



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
ABSTRACT

Health & Family Welfare Department - Establishment - Redesignation of technical posts in Ophthalmology Wing in Health Services Department - Orders issued

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (H) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(M.S) No. 145/2011/H&FWD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 28.02.2011

Read:- 1) G.O.(MS) No: 144/91/H&FWD dated 27.09.1991.

2) Representation of Shri C. Ajith Kumar, Ophthalmic Assistant, Kollam District Hospital and other representations from various Optometrist Associations.

3) Letter No: EH1 - 75411/2010/DHS dated 19.11.2010.

ORDER

As per Government Order read above the posts of Refractionist, Orthoptists and Ophthalmic Assistant are declared as identical and interchangeable. Sanction was also accorded for the implementation of ratio based promotion to Refractionist, Orthoptists and Ophthalmic Assistants admissible under the Pay Revision Orders from a common gradation list. Various representations were received in Government for considering the re-designation of technical posts in Ophthalmology Wing.

2) Government have examined the matter in consultation with the Director of Health Services and with the representatives of the Optometrists Association.

3) To ensure uniformity in designation of technical posts in Ophthalmology Wing, Government are pleased to redesignate and deploy the posts as follows:

- i) The technical category posts in the Ophthalmology wing in Health Services Department currently having designations as Refractionist, Orthoptists, Ophthalmic Assistant will be hereafter redesignated and known as "Optometrist".
- ii) The revised designation/names of the posts in various grades will be as follows:

<u>Existing designation/name</u>	<u>Revised Designation</u>
a. Ophthalmic Assistant Grade-II Orthoptist Grade-II and Refractionist Grade-II	Optometrist Grade-II
b. Ophthalmic Assistant Grade-I Orthoptist Grade-I and Refractionist Grade-I	Optometrist Grade-I
c. Senior Grade Ophthalmic Assistant Optometrist/ Refractionist	Senior Optometrist
d. Camp Co-ordinator	District Ophthalmic Co-ordinator

- iii) The existing Ophthalmology wing posts in Grade-II and Grade-I in the Primary Health Centres/Community Health Centres and Taluk level Hospitals will be earmarked for appointment of Optometrists Grade-I & II only. The employees in the Grade I & II posts will be interchangeable and transferable. Among the Optometrist posts in the Taluk, District and General Hospitals, one post will be earmarked for Senior Optometrists and will be filled up with employees in this grade only. If there are more than one post in any hospital the second post onwards will be in the Optometrist Grade -I. All the employees in the Optometrist Grade II & I and Senior Optometrist categories will continue to discharge the present duties and responsibilities assigned to Ophthalmic Assistants and any other jobs, assigned to them by the Medical Officers in charge.
- iv) The posts of District Ophthalmic Coordinator (redesignated post of Camp Coordinator) will be attached with the District/General Hospitals as at present and will discharge the duties and responsibilities associated with the District Mobile Eye Units. The senior most District Ophthalmic Coordinator (or the next in seniority, if the senior most relinquishes the charge) will be posted in Ophthalmology division in the Directorate of Health Services. The duties and responsibilities of this post will be as decided by the Director of Health Services.
- 4) Suitable amendment in the Special Rules/Government Orders regulating the appointment of above posts in the Ophthalmology Wing will be issued separately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)
G. SURESHKUMAR
 ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.

To

The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram.
 All District Medical Officers (Health) (through DHS)
 The Principal Accountant General (Audit) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
 The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
 Stock file/Office Copy.

Copy to: Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department
 Law Department
 PS to Minister (Health & SW)
 PA to Special Secretary (Health)

Forwarded / By Order,


 Section Officer.