

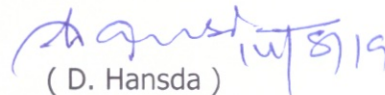
EASTERN RAILWAY

No.E.220/0/2/RR/Pt.XVII.

Kolkata , dated : 14/08/2019

ALL CONCERNEDSub : Validity period of OBC certificate.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No.2019/E(RRB)/25/42 dated 26.07.2019 (RRCB No. 06/2019) is forwarded for information, guidance and necessary action. Board's earlier letter dated 31.07.2003 and 23.06.2016, as mentioned therein, were circulated under this office Sl. No.92(8)/2003 and 74/2016 respectively.



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Sr. Personnel Officer (RP)

For Principal Chief Personnel Officer.

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. No.2019/E(RRB)/25/42 dated 26.07.2019 (RRCB No.06/2019) addressed to General Managers, All Indian Railways and Production Units.

Sub : Validity period of OBC certificate.

As a practice, since past, RRBs have been verifying the validity of OBC Non-Creamy Layer(NCL) certificate at the time of filling the application and also ensuring that the candidate is also OBC(NCL) at the time of document verification. In addition to the above, a declaration is being obtained from the candidate that he/she does not belong to the Creamy Layer. Situation may arise that a candidate at the time of filling in the application is OBC(NCL) and since the duration of the recruitment in case of 3 stage Computer Based Test(CBT) like ALP & Technician, takes about 1½ years to 2 years, the candidate may now fall under the Creamy Layer. The matter has been examined by the nodal Branch i.e. E(SCT) Branch and they have advised that instructions already exist vide Board's letter No.2003-E(SCT)I/71/2 dated 31.07.2003 (RBE No.133/2003). Para 3 of the letter states as under :-

*"The appointing authority before appointing a person seeking appointment on the basis of reservation to OBCs should verify the veracity of the community certificate submitted by the candidate and also the fact that he/she does not fall in creamy layer on the **crucial date**. The **crucial date for this purpose may be treated as the closing date for receipt of applications for the post** except in cases where crucial date is fixed otherwise".*

2. In view of above the candidate must be OBC(NCL) on the closing of the application. It has also been decided that a declaration must be obtained during DV from the candidates that they belonged to the OBC-NCL on the crucial date of the application.

3. Another issue that has constantly been raised by various Chairpersons is that candidates are not able to produce the certificate from any prescribed authorities and their cases are withheld/delayed. In this regard attention is drawn to DOP&T OM No.36011/1/2012-Estt.(Res.) dated 08.10.2015 circulated vide Board's letter No.E(SCT)I Branch No.2016-E(SCT)I/31/1 dated 23.06.2016. RRB/Chairpersons are requested to follow these instructions wherein DOP&T letter has clarified that the candidates who are not able to produce a certificate from any of the prescribed authorities, the candidate may be appointed provisionally on the basis of whatever prima facie proof the candidate is able to produce in within reasonable time and if there is genuine difficulty in his/her obtaining a certificate, the **Appointing Authority** should itself verify his/her claim through the District Magistrate.

In view of the above clarification, the panels at RRB's end need not be delayed further. This issues with the approval of the nodal Branch i.e. E(SCT)I.

Sd/-

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