

Government of NCT of Delhi
Directorate of Education
E-III Branch, Old Secretariat, Delhi
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No. DE.2(8)(25)/E-II/RRs/2025/vol-1/ 920

To,

The Secretary
Union Public Service Commission
Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road
New Delhi

Dated: 09.06.2026

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Sub: Proposal for grant of one-time relaxation in upper age limit for direct recruitment to the post of Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) against DSSSB Advertisement No. 06/2025 dated 03.10.2025.

Kind Attention: Joint Secretary (Promotion & Deputation)

Respected Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to submit for consideration of the Commission a proposal for grant of one-time relaxation in the upper age limit for direct recruitment to the post of Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) advertised by the Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSSB) vide Advertisement No. 06/2025 dated 03.10.2025.

- The Directorate of Education requisitioned 5,330 vacancies of TGTs to DSSSB with the objective of addressing substantial vacancies in Government schools and ensuring availability of adequate teaching staff.
- Subsequent to publication of the advertisement, a large number of representations have been received from aspiring candidates seeking relaxation in the prescribed upper age limit. The representations primarily highlight the adverse impact of irregular recruitment cycles, disruption of recruitment activities during the COVID-19 pandemic period, and the transition from the erstwhile Recruitment Rules to the revised Recruitment Rules notified on 30.06.2023.
- It is pertinent to mention that under the earlier Recruitment Rules notified on 27.02.1997, the effective upper age limit for direct recruitment was 32 years for male candidates and 40 years for female candidates in terms of the applicable Government instructions. However, the revised Recruitment Rules notified on 30.06.2023 prescribe a uniform upper age limit of 30 years for all candidates.
- Owing to the prolonged gap in recruitment and the extraordinary circumstances prevailing during the COVID-19 period, a substantial number of otherwise eligible candidates have crossed the prescribed age limit without having had adequate opportunities to participate in recruitment processes. The issue has been examined in detail and it has been observed that the present recruitment is transitional in nature, being one of the first major recruitments conducted after notification of the revised Recruitment Rules.

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6. The Recruitment Rules notified on 30.06.2023 contain a specific provision empowering the Government to relax any of the provisions of the Rules, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission, where such relaxation is considered necessary or expedient.
7. After careful consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances, the Competent Authority has considered it appropriate to invoke the aforesaid power of relaxation in order to mitigate hardship caused by exceptional and unavoidable circumstances and to ensure a wider pool of eligible candidates for filling the large number of vacancies.
8. Accordingly, approval of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Delhi has been obtained for grant of the following one-time relaxation in upper age limit for recruitment to the post of TGT under DSSSB Advertisement No. 06/2025 dated 03.10.2025. The operated para is hereby reproduced as below- "I approve the proposal for one time age relaxation of 02 years for male candidates and 10 years for female candidates for recruitment to the post of Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) initiated vide DSSSB Advertisement No. 06/2025. However, while consulting with UPSC, the Department may also seek specific advice regarding the manner in which the aforesaid relaxation is to be operationalised in respect of the ongoing recruitment process i.e. by opening a limited window for submission of fresh applications from candidates who become eligible on account of the proposed age relaxation; or to cancel and initiating a fresh recruitment process incorporating the one-time age relaxation in the eligibility conditions".
9. This Directorate intends to operationalise the relaxation by opening a limited window for submission of fresh applications from candidates who become eligible on account of the proposed age relaxation.
10. The proposed relaxation is intended to be a **one-time measure** applicable only to the recruitment process initiated through DSSSB Advertisement No. 06/2025 dated 03.10.2025 and shall not be treated as a precedent for future recruitments.
11. In light of the above and the observations of the Competent Authority, the Commission is requested to kindly accord its concurrence/approval for the aforesaid one-time relaxation in exercise of the *Power to Relax* provision contained in the Recruitment Rules notified on 30.06.2023.

This issues with prior approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

Encl. as above.


(Patil Pranjal Bahensingh)
Additional Director of Education
GNCT of Delhi

20/07/2026



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F. No. 3/24D (01)/2026-RR

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UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2nd Floor, NDMC Talkatora Annexe Building, New Delhi

To,

Dated: 16.07.2026

The Chief Secretary,
Government of NCT of Delhi,
Directorate of Education,
E-III Branch, Old Secretariat,
Delhi-110054

[Attention: Ms. Patil Pranjal Lahensingh, Additional Director of Education]

Subject: Proposal for grant of one-time relaxation in upper age limit for direct recruitment to the post of Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) against DSSSB Advertisement No. 06/2025 dated 03.10.2025.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. DE.2(8) (25)/E-II/RRs/2025/Vol-1/920 dated 09.06.2026 on the above subject and to say that the request of Government of NCT of Delhi, grant of one-time relaxation in upper age limit for direct recruitment to the post of Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) against DSSSB Advertisement No. 06/2025 dated 03.10.2025 has been considered by the Commission and the comments of this Commission in this regard are as under:

(i) The provision regarding age limit for Direct Recruitment in the Recruitment Rules is made as per DoPT guidelines. These guidelines inter alia, provide that the upper age limits for different posts depend upon the nature of duties, educational qualifications and experience requirements. As per these guidelines, the upper age limit for direct recruits is 30 years for Group 'B' posts (Gazetted/Non-Gazetted) in Level-6 to 8. Further, as per DoPT guidelines, following provision on age-relaxation in favour of Government servants for appointment by direct recruitment to Group A and B posts is made:

“(Relaxable for Government Servants upto 5 years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government)”

(ii) The above provisions regarding age limit and age relaxation for Government Servants is applicable for all the posts across the board. The proposal for

framing/amendment of RRs for posts of UTs are also processed in the light of DoPT guidelines and these provisions are incorporated therein for the concerned posts.

(iii) Department has sought grant of one-time relaxation in upper age limit for direct recruitment to the post of Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) against DSSSB Advertisement No. 06/2025 dated 03.10.2025.

(iv) The department has sought relaxation in upper age limit on the ground of non-conduct of recruitment due to COVID-19. The situation arising out of pandemic was faced in entire Country. Subsequent direct recruitment are being Conducted by various Ministries/Department/UTs for various posts as per prescribed Age Limit.

(v) In this regard it may also be mentioned that DoPT guidelines provide the following Saving Clause for insertion in covering notification:

Saving Clause

"Nothing in those rules shall affect reservations, relaxation of age limit and other concession required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Ex-servicemen and other special categories of persons, in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard".

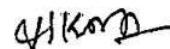
(vi) This savings clause is generally incorporated in all RR notifications. As may be seen that relaxation of age limit is already available for SC, ST, Ex-servicemen and other special categories of persons as per the prevalent orders.

(vii) To summarize, age limit for DR as well as relaxation in age are governed by DoPT/Govt. instruction, which provides for certain relaxations to special categories of persons. As such, it is for DoPT / Government to consider the issue of age relaxation, if required.

2. Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi is, therefore, advised to approach DoPT through Ministry of Home Affairs on the issue of grant of one-time relaxation in upper age limit for direct recruitment to the post of Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) against DSSSB Advertisement No. 06/2025 dated 03.10.2025.

3. This issues with the approval of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,



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