



TAMIL NADU FOREST UNIFORMED SERVICES RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE (TNFUSRC)

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NOTIFICATION No.1 –Forest Watcher

Applications are invited from the candidates only through **ONLINE** mode for Direct Recruitment for the vacancies for the post of Forest Watcher (included in the Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service) in Tamil Nadu Forest Department.

Name of the Post	Code No.	No. of vacancies (Tentative)	Level of Pay
FOREST WATCHER	04	465 + 99	Level –3 Rs. 16,600/- to Rs.52,400/-

2. DISTRIBUTION OF VACANCIES (Tentative)

POST	GT	BC	BCM	MBC/DC	SC	SC(A)	ST	TOTAL
FOREST WATCHER	144	123	16	93	70	14	5	465
FOREST WATCHER (earmarked to ST youths from specified Districts only)**	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	99
Total	144	123	16	93	70	14	104	564

The detailed distribution of vacancies is given in Annexure I & II of this notification.

**As per G.O.(Ms) No.205 Environment and Forest (FR.2) Department , Dated:13.08.2012

Abbreviation:

GT-General Turn, BC-Backward Class, BCM- Backward Class Muslim, MBC/DC - Most Backward Class / Denotified Community, SC-Scheduled Caste, SC(A)-Scheduled Caste Arunthathiyar, ST-Scheduled Tribe.

3. DOWNLOAD OF INFORMATION BROCHURE

The Information Brochure containing full details of this recruitment is uploaded on the Website: www.forests.tn.gov.in. The candidate must go through the Information Brochure and read all the instructions carefully, before submitting the Online Application.

4. ONLINE APPLICATION

The candidate can apply only through the Website: www.forests.tn.gov.in. Any other Mode/ Form of applications will be summarily rejected.

5. SERVICE RULE Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service Rules.

6(a) IMPORTANT DATES (Tentative)

(A)	Date of Notification	07.03.2019
(B)	Commencement of Online Application	May 1 st Week
(C)	Last date for submission of Online Application	May 3 rd Week
(D)	Date of Online Computer based Examination	June 4 th Week

6(b) SCHEME OF EXAMINATION – Multiple Choice Questions only

Subject	Time & Duration	Maximum Marks	Minimum Qualifying Marks for selection	
			BCs, BCMs, MBCs/DCs, SCs, SC(A)s and STs	Others
General Knowledge	10.00 A.M. TO 1.00 P.M 3 Hours	100	30%	40%

1. The question paper will be set both in English and Tamil.
2. In case of any discrepancy between Tamil and English version of question paper, English version shall prevail.
3. The syllabus for the Examination for the posts of Forest Watcher is given in "Information Brochure" published in the website: www.forests.tn.gov.in.

7. AGE LIMIT (as on 01-07-2019)

S. No.	Category of Candidates	Minimum age (should have completed)	Maximum age (should not have completed)
1	"General" (ie., Candidates not belonging to SCs, SC(A)s, STs, MBCs/DCs, BCs and BCMs)	21 Years	30 Years
2	SCs, SC(A)s, STs, MBCs/DCs, BCs and BCMs and DWs of all Castes	21 Years	35 Years
3.	Ex-servicemen	21 Years	30 Years (after deducting the period of his service in such service)

A person who has been discharged from any of the Defense services namely, the Army, the Navy or the Air force shall be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment as Forest Watcher, if after deducting the period of his services in such service, he has not completed the age of 30 years.

For direct recruitment as Forest Watcher, other things being equal, preference shall be given to persons who have been discharged from the Army Service (Land Force).

8. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION (On the Date of Notification)

Applicants should possess the following educational qualification on the date of Notification.

A) FOREST WATCHER

Must possess Minimum General Educational Qualification viz., Must have passed S.S.L.C Public Examination or its equivalent with eligibility for admission to Higher Secondary Courses of Studies (or) to College Courses of studies.

9. SPECIAL CONCESSION FOR THE TRANSGENDERS

- (1) A Transgender candidate, who applies as third gender, shall be eligible for appointment in the vacancies reserved for women as well as the vacancies under the General category.
- (2) A Transgender candidate who applies as female candidate shall produce a self-declaration supported by the Identity card issued by the Tamil Nadu Third gender Welfare Board and shall be considered against the vacancies reserved for women as well as the vacancies under the General category.
- (3) A Transgender candidate, who applies as male candidate shall produce a self-declaration supported by the Identity card issued by the Tamil Nadu Third gender Welfare Board and shall be considered against the vacancies reserved for General category:

Provided that if a transgender candidate applies as male candidate, then the requirement of Physical Standards and Endurance Test prescribed for the male category shall apply. If a transgender candidate applies as female candidate, then the requirement of Physical Standards and Endurance Test prescribed for the female category shall apply. If a transgender candidate applies as third gender, the Physical Standards and Endurance Test prescribed for female candidates shall apply:

Provided further that if a third gender candidate belongs to the Jungle Tribes specified in the Annexure to the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service Rules, and the Scheduled Tribes specified in Part B under Schedule-II of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016 (Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 2016) and possesses Community Certificate as such, then the requirement of Physical Standards prescribed for the Jungle Tribes and Scheduled Tribes category shall apply.

(4) Determination of the Community:

- (a) A third gender candidate, who do not possess any Community Certificate, shall be considered under the Most Backward Class Community.

- (b) A third gender candidate who belongs to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Caste Arunthathiyar or Scheduled Tribe community, and possesses community certificate as such, shall be considered as per the respective community.
- (c) A third gender candidate who belongs to a community other than Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Caste Arunthathiyar or Scheduled Tribe and possesses community certificate as such, shall be considered as per the own community or as Most Backward Class Community, whichever is advantageous as per the option and once the individual exercises option for community selection it should be crystallized and this option should not be changed in future.

10. **PHYSICAL STANDARDS VERIFICATION AND ENDURANCE TEST**

(i) Physical Standards

Candidate must possess the following minimum Physical Standards.

Category	Height (cm)	Chest (cm)	
		Normal	Expansion
Male	163	79 (round the chest) on full expiration	05 (on full inspiration)
Female and Third gender	150	74 (round the chest) on full expiration	05 (on full inspiration)

For the candidate belonging to Scheduled Tribes and Jungle Tribes, the following shall be the minimum height standards:-

Male Candidate	..... 152 cm
Female and Third gender Candidate	.....145 cm

Candidate possessing the above said minimum Physical Standards are only eligible to apply for the post.

Note: The list of Schedule Tribes and the list of Jungle Tribes are given in 'Information Brochure and published in the Website: www.forests.tn.gov.in.

(ii) Certificate of Physical Standards

A certificate containing the following particulars should be obtained from a Medical Officer, above the rank of an Assistant Surgeon appointed by the Government to Government Medical Institution on or after the date of Notification 07-03-2019 and submit the documents when called for by the TNFUSRC.

(1) Height	.....	cm
(2) Chest Measurement		
(i) On full inspiration	.....	cm
(ii) On full expiration	.....	cm
(iii) Difference (Expansion)	.....	cm

(The measurements should be specified only with reference to Metric System)

(iii) **Endurance Test**

Applicant will be required to undergo a Physical test consisting of a walk over 25 km and 16 km to be completed in four hours by male and female / third gender candidates respectively which will be conducted by the TNFUSRC.

Candidate must satisfy a **Medical Board in Chennai regarding** his/her physical fitness and capacity for rough outdoor work in the Tamil Nadu Forest Department.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Rule of Reservation of appointments is applicable to these posts and distribution of the vacancies will be as per the rules in force.
- B. The reservation to Differently Abled Persons is not applicable to this recruitment.
- C. Even after filling up of the posts reserved for Arunthathiyars amongst the Scheduled Castes in Schedule-V, if more number of qualified Arunthathiyars are available, such excess number of candidates of Arunthathiyars shall be entitled to compete with the other Scheduled Castes in the inter-se-merit among them and if any appointment or post reserved for Arunthathiyars remain unfilled for want of adequate number of qualified candidates, it shall be filled up by Scheduled Castes other than Arunthathiyars
- D. The 30% reservation of vacancies shall be reserved for Women candidates. If no qualified and suitable women candidates are available for selection against the vacancies reserved for them, those vacancies will be filled by other eligible candidates belonging to the respective Communal categories.
- E. Out of 30% reservation of vacancies to Women candidates, 10% of reservation of vacancies shall be reserved for Destitute Widows.
- F. The Government orders regarding the determination of community and reservation in employment for Transgender will apply to this recruitment.
- G. The 5% reservation of vacancies shall be reserved for Ex-Servicemen by following the order of rotation specified in the Rules in Force.
- H. Candidates should possess adequate knowledge of Tamil on the date of this Notification.
- I. The 20% reservation of vacancies shall be reserved for Persons Studied in Tamil Medium (PSTM) on preferential basis by following the order of rotation specified in the Rules in Force. (Candidates claiming this reservation should have studied in the prescribed qualification for the post in Tamil Medium and should have the Certificate for the same. Having written the Examinations in Tamil language alone will not qualify for claiming this reservation)
- J. The 10% reservation of vacancies shall be filled up by Outstanding Sports persons by following the order of rotation specified in the Rules in Force.
- K. Correct and true information regarding arrest, convictions / debarment / disqualification by any Recruiting Agency, criminal or any disciplinary proceedings initiated / pending or finalized, participation in agitation or any Political Organization, candidature in Election for Parliament / State Legislature / Local Bodies etc., if any, should also be furnished at the time of application.

The details thereof, i.e., originals of the Judgment, Order or G.O. dropping further action in Departmental proceedings or any document that may prove the suitability of such candidates for Government appointment in such cases must be produced at the stage/ time of Certificate Verification without fail. All such events that occur after the submission of application and till the date of his / her selection and appointment shall be reported to the TNFUSRC forthwith then and there. Failure to report on the part of candidate will be considered as suppression of material information and will attract suitable penal action.

- L. Incomplete online applications and applications containing wrong claims or incorrect particulars relating to Category of Reservation / Other basic Qualifications / Eligibility / Age / Communal categories / Educational qualification / PSTM / Sports / Physical qualification and other basic Eligibility Criteria will not be processed and are liable for rejection.
- M. Subsequent claims made after the submission of Online Application will not be entertained. Evidence for claims made in the Online Application should be uploaded / submitted in time when documents are called for. Failure to submit the documents within the stipulated time limit will entail rejection of application.
- N. Wherever necessary, the procedures stipulated in the Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service Rules will be followed by the TNFUSRC.
- O. The TNFUSRC will follow and carry out the rules (Rules in force) of the Government with regard to the policies of recruitment and other related matters.
- P. The selection for appointment to the above said post is purely provisional subject to final Orders on pending Writ Petitions, if any, filed at Madras High Court and Madurai Bench of Madras High court.

Note: For further details on items C to J, refer 'Information Brochure' published in the website: www.forests.tn.gov.in

12. CENTRES FOR EXAMINATION

Examinations will be held in all districts of Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu Forest Uniformed Services Recruitment Committee (TNFUSRC) reserves the right to modify the number of Examination Centres and to re-allot the candidates. The list of Districts for the Examination is available in the Information Brochure.

13. PROCEDURE OF SELECTION

Based on the Online Examination, the eligible (successful) candidates will be called for appearing in Certificate Verification, Physical Standards Verification and Endurance Test in 1:3 **ratio** for final Selection.

14. EXAMINATION FEE

Examination Fee for the Post of Forest watcher	Rs.150/- + applicable Service Charges
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15. MODE OF FEE PAYMENT

- I. Online payment through Payment Gateway.
- II. Through Online generation of Challan and payment at designated branches of Indian Bank.

Offline mode of payment in any form such as Demand Draft / Postal order etc., will not be accepted.

(Details regarding the Exemption for Examination Fee is given in “Information Brochure” published in the Website: www.forests.tn.gov.in).

16. HOW TO APPLY

- i. Candidates should apply only through Online Mode on the Tamil Nadu Forest Department’s Website www.forests.tn.gov.in
- ii. Before applying, the candidates should have scanned image of their photograph, signature and relevant certificates etc in CD/DVD/Pen drive.
- iii. Please ensure that you have your scanned recent color passport size photograph (JPG/JPEG format of size 20-50 kB) and signature (JPG/JPEG format of size 10-20 kB) separately as specified in the Information Brochure. The Online Application uploaded without the photograph and signature will be rejected.
- iv. A valid e-mail ID and Mobile Number are mandatory for registration and e- mail ID should be kept active till the declaration of results. Only one e- mail ID and mobile number are to be used for application form. **Candidature of candidates using similar e-mail ID or mobile number will not be accepted / rejected.**
- v. Candidates have to upload necessary copies of Certificates wherever required along with their application form.
- vi. All the particulars mentioned in the Online Application including Name of the Candidate, Communal Category, Educational qualification, Date of birth, Address, e-mail ID, Centre of Examination etc. will be considered as final and no modifications will be allowed after the last date specified for applying Online. Since certain fields are firm and fixed and cannot be edited, candidates are requested to fill in the Online Application form with utmost care and caution as no correspondence regarding change of details will be entertained.
- vii. **APPLYING ONLINE**
 - 1) Candidates are first required to logon to the Tamil Nadu Forest Department ‘s Website www.forests.tn.gov.in
 - a. Click “**TNFUSRC recruitments**”.
 - b. Select the name of the Post for which they wish to apply.
 - 2) Before uploading the application, a hard copy of the application should be generated and checked for correctness as entries once made cannot be edited after submission. Therefore, the candidates are requested to take utmost care while applying Online.
- viii. **PRINT OPTION**
 - a) After submitting the application, candidates can **print / save their application in PDF format.**
 - b) On entering Registration Number and Password, candidates should download and take print out of their application for future reference.
 - c) Candidate need not send the printout of the Online Application or any other supporting documents to the TNFUSRC. The application and certificates will be verified only when the candidates come up for next stage of Selection.

Note:-

- Candidates are advised in their own interest to apply Online much before the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid the possibility of disconnection / inability / failure to logon to Tamil Nadu Forest Department's Website on account of heavy load on Internet/ Website jam.
- Candidates are advised to fill in the Online Application form with utmost care and caution as no request regarding change of details will be entertained.
- Candidates should carefully fill in the details in the Online Application at the appropriate places and click on the "SUBMIT" button at the end of the Online Application format. Before pressing the "SUBMIT" button, candidates are advised to verify each and every particular column in the application. The name of the candidates and their father, etc. should be spelt correctly in the application as it appears in the Certificates / Mark sheets. Any change / alteration found may disqualify the candidates.
- Request for change / correction in any particulars in the application form shall not be entertained under any circumstances. TNFUSRC will not be responsible for any consequences arising out of furnishing of incorrect and incomplete details in the application or omission to provide the required details in the application form.
- TNFUSRC is not responsible for the Online Payment failure.
- TNFUSRC does not take any responsibility for the candidates not being able to submit their applications within the last date on account of the aforesaid reasons or for any other reasons beyond the control of the TNFUSRC.

17. OTHER IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Candidates are required to apply through Online only by using the Website: www.forests.tn.gov.in.
- b) The candidates applying for the Examination should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility criteria for admission to the Examination.
- c) Candidates are instructed to scan & upload the copies of certificates wherever necessary along with the online application form.
- d) The Admit Cards for eligible candidates will be made available in the Tamil Nadu Forest Department's Website: www.forests.tn.gov.in for downloading by candidates. No Admit Cards will be sent by Post. So, the candidates are requested to regularly visit the above website well before the Scheduled date of Examination(s).
- e) "Conduct" in Examination Hall: No candidate shall copy from any other candidate and not permit to copy or give or attempt to give or obtain or attempt to obtain irregular assistance of any description.
- f) No candidate should misbehave in any manner or create a disorderly scene in the examination hall or harass the staff employed by the TNFUSRC for the conduct of the examination. Any such misconduct will be severely viewed & penalized and may result in disqualification.

- g) Their admission to all stages of the Examination will be purely provisional, subject to fulfilling of the eligibility conditions.
- h) Mere issue of memorandum of admission to the candidate shall not imply that his/her candidature has been fully cleared by the TNFUSRC.
- i) Their admission at all the stages of this recruitment (Online Examination, Certificate Verification / Physical Standards Verification and Endurance Test) for which they are admitted will be purely Provisional and if on verification at any time, before or after, it is found that they do not fulfill any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for this recruitment will be rejected / cancelled.
- j) **After notification, during the process of recruitment till publication of result, no information, under Right to Information Act, would be furnished.**

18. WARNING

- (i) All the Recruitments by the TNFUSRC are purely merit based.
- (ii) The TNFUSRC hereby cautions the candidates against touts and agents cheating by making false promises of securing job through unfair means.
- (iii) The TNFUSRC shall not be responsible or liable for any loss that may be caused to any candidate on account of indulging in any sort of actions with such unscrupulous persons.
- (iv) If an applicant attempts to canvas and bring influence on the Chairman / Member / Member Secretary or any of the staff of TNFUSRC personally / by letter / through relatives, friends, patrons, officials or other persons, his / her candidature will be summarily rejected.

(For detailed information, the candidates may refer “Instructions to the Applicants for Online Registration” and “Information Brochure” published on the Website: www.forests.tn.gov.in)

19. TNFUSRC Decision to be Final: The decision of the TNFUSRC will be final in respect of all matters relating to this recruitment.

Member Secretary
TNFUSRC