



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**  
**Abstract**

General Education Department-Inclusion of Kerala Teacher Eligibility Test (K-TET) as a mandatory qualification for the appointment of various categories of Teacher Posts in Govt. Schools – Orders issued.

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**General Education (J) Department**

GO (P) No.145/16/G.Edn

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 30/08/2016

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- Read:- (1). GO (P) No.76/80/G.Edn dated 06.06.1980  
(2). GO (P) No.100/11/G.Edn dated 30.04.2011  
(3). GO(P) No.199/11/G.Edn dated 01.10.2011  
(4). GO (P) No.70/12/G.Edn dated 01.03.2012  
(5). Letter No. All(1) 10187/12/GW dated 11.07.2012 and reminders from Kerala Public Service Commission, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram  
(6). GO (P) No.99/2016/G.Edn dated 15.06.2016.

**ORDER**

As per the Government Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above, qualifications for the post of teachers in Government and Aided Schools were unified. One of the essential qualification for a person to become eligible for appointment as a teacher in any of the Schools referred to clause (n) of Section 2 of the RTE Act is that the appointee should pass Teacher's Eligibility Test (TET) which will be conducted by the appropriate Government authority. In accordance with the RTE Rules 2011, notified as per the Government Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above, it is the academic responsibility of the Government to ensure that a teacher appointee should possess minimum qualifications for the post, including TET, based on the norms and standards laid down by the National Council for Teacher Education(NCTE). As per the Government Order read as 3<sup>rd</sup> paper above, Government have inter alia decided to make TET mandatory for the appointment of all teachers in Lower Primary/Upper Primary /High Schools. Subsequent to this, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) was entrusted for conducting K-TET from the year 2012-13 onwards, as per the Government Order read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper above.

However, considering the dearth of such eligible candidates, the teachers who have appointed in Aided Schools w.e.f 01-06-2012, but not having K-TET, the time limit was extended upto 2018 for acquiring the Qualification. Candidates who have qualified CTET/NET/SET/M.Phil/Ph.D in the respective subjects are exempted from acquiring TET.

As per the letter read as 5<sup>th</sup> paper above the Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission has requested to forward a proposal to incorporate TET as a mandatory qualification for the appointment of various categories of teachers and to amend special rules accordingly.

On examining the matter in detail, Government are pleased to order that in addition to the prescribed qualifications for the appointment of various categories of teachers (Lower Primary School Assistant / Upper Primary School Assistant / High School Assistant /Language Teacher/Specialist Teacher) in Government Schools, K-TET is also included as a mandatory qualification similar to that of their counterparts in Aided Schools. Candidates who have qualified CTET/NET/SET/M.Phil/Ph.D in the respective subjects are exempted from acquiring TET. M.Phil in the concerned subject be the one awarded by any of the Universities in Kerala or recognised as equivalent by any of the Universities in Kerala.

Formal amendments to KER will be issued separately.

(By Order of the Governor)

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