



**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Equivalence of the Pre-foundation and Foundation Courses awarded by various Universities – Orders – Issued.

**PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS (M) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Ms.)No.144

Dated: 20.11.2017

ஹேவிளம்பி வருடம், கார்த்திகை 4,  
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2048.

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms.)No.528, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Per.R) Department, dated 18.05.1985.
2. G.O. (Ms.) No.1110, Education (HS.2) Department, dated 17.09.1985.
3. G.O.(Ms.)No.219, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Per.R) Department, dated 30.03.1988.
4. G.O.(Ms.)No.50, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Per.R) Department, dated 21.02.1997.
5. G.O.(Ms.)No.107, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (M) Department, dated 18.08.2009.
6. G.O.(Ms.)No.116, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (M) Department, dated 18.08.2010.
7. Letter No.33448/M2/2010-4, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (M) Department, dated 03.12.2010.
8. From the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, D.O. letter No.8705/RND-F/ 2015, dated 29.01.2016.
9. From the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, D.O. letter No.5140/RND-F/ 2017, dated 01.11.2017.

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**ORDER:**

In the Government Orders first and second read above, orders have been issued that the Pre-foundation Course and the two years Foundation Course of the Madurai Kamaraj University – Open University be recognized as equivalent to 10 years of SSLC and Higher Secondary Course (+2) of the Tamil Nadu Government respectively, for the purpose of entry into Public Services in this State.

2. In the Government orders third and fourth read above, the Two Years Foundation Course and One Year Foundation Course conducted by the Annamalai University have been considered as equivalent to +2 and 11 years SSLC respectively for the purpose of entry into Public Services in this State.

3. In the Government orders fifth and sixth read above, orders have been issued that the degree obtained after passing SSLC and +2 alone will be recognized for the purpose of employment / promotion in Public Services and that those who possess a Post Graduate Degree through Open University System without obtaining a basic degree cannot be considered as possessing a Post Graduate Degree for appointment to Public Services.

4. Based on the orders issued in the Government order fifth read above, the recognition of the Pre-foundation and the two year Foundation Courses awarded by various Open Universities were clarified in the letter seventh read above to the effect that -

“A degree awarded by the Open Universities after passing Pre-foundation Course and two year Foundation Course through Open University cannot be recognized as degree as per University Grants Commission norms for the purpose of employment/promotion in Public Services, since such Pre-foundation Course and two year Foundation Course are not contemplated in the University Grants Commission Regulations.

Therefore, those who obtained a degree under Open University System after passing the Pre-foundation Course and two year Foundation Course without passing 10<sup>th</sup> standard and +2 examination do not satisfy the conditions laid in G.O.(Ms).No.107, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (M) Department, dated 18.08.2009 which is in consonance with the orders of Supreme Court of India”.

The above clarification was followed from the date of issue of orders in the Government Order fifth read above.

5. In the meantime, the Equivalence Committee in its recommendations in the letter eighth and ninth read above has also resolved that the Pre-foundation Course and the Foundation / Bridge Courses awarded by various Universities cannot be recognized as equivalent to SSLC and Higher Secondary Course (+2). The recommendations of the Equivalence Committee are in consonance with the clarification issued in the letter seventh read above, hence, the Pre-foundation Course and the Foundation / Bridge Courses awarded by various Universities cannot be recognized as equivalent to SSLC and Higher Secondary Course (+2).

6. As the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee confirms the clarification that the Pre-foundation Course and Foundation Course offered by various Universities in the State are not equivalent to SSLC and Higher Secondary Course (+2) respectively, Government emphasise to follow the clarification issued in the Government letter seventh read above scrupulously.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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