



ABSTRACT

Tamil Nadu Medical Subordinate Service – Recruitment to the post of Pharmacist through Medical Service Recruitment Board – Incentive marks for contract Pharmacists, who worked during covid pandemic – Granted – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (C1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.107

Dated 26.04.2024

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2055

ஸ்ரீகுரோதி, சித்திரை – 13

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms)No.278, Health and Family Welfare (B1) Department, dated 17.08.2023.
2. Government Letter No. 5264345 / B1/ 2023-1, Health and Family Welfare (B1) Department, dated 17.08.2023.
3. From the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services Letter No.54282/E5(1)/2/ 2023, dated 04.09.2023.
4. Order dated 14.03.2024 of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in W.P.Nos.32106 and five other cases filed by Tvl.A.Anand Paul and others.
5. From the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services Letter No.54282/E5(1)/2/2023, dated 28.03.2024

ORDER:-

In the letter third read above, the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services has stated that for filling up of the Pharmacist regular vacancies, Medical Services Recruitment Board in its Notification No.10/MRB/2022, dated 17.04.2023 has already invited application for Direct Recruitment for 986 vacancies of Pharmacist and examination was also conducted by Medical Services Recruitment Board on 26.04.2023 and 27.04.2023. The Medical Services Recruitment Board has not yet published the selection list of 986 Pharmacists.

2. The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services has also stated that in the meanwhile, the Government have issued orders in Government Order first read above, wherein incentive marks were granted to the Medical Officers for their temporary services rendered during Covid Pandemic period. In this connection, the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services has stated that Pharmacist also worked during the Covid pandemic period in the Government Medical Institutions and the Government have ordered to appoint 335 Pharmacists temporarily on contract basis on a consolidated pay for a period of six months vide G.O.(Ms)No.301 Health and Family Welfare (C2) department, dated: 28.06.2023.

3. The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services has also stated that based on the above Government Order, few districts appointed certain Pharmacists temporarily on contract basis. In the meantime one candidate, M.Gokul (B.Pharm Candidate) has filed a W.P.No.15515/2021 and W.M.P.No.16052/2021 with a prayer

to invite application from B.Pharm degree holders also for temporary appointment to the post of Pharmacist on contract basis. In the above case, the Honorable High Court of Madras in its Order dated 28.07.2021 has granted an interim direction to the Respondents not to issue any order for appointment to the post of Pharmacists. Apart from that, some other Pharmacists who have worked in the Government Medical Institutions based on the instructions of concerned District Collector's during the Covid pandemic period and have represented for weightage for this.

4. In the letter fifth read above, the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services has stated that Tvl.A.Anand Paul and five others have filed writ petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Madras with a prayer to direct the respondents to grant incentive marks for the Covid-19 pandemic service rendered by the petitioners in addition to the marks to be secured by the petitioners in the Medical Recruitment Board-2023 examination and grant preference in filing up the regular vacancies of Pharmacist to the petitioners.

5. The above case was disposed by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras on 14.03.2024 as follows:-

(i) The respondents are directed to pass appropriate orders by fixing criteria to award incentive marks to the candidates in the recruitment process to the post of Pharmacist, for the duty rendered by them during Covid-19 pandemic, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this Order.

(ii) If the petitioners are entitled for the incentive marks as per their respective duty rendered during Covid-19, they may be awarded incentive marks as per the criteria to be fixed by the government, in addition to the marks secured by them in the Medical Recruitment Board Examination – 2023 and proceed further with the selection process.

6. Hence, the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services has requested the Government to grant incentive marks to the Pharmacists, who have worked in the Government Medical Institutions during Covid Pandemic period in addition to the marks obtained by them in the examination held by Medical Services Recruitment Board for the post of Pharmacists subject to the condition mentioned below:-

(i) Marks:-

Sl. No	Criteria	Marks to be given
1.	For the Pharmacists who have worked in Government Medical Institutions during COVID 19 pandemic for a period of minimum six months to one year continuously (6 to 12 months) without break in service	Two marks
2.	For the Pharmacists who have worked in Government Medical Institutions during COVID 19 pandemic for a period of above one year to one and half year continuously (12 months to 18 months) without break in service	Three marks
3.	For the Pharmacists who have worked in Government Medical Institutions during COVID 19 pandemic for a period of above one and half year to two years continuously (18 months to 24 months) without break in service	Four marks
4.	For the Pharmacists who have worked in Government Medical Institutions during COVID 19 pandemic for a period of above two years (above 24 months) without break in service	Five marks

Conditions:-

- (a) the incentive marks shall be awarded only to those candidates, who clear the Tamil Eligibility Test;
 - (b) the above incentive marks shall be based on the Covid Duty Certificate furnished by the Medical Officers;
 - (c) the Covid Duty Certificate shall be issued by the concerned authorities to the Pharmacists based on the attendance in the Government Medical Institutions;
 - (d) the Pharmacists should have worked in Government Medical Institutions / Local Bodies like Greater Chennai Corporation during COVID PANDEMIC period;
 - (e) the Pharmacists should, using their appointment order and relieving order / termination order get the 'Covid Duty Certificate' in the prescribed format annexed with this order, duly indicating the attendance (i.e) the period they have worked in that institution and pay given to the individual at that time from the appropriate authority.
- (ii) The details of authorities for issuing 'Covid Duty Certificate' are as follows:-

Covid Duty Certificate Issuing Authorities		
Institutions	*Signature	**Counter Signature
Government Medical College Hospitals	HOD / RMO	Dean
Government District Headquarters Hospitals	Hospital Superintendent	Joint Director of Health Service
Taluk / Non-Taluk Hospitals	Chief Medical Officer	
Primary Health Centres	Block Medical Officer	Deputy Director of Health Services
Greater Chennai Corporation Hospitals	Zonal Health Officer/ Zonal Medical Officer	City Health Officer / City Medical Officer
Other Corporation / Municipality Hospitals	City Health Officer / Municipal Health Officer	Deputy Director of Health Services

The issuing authorities shall issue 'Covid Duty Certificate' at the earliest and preferably within 3 working days from the date of receipt of the request from the eligible candidates.

iii. The Director of Medical Education and Research / Director of Medical and Rural Health Services / Director of Medical and Rural Health Services (ESI) / Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine / Commissioners of the Corporations / Municipalities in respect of Urban Local Body institutions, shall furnish the details of Pharmacists who have rendered services during Covid 19 pandemic period, duly indicating their period of work and the name of the institutions where they have worked to the Medical Services Recruitment Board, so as to cross-verify the details given by the applicants (Pharmacists) and to declare the results of the examination conducted by Medical Services Recruitment Board within a period of two weeks.

iv. The Medical Services Recruitment Board is requested to publish an additional notification to the present Notification (No.10/MRB/2022, dated: 17.04.2023) issued for recruitment to the post of Pharmacist for filling up of 986 vacancies, indicating

- (a) the system of awarding incentive marks for those who have worked during Covid-19 pandemic period as above;

- (b) that all the willing candidates shall upload Covid Duty Certificate in the Medical Services Recruitment Board portal within 15 days from the date of the publication of additional notification by Medical Services Recruitment Board;
- (c) that the certificates should be obtained only from the authorities indicated in para 6(ii) above;
- (d) the Covid Duty Certificate in the prescribed format (as annexed to this order) shall be produced by the individuals during Certificate Verification.

(2) The Medical Services Recruitment Board shall follow the system of awarding incentive marks for Covid duty in future recruitments for Pharmacist as mentioned in para 6(i) above.

7. The Government examined the proposal of the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services in the light of the views of the Order dated 14.03.2024 of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras with connected records. After examination, the Government have decided to grant incentive marks to the Pharmacists, who have worked in the Government Medical Institutions during Covid Pandemic period in addition to the marks obtained by them in the examination conducted by the Medical Services Recruitment Board for the post of Pharmacists subject to the conditions mentioned at para 6 above and issue orders accordingly.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**GAGANDEEP SINGH BEDI
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai-600 003

The Chairman, Medical Service Recruitment Board, Chennai- 600 006

The Director of Medical Education and Research, Chennai – 600 010

The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai- 600 006

The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services (ESI), Chennai-600 006

The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. Chennai-600 006

All Commissioners of Corporations / Municipalities

The Accountant General, Chennai-600 018

The Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-600 018

The District Treasury Officer concerned

Copy to:

✓ The Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Chennai-600 009

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Health and Family Welfare), Chennai-600 009

The Senior Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009

Health and Family Welfare (B/AA/L/N/ P/EAP-II) department, Chennai-600 009

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Annexure to G.O.(Ms) No.107, Health and Family Welfare (C1) department,

Dated 26.04.2024

COVID DUTY CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the Pharmacist Thiru / Tmt / Selvi has rendered duty for the period from to in the

..... Institution with a pay of Rs. per month during Covid Pandemic.

*Signature	**Counter Signature
HOD / RMO	Dean
Hospital Superintendent	Joint Director of Health Service
Chief Medical Officer	
Block Medical Officer	Deputy Director of Health Services
Zonal Health Officer/ Zonal Medical Officer	City Health Officer / City Medical Officer
City Health Officer / Municipal Health Officer	Deputy Director of Health Services

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