Direct recruitment to TN Government posts: upper age limit raised by 5 years – CM Vijay's order; 37 years for Group-I general category

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News

On the orders of CM C. Joseph Vijay, the upper age limit for direct recruitment to Tamil Nadu Government posts has been raised by 5 years. It is in force for five years from 30 Oct 2026. The Government press note says it accepted the demand of competitive-exam aspirants; it will help those who crossed the age limit owing to delays in recruitment and exam schedules. It is in addition to the existing age concessions for BC, BC(M), MBC/DNC, SC, ST and destitute widows.

Key facts

Group-I	General: 32 → 37; reserved: 37 → 42; PwD (general): 42 → 47; PwD (reserved): 47 → 52
Group-II, IIA	General: 30 → 35; PwD (general): 40 → 45; no upper limit for reserved categories (continues)
Group-IV	General: 30 → 35; BC, BC(M), MBC/DNC (SSLC-level qualification only): 32 → 37; SC/ST/destitute widows (SSLC-level only): 35 → 40; no upper limit for reserved categories with higher qualification
Validity	Five years from 30 Oct 2026

Reason	Aspirants' demand; recruitment and exam delays

Background

- Constitution: Part XIV (Articles 308–323) – services and public service commissions. Article 309 – the legislature may regulate recruitment and conditions of service; until then the Governor may make rules. Article 16 – equality of opportunity in public employment.
- Commission: Article 315 – Union and State PSCs; Article 316 – Governor appoints the State PSC chairman and members (6 years or till 62); Article 317 – removal by the President after a Supreme Court inquiry; Article 320 – functions; Article 323 – annual report to the Governor.
- TNPSC history: the 'Madras Service Commission' was set up in 1929 under an Act of the Madras Legislature – India's first provincial PSC. It became the Madras PSC in 1957 and the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC) in 1970. It has 15 members including the chairman; HQ Chennai.

Tamil Nadu link: TNPSC conducts Group-I (Deputy Collector, DSP etc.), Group-II/IIA and Group-IV (VAO, Junior Assistant etc.) exams; the raise benefits lakhs of aspirants preparing for them.

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