Government, Chennai – 9.

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The Registrars of all Universities under the aegis of Higher Education Department

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