

Notification
Forest and Environment Department,
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
Dated the 23rd April, 2025.

Constitution of India. No. GVN/2025/(09)/EXAM/1816/1567/D-2: In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution of India and in supersession of all the rules made in this behalf, the Governor of Gujarat hereby makes the following rules to provide for regulating the conditions of service of the persons appointed to the post of Surveyor, class-III in the subordinate services under the Forest and Environment Department in so far as they relate to their passing of the Departmental Examination to be eligible for promotion to the post of Range Forest Officer (Survey) Class-III in the subordinate service of the Forest and Environment Department, namely:-

1. Short title commencement and application. -

- (1) These rules may be called the Range Forest Officer (Survey) Class-III (Departmental Examination) Rules, 2025.
- (2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the *Official Gazette*.
- (3) They shall apply to the persons who are appointed to the post of Surveyor Class-III in the Subordinate Service, under the Forest and Environment Department Gujarat state by Direct selection or by promotion.

2. Definition. - In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires;

- (a) "Appendix" means an appendix appended to these rules;
- (b) "Appointment date" means the date on which these rules shall come into force;
- (c) "Board" means Gujarat Subordinate Service Selection Board, Gandhinagar.
- (d) "examination" means the Departmental Examination prescribed under these rules for promotion to the post of Range Forest Officer (Survey), Class-III in the Subordinate Service of the Forest and Environment Department.
- (e) 'Old Rules' means the rules in force immediately before the appointed date.
- (f) "Specified Chances" means the number of chances specified in these rules within which a person is required to pass the examination.
- (g) "Specified Period" means the period specified in these rules within which a person is required to pass the examination.
- (h) "Surveyor" means who are appointed as Surveyor Class-III in the Subordinate Service, in Forest Department.
- (i) "Range Forest Officer (Survey)" means who are appointed as Range Forest Officer (Survey) Class-III in the Subordinate Service, in Forest Department.
- (j) "Relevant Examination" means departmental examination prescribed under the old rules.



3. Requirement to pass the Examination. - The person appointed to the post of Surveyor shall be required to pass the examination to be eligible for promotion to the post of Range Forest Officer (Survey).

4. Eligibility to appear in the Examination. - (1) No person shall be eligible to appear in the examination unless he has completed three years' service after his appointment on the post of Surveyor.

(2) No person shall be eligible to appear in the examination unless he has passed the post-training examination for existing post or he has been exempted from the post-training examination by the competent authority, if any.

5. Specified Chances and period for passing the Examination. -

(1) To be eligible for promotion to the post of Range Forest Officer (Survey) Class-III, a person shall be required to pass the Examination within a period of three years and within three chances from the date of his completing three years' continuous service after his appointment as Surveyor, Class-III:

Provided that a person belonging to the Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribes may be given one additional chance which shall have to be availed of within a period of one year from the date of declaration of the result of the examination of his third chance;

(2) If a person fails to pass such examination referred to in these rules within the specified period and within specified chances, he shall notwithstanding such failure, be eligible to appear at any time in the examination on payment of an examination fees as may be determined by the Government from time to time and if he passes the said examination, he shall be eligible for promotion:

Provided that, such person shall not be entitled to claim seniority over those persons who have passed the examination earlier than him and also have been promoted to the post of Range Forest Officer (Survey) under these rules before he became eligible for such promotion on passing the examination:

Provided further that a person who has been provided with any chances under the old rules shall be allowed the remaining chances under these rules.

(3) Non-appearance in the examination shall be considered as a chance.

6. Syllabus and Scheme of Examination. -

(1) The syllabus for the examination shall be as specified in the Appendix 'A'.

(2) The examination shall consist of five papers each of 100 (one hundred) marks. The examination shall consist of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ), and practical test.



- (3) The candidate shall be allowed to answer the entire paper 1 to 4 with the help of books.

Explanation: "With books" means original books of the subjects approved by the government or the Institute having bare Acts and/or rules without any commentaries or case laws and includes manual issued under the Act published or approved by the Government of Gujarat.

7. **Medium of the examination.** - The medium of examination shall be Gujarati or English as per the instruction given in the question paper.

8. **Holding of Examination.** -

- (1) The Board shall hold the examination at least twice in a year;
- (2) The Board shall communicate the tentative programme of examination to the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar at least ninety days before the provisional date decided by the Board.
- (3) A person who desires to appear in the examination shall be required to send his application in the Form as specified in Appendix-'B' to the Board through the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar for enlisting his name as a candidate for such examination at least sixty days prior to the date of the examination;
- (4) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forests Force Gujarat State, Gandhinagar shall scrutinize the application with regard to his eligibility for appearing in the examination and forward the same to the Board with the Certificate of eligibility as specified in Appendix-'C';
- (5) If the applicant subsequently decides not to appear in the examination, he shall give intimation thereof to the Board through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar at least thirty days before the date of commencement of the examination.
- (6) If any person fails to appear in the examination after having enlisted his names as a candidate without giving intimation referred to in sub-rule (5), he shall be deemed to have lost one chance to pass examination:

Provided that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar may condone the failure on the part of the person to give intimation referred to in sub-rule (5) and the consequences arising therefrom, if it is satisfied that the person has failed to give intimation within the time limit for reasons beyond his control;

- (7) The Board shall admit the candidate to the examination on the basis of the Certificate issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar that he is eligible to appear in the



examination:

- (8) The place, date and time for holding the examination shall be communicated by the Board and the same shall be communicated to the candidates by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.

9. Standard for Passing the examination. -

- (1) The standard for passing the departmental examination shall be fifty percent (50%) of the total marks assigned to each paper;
- (2) An unsuccessful candidate who secures fifty percent (50%) or more marks in any one or more papers shall be exempted from appearing in those papers at the subsequent examinations.
- (3) In case a candidate is not able to obtain the qualifying standard in only one question paper in the examination, such candidate shall be given grace marks up to 5% of the total marks for that question paper and thereafter, if he obtains the marks equal or more than qualifying standard, he shall be declared pass.

10. Result of examination. - The Board shall publish the result of the examination on its official website and shall forward the same to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar who shall intimate the result to the candidates.

11. Incentive. - The candidate who has secures eighty percent (80%) or more aggregate marks in the examination in first chance shall be paid such cash amount as an incentive as may be determined by the Government from time to time.

12. Prohibition to use certain devices in the examination Hall. - The candidate shall not be allowed to carry with him any electronic communication devices like cellular phone, calculator, laptop, etc. in the examination hall.

13. Repeal and Saving. - The old rules made for the promotion to the post of Range Forest Officer (Survey), Class-III and any other rules corresponding thereto in force immediately before the coming into force of these rules are hereby repealed:

Provided that such repeal shall not affect anything done or actions taken under any of the rules, so repealed.

Appendix 'A'

(see rule 6(1))

Syllabus for the Departmental examination for promotion to the Range Forest Officer (Survey) Class-III in the subordinate service of the Forest and Environment Department.

Paper I Service matters and Financial Matters (With books)



Marks-100**Time duration-3 hours**

- (1) Gujarat Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1971.
- (2) Gujarat Civil Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1971.
- (3) Gujarat Civil Services (Classification and Recruitment) (General) Rules, 1967.
- (4) Bombay Contingent Expenditure Rules, 1959.
- (5) Gujarat Financial Rules, 1971.
- (6) Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Amendment -2018.

Paper II Service Matter-2 (With books)**Marks-100****Time duration-3 hours**

Gujarat Civil Services Rules, 2002 (Part-1 to 8)

- (1) The Gujarat Civil Services (General Condition of Services) Rules, 2002.
- (2) The Gujarat Civil Services (Joining Time, Foreign Service, Deputation out of India, Payment during Suspension, Dismissal and Removal) Rules, 2002.
- (3) The Gujarat Civil Services (Pay) Rules, 2002.
- (4) The Gujarat Civil Services (Additions to Pay) Rules, 2002.
- (5) The Gujarat Civil Services (Occupation of Residential Accommodation) Rules, 2002.
- (6) The Gujarat Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2002.
- (7) The Gujarat Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 2002.
- (8) The Gujarat Civil Services (Traveling Allowance) Rules, 2002.

Paper III Special Subject (With Books)**Marks-100****Time duration-3 hours**

- (1) The Bombay Land Revenue Code, 1879 (Bombay Act No. V 1879).
 - (a) Chapter I and II.
 - (b) Chapter V sections 37 to 44.
 - (c) Chapter VI section 62.
 - (d) Chapter IX.
- (2) Gujarat Land Revenue Rules, 1972.
 - (a) Rules 24 to 28 (Boundary Marks).
 - (b) Rules 58 to 63 (Trees and Forest Right).
 - (c) Rules 64-65.
 - (d) Chapter I and II.
- (3) The Indian Forest Act, 1927.
- (4) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Rules there under.
- (5) The Saurashtra felling of Tress (Infliction and Punishment) Act, 1951 and Rules there under.
- (6) The Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 and Rules there under.
- (7) The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.



Paper IV Technical Matters (With Books)**Marks-100****Time duration-3 hours**

- (1) Survey and Settlement Manual Volume-I and II.
(Except Chapter-3, 5, 6 of Volume-II).
- (2) Manual of Land Surveying.
- (3) Rules and Standing Orders of Land Records Department.
- (4) Theoretical paper regarding Land Records (Regarding Survey, Durasti, Maintenance of Records).
- (5) Basic Knowledge of Computer Hardware – Software.
- (6) Manual of Office Procedure. (For all office except Sachivalaya).

Paper V Practical Test (Without Books)**Marks-100****Time duration-3 hours**

Modern Tools and techniques of Survey, Equipment, Scales, Geometrical Construction.

- (1) Classification of Survey, Signs & Symbols.
- (2) Chain Survey.
- (3) Compass Survey.
- (4) Plane Table Survey.
- (5) Cross Staff Survey.
- (6) Theodolite Survey (Centring, Levelling and angle reading).
- (7) Electronic Total Station.
- (8) DGPS (Differential Global Positioning System) and Photogrammetry.
- (9) Practical work of Any two software of Land Records Departments.

Appendix 'B'**(See rule 8 (3))**

Application for appearing in the Departmental examination for promotion to the post of Range Forest Officer (Survey) Class-III in the subordinate service of the Forest and Environment Department.



1	Applicant's name in full (Surname First) (in English and Gujarati):	
2	Designation (in English and Gujarati):	
3	Name of the office in which at present serving:	
4	Birth date and age at the time of this examination:	
5	Date of appointment in the present post and total years of service:	
6	Whether the applicant had appeared in the Examination previously? if so: -	

	(a) Month and year of examination in which he appeared:	
	(b) Whether any exemption is earned? If so, provide details of marks, year of examination and subject:	
	(c) Whether the applicant intends to avail of exemptions earned? State "yes" or "no" (The choice shall be treated as final and no change shall be allowed:	
7	Authority of the rules under which the applicant has to appear for the examination:	
8	Number of chances and time limit within which the applicant is required to pass the examination (Date of eligibility and date of expiry of the period for appearing at the examination should be mentioned):	
9	Number of chances exhausted.	
10	Whether additional (chance) has been granted? (Number and date of orders, under which the additional chance has been granted to the applicant should be specified and a copy thereof should be sent):	
11	Purpose of passing the examination (i.g. Confirmation, retention in Government Service, Promotion, etc.):	
12	Whether the applicant is eligible to appear at the examination according to the rules of the Departmental Examination?	
13	Remarks, if any:	

PLACE:

(Signature of the applicant)

DATE:

APPENDIX 'C'

(See rule 8 (4))

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Certified that:

(1) The above particulars are verified and found correct. Shri/Smt./Kumari is eligible to appear at the Departmental examination for promotion to the post of Range Forest Officer (Survey) Class-III in the subordinate service of the Forest and Environment Department to be held on.....20.....



- (2) *Necessary fee is paid; a copy of the Challan is attached herewith.
- (3) *Candidate is granted an additional chance; a copy of the order is attached.

Place:


Date:

(Signature and designation
Of the Head of Department/
Office)

*Strike out whichever is not applicable.

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




(Asav Gadhvi)
Deputy Secretary to Government
Forest and Environment Department.

To,

- The Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Governor, Gujarat, Raj Bhavan, Gandhinagar. (By letter)
- The Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister, Swarnim Sankul-1, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- The Personal Secretary to the Minister (Forest and Environment), Swarnim Sankul-1, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- The Personal Secretary to the Minister of State (Forest and Environment) Swarnim Sankul-2, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- The Secretary, Gujarat Subordinate Services Selection Board, Gandhinagar. (By letter)
- The Additional Chief Secretary (Personnel), General Administration Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Gujarat State, Aranya Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
- The Manager, Government Central Press, Gandhinagar..... With a request to publish this Notification in part IV-A of the Gujarat Govt. e-Gazette on the web site egazette.gujarat.gov.in.

- The legislative and Parliamentary affairs Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.....
With a Request to publish Gujarati translation of Notification and Sent 50 copies to this Department.
- ✓ • System Manager, Forest and Environment Department..... With request to publish on the department's website.
- Deputy Section Officer Select file.
- The Branch Select file, 2025.