

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA**

General Administration Department,  
 Resolution No. EXD-1076/1945/137-XVII,

Mantralaya, Bombay - 400 032.

Dated the 1st November, 1977.

**Resolution of Government.**

Under the provisions of the Departmental Examination Rules prescribed for Government servants, both Gazetted and Non-Gazetted, either for the purposes of continuance and confirmation in the same post or for qualifying for promotion to higher post, the candidates do not get exemption from passing the departmental examination on grounds of age. Government has come across recently instances wherein Government servants, on account of their old age, are not able to concentrate on their studies and to pass the prescribed departmental examinations within the prescribed time-limit, and as a result, have either to remain without confirmation in that post or to revert to the lower post or to be disqualified for promotion to higher post. After examining this question carefully, Government has decided that Government servants who have completed 45 years of age, should not be required to appear for departmental examination. Government is accordingly, pleased to direct (i) that the existing departmental examination rules, both for continuance and confirmation and also for qualifying for promotion to higher posts, should be suitably amended so as to provide therein for the grant of exemption from passing the departmental examinations, on attaining the age of 45 years by the concerned Government servant subject to the condition that the seniority, if lost by such a Government servant as a result of not passing the examination within the prescribed time-limit and the number of chances permissible, will not be restored on granting such exemption; and (ii) that the effect to these orders should be given in the proposed amendment of the rules from the date of these orders.

2. The Mantralaya Departments should be requested to amend the relevant Departmental examination rules accordingly in consultation with the Maharashtra Public Service Commission wherever necessary. This should be done without delay.

3. These orders issue in consultation with the Finance Department-vide FD un-official reference No.CR.1715/77/SER-3, dated 12.10.1977.

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

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 Under Secretary to Government.

To,

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 The Secretary, Maharashtra Public Service Commission, Bombay.  
 The Accountant General II, Maharashtra State, Nagpur.  
 The Pay and Accounts Officer.  
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