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Dated the 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** Comments of stakeholders on draft Recruitment Rules for the post of Economic Officer [Group 'B' Gazetted posts] and Economic Investigator [Group 'B' Non-Gazetted posts] in DMEO, NITI Aayog

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of India, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) OM No. AB-14017/61/2008- Estt.(RR) dated 13-10-2015 stipulating that before referring any proposal to DoPT for framing/amendment in the Recruitment Rules of any post in Ministries/Departments and their subordinate and attached office, the proposed amendments/revision in the Recruitment Rules would be put up on the website of respective Ministries/Departments for 30 days for inviting comments from the stakeholders.

2. Accordingly, all the stakeholders are requested to forward their comments (if any) in respect of the enclosed draft Recruitment Rules for the post of Economic Officer and Economic Investigator, DMEO, NITI Aayog to [suneel.gupta@gov.in](mailto:suneel.gupta@gov.in) within 30 days of publishing of this OM on official website of NITI Aayog and DMEO.

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Encl. Draft Recruitment Rules for the post of Economic Officer and Economic Investigator, DMEO, NITI Aayog.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NITI AAYOG  
DEVELOPMENT MONITORING AND EVALUATION OFFICE (DMEO)**

**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the \_\_\_\_\_ March, 2025

G.S.R. – In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution and in supersession of the Programme Evaluation Organisation, NITI Aayog (erstwhile Planning Commission) Economic Officer Recruitment Rules, 2002 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of recruitment to the posts of Economic Officer in the DMEO, NITI Aayog, namely :-

**1. Short title and commencement: -**

- a) These Rules may be called the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office, NITI Aayog Economic Officer Recruitment Rules, 2025.
- b) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

**2. Application:** These rules shall apply to the posts specified in column 1 of the Schedule annexed to these rules

**3. Number of posts, classification and level in the Pay Matrix:-**The number of the said posts, their classification, and the level in the Pay Matrix attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the Schedule annexed to these Rules.

**4. Method of recruitment, age limit, qualifications etc.:-**The method of recruitment relating to the said posts, age limit, qualifications and other matters connected therewith shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the said Schedule.

**5. Disqualification –** No person,

- (a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living or;
- (b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any other person,

shall be eligible for appointment to the said post.

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

**6. Power to relax –** Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order, and for reasons to be recorded in writing, and in consultation with Union Public Service Commission, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

**7. Saving –** Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of the age limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Class, Ex-Servicemen and other special categories of persons in accordance with other orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

**SCHEDULE**

<b>Name of the post</b>	<b>Number of posts</b>	<b>Classification of the post</b>	<b>Pay Level in the Pay Matrix</b>
1.	2.	3.	4.
Economic Officer	25 (2025) *Subject to <b>variation</b> dependent on workload	General Central Service Group 'B' Gazetted, Non-Ministerial	Level-7 in pay matrix (₹ 44,900-1,42,400)

<b>Whether selection or non-selection post</b>	<b>Age limit for direct recruitment</b>	<b>Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruitment.</b>	<b>Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment will apply in the case of promotion</b>
5.	6.	7.	8.
Selection	<p>Not exceeding 30 years</p> <p>(Relaxable for Government servants up to 5 years' in accordance with the orders or instruction issued by the Central Government)</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be closing date for receipt of applications from candidates in India ( and not the closing date prescribed for those in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Ladakh, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and UTs of Lakshadweep).</p>	<p><b>Essential :</b> Master's Degree in Economics from a recognized University/ Institute;</p> <p><b>Desirable:</b></p> <p>(i) One years' Experience of Economic Research relating to Public Policy.</p> <p>(ii) One years' Experience in conducting, evaluations and drafting technical reports.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The qualifications are relaxable at the discretion of UPSC/SSC/competent authority for reasons to be recorded in writing in case of candidate is otherwise well qualified</p>	<p>Age : No</p> <p>Educational Qualification: No. but must possess bachelors Degree with Economics as one of the subjects from a recognized University/ Institute</p>

Period of probation, if any	Method of recruitment – whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods
9.	10.
<p>Two years for direct recruitment.</p> <p>Note: There shall be a mandatory induction training of at least two weeks duration for successful completion of the probation as prescribed by the Central Government.</p>	<p>a) 20% by Promotion, failing which by Deputation</p> <p>b) 20% by Deputation</p> <p>c) 60% by Direct Recruitment</p>
<b>In case of recruitment by promotion/ deputation/absorption, the grades from which promotion/deputation/ absorption to be made.</b>	
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<b><u>By Promotion:</u></b>	
<p>Economic Investigator in <b>Level-6 of the Pay-Matrix</b> with 5 years' regular service in the grade and having successfully completed 2 weeks training in Administration or Establishment or any other conducted by ISTM or authorized institutes.</p>	
<p><b>Note 1:</b> Where juniors who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their senior would also be considered provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service or two years, whichever is less, and have successfully completed probation period for promotion to the next higher grade along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying or eligibility service.</p>	
<b><u>By Deputation :</u></b>	
<p>Officers under the Central Government or State Governments or Union Territories:</p>	
<p>(a) (i) holding analogous posts on regular basis in the parent cadre or department; or  (ii) with five years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in posts in <b>Level 6 of the pay matrix</b> in the parent cadre or Department: and</p> <p>(b) Possessing the qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruitment under Col. No.7</p>	
<p><b>Note 1.-</b> The departmental officers in the feeder category who are in direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation. Similarly, the deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.</p>	
<p><b>Note 2.-</b> Period of deputation including the period of deputation in another ex- cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organization or department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not exceed three years.</p>	
<p><b>Note 3.-</b> The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation shall not exceed 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of application.</p>	

If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission is to be consulted in making recruitment
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<p>Departmental Selection Committee (for considering promotion):</p> <p>(1) Director/ Deputy Secretary, Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) – <b>Chairman</b>  (2) Director/ Deputy Adviser or equivalent in Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) – <b>Member</b>  (3) Director/ Deputy Adviser or equivalent in NITI Aayog – <b>Member</b></p> <p><b>Note ;</b> One of them will be from SC/ST category-</p>	<p>Consultation with Union Public Service Commission is necessary for Direct Recruitment.</p>
<p>Departmental Selection Committee (for considering confirmation):</p> <p>(1) Director/ Deputy Secretary, Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) – <b>Chairman</b>  (2) Director/ Deputy Adviser or equivalent in Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) – <b>Member</b>  (3) Director/ Deputy Adviser or equivalent in NITI Aayog – <b>Member</b></p> <p><b>Note ;</b> One of them will be from SC/ST category.</p>	

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**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the \_\_\_\_\_ March, 2025

G.S.R. – In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution and in supersession of the Programme Evaluation Organisation, NITI Aayog (erstwhile Planning Commission) Economic Investigator Recruitment Rules, 2002, (G.S.R 30 dated 08-10-2002) and amended by G.S.R. 259 dated 07.07.2003 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following rules, regulating the method of recruitment to the posts of Economic Investigator in the (Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office ) DMEO, NITI Aayog, namely :-

**1. Short title and commencement:-**

- (1) These Rules may be called the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office, NITI Aayog Economic Investigator Recruitment Rules, 2025.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

**2. Application:** These rules shall apply to the posts specified in column 1 of the Schedule annexed to these rules

**3. Number of posts, classification and level in the Pay Matrix:-**The number of the said posts, their classification, and the level in the Pay Matrix attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the Schedule annexed to these Rules.

**4. Method of recruitment, age limit, qualifications etc.:-**The method of recruitment relating to the said posts, age limit, qualifications and other matters connected therewith shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the said Schedule.

**5. Disqualification –** No person,

- (a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living or;
- (b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any other person,

shall be eligible for appointment to the said post.

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

**6. Power to relax –** Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order, and for reasons to be recorded in writing, and in consultation with Union Public Service Commission, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

**7. Saving –** Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of the age limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Class, Ex-Servicemen and other special categories of persons in accordance with other orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

**SCHEDULE**

<b>Name of the post</b>	<b>Number of posts</b>	<b>Classification of the post</b>	<b>Pay Level in the Pay Matrix</b>
1.	2.	3.	4.
Economic Investigator	11 (2025) *Subject to <b>variation</b> dependent on workload	General Central Service Group 'B' Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial	Level-6 in pay matrix (₹35,400-1,12,400)

<b>Whether selection or non-selection post</b>	<b>Age limit for direct recruitment</b>	<b>Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruitment.</b>	<b>Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment will apply in the case of promotion</b>
5.	6.	7.	8.
Selection	Not exceeding 30 years  (Relaxable for Government servants up to 5 years in accordance with the orders or instruction issued by the Central Government)  <b>Note:</b> The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be closing date for receipt of applications from candidates in India (and not the closing date prescribed for those in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Ladakh, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and UTs of Lakshadweep).	<b>Essential :</b> Bachelors Degree with Economics as one of the subjects from a recognized University/Institute.  <b>Desirable:</b> Aptitude for rural survey  <b>Note ;</b> The qualification(s) regarding experience is/are relaxable at the discretion of the SSC/Competent Authority, for reasons to be recorded in writing in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes if at any stage of selection	Age : No  Educational Qualification: No.

		the SSC/Competent, is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from these communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them.	
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Period of probation, if any	Method of recruitment – whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods
9.	10.
Two years  <b>Note for Direct Recruit</b> - There shall be a mandatory induction training of at least two weeks duration for successful completion of the probation as prescribed by the Central Government.	a) 15% by promotion, failing which by Deputation  b) 85% by Direct Recruitment.
<b>In case of recruitment by promotion/ deputation/ absorption, the grades from which promotion/deputation/ absorption to be made.</b>	

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**By Promotion:**

Upper Division Clerk in level-4 in the Pay Matrix with ten years regular service and having successfully completed 2 weeks training in Administration or Establishment or any other conducted by ISTM or authorized institutes.

**Note 1:** Where juniors who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their senior would also be considered provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service or two years, whichever is less, and have successfully completed probation period for promotion to the next higher grade along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying or eligibility service.

**By Deputation :**

Officers under the Central Government or State Governments or Union Territories:



(a)(i) holding analogous posts on regular basis in the parent cadre or department; or (ii) with ten years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in posts in Level 4 of the pay matrix in the parent cadre or Department: and

(b) Possessing the qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruitment under Col. No.7

**Note 1.-** The departmental officers in the feeder category who are in direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation. Similarly, the deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion.

**Note 2.-** Period of deputation including the period of deputation in another ex- cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organization or department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not exceed three years.

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