

F.No.7(22)/E.III/99
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
E.III Desk

New Delhi, dated the 4.5.1999

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub : Revision of pay scale and revision of Non-Practising Allowance to Veterinary posts.

1. The undersigned is directed to say that the Fifth Central Pay Commission had recommended that posts requiring a degree in B.V.Sc. & A.H. with registration in the Veterinary Council of India as the minimum essential qualification may be placed in a common entry grade corresponding to the existing entry scale applicable to General Duty Medical Officers and Dental Doctors under the Government of India (Para 55.291 of the Report). Pursuant to this vide Part 'B' of Revised Pay Rules, 1997 the pay scale of Rs.8000-13,500 has been notified as the entry grade of all posts requiring a degree of B.V.Sc. & A.H. with registration in the Veterinary Council of India as the minimum essential qualification.

2. The Veterinary Council of India have clarified that Bachelor of Veterinary Science (B.V.Sc.)/B.V.Sc. & A.H. /B.Sc. (Vet.) were being awarded by various Universities in India and are recognised veterinary degree qualification included in the first Schedule to the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984. All these degrees are comparable and equal. However, after the approval of Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education - Degree Course (B.V.Sc. & A.H.) Regulations, 1993, all Universities are awarding a uniform degree namely B.V.Sc. & A.H. (Bachelor's Degree in Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry).

3. A number of references have been received by this Ministry about the applicability of the revised scale of pay of Rs.8000-13,500 to veterinary posts in respect of which the minimum qualifications prescribed in the relevant recruitment rules are different from those mentioned in the Notification dated 30.9.1997. The Government have considered the matter and it has been decided that the administrative ministries concerned will modify the recruitment rules of veterinary posts, which presently prescribe degrees of B.V.Sc. / B.V.Sc.

& A.H. / B.Sc. (Vet) as the minimum essential qualification so that these conform to the qualification prescribed in the Notification dated 30.9.1987, all future recruitments being made only on the basis of the revised recruitment rules. In the meantime, incumbents of 'veterinary' posts in respect of which degrees of B.V.Sc. / B.Sc. (Vet) / B.V.Sc. & A.H. or any other equivalent degree which has been duly recognised by the Veterinary Council of India under the First Schedule to the Act have been prescribed as the minimum essential qualification and the posts have been placed in the scale of Rs.2000-3500 based on the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission for veterinary posts may be extended the scale of Rs.8000-13,500 subject to their being registered with the the Veterinary Council of India.

4. Separate orders have also been issued by this Ministry vide O.M.No. No.7(25)/E.III(A)/97 dated 15.4.1998 regarding revised rates of Non-Practising Allowance attached to Veterinary posts. Para 3 of these orders stipulate that Non-Practising Allowance at the revised rate will be admissible only in respect of those veterinary posts requiring a degree of B.V.Sc. and A.H. with registration in the Veterinary Council of India as the minimum essential qualifications. In conformity with the decision taken in respect of the pay scale, NPA at the revised rate may also be granted w.e.f. 1.1.1996 to those incumbents holding veterinary posts and possessing the qualifications recognised under the First Schedule of the Act by the Veterinary Council of India, who were in receipt of NPA prior to 1.1.1996 and have now been rendered ineligible due to the above stipulation, provided they are registered with the Veterinary Council of India.

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