TNPSC Group 4 2026 – 6574 Vacancies, Exam Date, Eligibility, Exam Pattern, How to Apply

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> **Update (05-11-2026):** G.O.(Ms) No. 68, Human Resources Management (S) Department, dated 30-10-2026 raised the upper age limit by five years for all categories. The last date for Group 4 applications has therefore been extended to **08-11-2026, 11.59 PM** (TNPSC Press Release No. 127/2026 dated 04-11-2026; Addendum 11B/2026). The written exam date (10-01-2027) is unchanged. The revised age limits are in the Age Limit section below.

TNPSC Group 4 (Combined Civil Services Examination–IV, Group IV Services) 2026 has been notified through Notification No. 11/2026 (Advertisement No. 747, dated 06-10-2026) for a total of **6574 vacancies** across 46 posts. The written examination is on **10-01-2027 (Sunday), 9.30 AM – 12.30 PM**. The last date to apply online has been extended to **08-11-2026 (11.59 PM)**.

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Important Dates

Event	Date
Notification (11/2026, Advt. No. 747)	06-10-2026
Online application opens	06-10-2026
Last date to apply	**08-11-2026 (11.59 PM)** – extended (earlier 05-11-2026; TNPSC Press Release No. 127/2026, 04-11-2026)
Last date for fee payment	08-11-2026
Application Correction Window	09-11-2026 to 11-11-2026 (TNPSC Press Release No. 127/2026)
Hall ticket	Download from tnpscexams.in (not sent by post)
Written examination	**10-01-2027, 9.30 AM – 12.30 PM**
Tentative answer key	On tnpsc.gov.in within 6 working days of the exam

Vacancies – 6574

Summary by main post (totalled from the post codes in the notification):

Post	Post Code	Vacancies
Village Administrative Officer (VAO)	2025	**291**
Junior Assistant – all services / organisations (incl. Security, Non-Security, Accounts)	2400, 2600, 4600, 3842, 3840, 3512, 3851, 3521, 3788, 3816, 3520, 3321, 3848	**3737**
Typist	2200, 4200, 3834, 3846, 3844, 3852, 3817	**1572**
Steno Typist (Grade III)	2300, 4300, 3837, 3838, 3847, 3672, 3845	**376**
Bill Collector	2500, 3214	**97**
Tax Collector	3854	**107**
Revenue Assistant	3843	**96**
Personal Clerk	3841	**60**
Junior Administrative Assistant (incl. Computer Operator)	3835, 3836	**55**
Executive Officer (Grade IV) – HR & CE	1655	**46**
Forest Watcher	3319	**40**
Other posts (Shorthand Typist, Junior Assistant cum Typist, Junior Inspector of Co-operative Societies, Record Clerk, Laboratory Assistant, Senior Laboratory Assistant, Sales Assistant, Telephone Operator, Forest Guard with Driving Licence)	3804, 3853, 3822, 1095, 3839, 3746, 3103, 3806, 3318	**97**
Total (46 posts)		**6574**

The single largest post: Junior Assistant (Non Security), Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service (Post Code 2600) – 2610. The number of vacancies is tentative and may change before counselling begins. The department / unit-wise distribution will be announced later.

Educational Qualification

- For VAO, most Junior Assistant posts, Bill Collector, Tax Collector, Revenue Assistant, Forest Watcher and similar posts: **Minimum General Educational Qualification – a pass in the Tamil Nadu SSLC (10th)**. A pass in the 10th Standard examination of the Board of Open School, Tamil Nadu is treated as an SSLC pass.
- Some organisation posts need a degree – e.g. Junior Assistant (Accounts), Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation (3848) – B.Com.; Sales Assistant (3806) – any degree; Steno Typist, CMDA (3672) – a degree (10+2+3).

- Laboratory Assistant, Senior Laboratory Assistant, Typist (3817) and Forest Guard with Driving Licence need Higher Secondary (+2); for the laboratory posts and Forest Guard, with the science subjects specified for each post.
- Typist / Steno Typist posts: a pass in the Government Technical Examination in Typewriting (and Shorthand for Steno) at the grades specified for each post; most of these posts also need the Certificate Course in Computer on Office Automation. For some posts the computer certificate may be acquired within the probation period / two years of appointment.
- All qualifications must be held **on the date of notification, 06-10-2026**. Adequate knowledge of Tamil is required (Tamil as a language in SSLC / HSC / Degree, or Tamil-medium study, or a pass in TNPSC's Second Class Language Test in Tamil).
- See para 4.2 of the notification for the exact qualification of each post.

Age Limit (as on 01-07-2026) – revised (+5 years)

As per G.O.(Ms) No. 68, Human Resources Management (S) Department, dated 30-10-2026 / Addendum 11B/2026, the upper age limit has been raised by five years (+5 years) for all categories. The table below adds five years to every maximum age in the table at para 4.1 of Notification 11/2026; the limit printed in the notification is shown in brackets. Minimum ages are unchanged. "Maximum 35" means the candidate should not have completed 35 years on 01-07-2026.

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Post (post code)	Minimum age	Others – maximum	BC(OBCM), BCM, MBC/DC – maximum	SC, SC(A), ST – maximum
Village Administrative Officer – VAO (2025)	21	**35** (notification: 30)	**45** (notification: 40)	**45** (notification: 40)
Junior Assistant (2400, 2600, 4600, 3842, 3840, 3512, 3851), Bill Collector (2500, 3214), Revenue Assistant (3843), Tax Collector (3854), Junior Administrative Assistant (3835, 3836), Junior Assistant cum Typist (3804), Typist (2200, 4200, 3834, 3844, 3852), Steno Typist Grade III (2300, 4300, 3837, 3838, 3845), Personal Clerk (3841), Shorthand Typist (3853), Telephone Operator (3822), Junior Inspector of Co-operative Societies (1095), Record Clerk (3839)	18	**35** (notification: 30)	**37#** (notification: 32#)	**40#** (notification: 35#)
Typist (3846), Steno Typist (3847) – Tamil Nadu Waqf Board (Muslims only)	18	**35** (notification: 30)	BCM only: **37#** (notification: 32#)	–
Junior Assistant (3521, 3788, 3816, 3520, 3321, 3848), Typist (3817), Steno Typist (3672), Senior Laboratory Assistant (3746), Laboratory Assistant (3103), Sales Assistant (3806)	18	**35** (notification: 30)	No maximum age limit	No maximum age limit
Executive Officer Grade IV (1655) – HR & CE	25	**40** (notification: 35)	BC(OBCM), MBC/DC: **42#** (notification: 37#)	**45#** (notification: 40#)
Forest Watcher (3319), Forest Guard with Driving Licence (3318)	21	**35** (notification: 30)	**38** (notification: 33)	**40** (notification: 35)

- **#** – no maximum age limit for BC(OBCM), BCM, MBC/DC, SC, SC(A) and ST candidates who hold a general educational qualification higher than the minimum. "No maximum age limit" means the candidate should not have completed 60 years on 01-07-2026 or at the time of selection / appointment.
- Other age concessions (Persons with Benchmark Disability, Ex-Servicemen, Destitute Widows) continue as in the notification; see Addendum 11B/2026 for the exact revised figures (persons with benchmark disability are not eligible for the Forest Guard with Driving Licence and Forest Watcher posts).

- Candidates of the "Others" category with five or more years of service under the Government of India / a State / UT are not eligible even if within the age limit. HR&CE posts are only for persons professing the Hindu religion; Typist (3846) and Steno Typist (3847) in the Tamil Nadu Waqf Board only for persons professing the Muslim religion.
- Confirm the exact limit for your post in the table at para 4.1 of the notification and in Addendum 11B/2026 (tnpsc.gov.in).

Exam Pattern

Single-stage written examination – one paper, OMR, objective type, 3 hours, SSLC standard. **No interview.** Ranking is on the total marks in the written examination.

Part	Subject	Questions	Marks
A	Tamil Eligibility-cum-Scoring Test	100	150
B	General Studies	75	150 (B + C)
C	Aptitude and Mental Ability	25	
Total		**200**	**300**

- Minimum qualifying marks: **90 / 300** (for all communities).
- Parts B and C are evaluated only if the candidate secures at least **40% (60 marks)** in Part A; the total of Parts A, B and C is used for ranking.
- Part A questions are in Tamil only; Parts B and C are set in both Tamil and English.
- Differently abled candidates who studied only English in Board / University may opt for General English (SSLC standard, no translation part) instead of Part A; they too must secure at least 60 marks in it.

Syllabus – Unit-wise Question Count

Question counts are indicative, as stated by TNPSC, and may vary slightly. Full unit-wise syllabus: TNPSC Group 4 Syllabus.

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Part A – General Tamil (unit)	Approx. questions
Grammar (இலக்கணம்)	25
Vocabulary (சொல்லகராதி)	15
Writing skills (எழுதும் திறன்)	15
Technical terms (கலைச் சொற்கள்)	10
Reading comprehension (வாசித்தல் – புரிந்து கொள்ளும் திறன்)	15
Simple translation (எளிய மொழி பெயர்ப்பு)	5
Literature, Tamil scholars and their service (இலக்கியம், தமிழ் அறிஞர்களும், தமிழ்த்தொண்டும்)	15

Unit	Part B – General Studies	Approx. questions
I	General Science	5
II	Geography	5
III	History, Culture of India and Indian National Movement	10
IV	Indian Polity	15
V	Indian Economy and Development Administration in Tamil Nadu	20
VI	History, Culture, Heritage and Socio-Political Movements of Tamil Nadu	20
–	Part C – Aptitude (15) + Reasoning (10)	25

Selection Process

1. **Written examination** – ranking by total marks. On equal marks, higher qualification is placed first (for Typist / Steno posts, higher technical qualification first), then the candidate senior in age, then the earlier applicant.
2. **Onscreen Certificate Verification** – for VAO, Junior Assistant, Typist and Steno Typist posts in the ratio 1:3 (general) and 1:2 (all reserved categories); for Forest Guard with Driving Licence and Forest Watcher 1:6 for all categories. Candidates get 10 calendar days to upload certificates.
3. **Forest posts only:** Physical Standards Test and Endurance Test in 1:3 ratio – a walk of 25 km (men) / 16 km (women and third gender) to be completed in four hours, held only at Chennai. Minimum height: men 163 cm (ST 152), women / third gender 150 cm (ST 145).

4. **Physical certificate verification and counselling** – candidates take part in counselling in order of rank.

Fee

- One Time Registration (OTR): ₹150 (valid for five years from registration; not needed again if your OTR is still valid).
- Examination fee: **₹100** – online only (Net Banking / Credit / Debit card / UPI); service charges extra.
- Fee concession: SC, SC(A), ST, Persons with Benchmark Disability and Destitute Widows – full exemption; BC(OBCM), BCM, MBC/DC – three free chances; Ex-Servicemen – two free chances.
- The PSTM (Persons Studied in Tamil Medium) Act 2010, as amended by Amendment Act No. 12 of 2026, applies.

How to Apply

1. Apply online only at **tnpscexams.in**.
2. Complete One Time Registration (OTR) first – Aadhaar linking is mandatory; an active e-mail ID and mobile number are required.
3. Log in with your OTR user ID / password and click "APPLY" for Group 4. Upload a studio photograph taken on or after the date of notification (20–50 KB, with name and date of photography printed) and signature (10–20 KB).
4. Choose two examination centres (persons with benchmark disability: one). To be considered for Forest Guard / Forest Watcher too, select "All the Posts"; otherwise select "Posts other than Forest Guard with Driving Licence / Forest Watcher".
5. Pay the fee and click "SUBMIT"; note the Application Number. Corrections are possible only in the application correction window announced by TNPSC (09-11-2026 to 11-11-2026).

Help: TNPSC toll-free 1800 419 0958 (working days, 10.00 AM – 5.45 PM); OTR / application queries to helpdesk@tnpscexams.in.

Answer Key

On the evening of the exam (10-01-2027), the answer key prepared by our teachers will be published on the answer key page. TNPSC's official tentative key comes within 6 working days; objections can be raised online only, within 7 days.

Our Pages to Help You Prepare

- TNPSC Group 4 Syllabus (unit-wise)
- Thirukkural – the 20 syllabus chapters with simple meanings (Tamil)
- TNPSC Exam Calendar
- TNPSC Group 4 Course
- Free General Tamil Quiz
- Your personal study plan (free)
- TNPSC Notes

Frequently asked questions

What is the last date to apply for TNPSC Group 4 2026?

The last date to apply online and pay the fee for Notification 11/2026 is 08-11-2026, 11.59 PM (earlier 05-11-2026). TNPSC extended it after the upper age limit was raised (Press Release No. 127/2026, 04-11-2026). Apply only at tnpscexams.in.

Has the TNPSC Group 4 age limit been increased?

Yes. G.O.(Ms) No. 68 (30-10-2026) raised the upper age limit by five years for all categories. As on 01-07-2026, for most posts: Others 35, BC(OBCM) / BCM / MBC/DC 37, SC / SC(A) / ST 40; VAO – Others 35, reserved categories 45. Minimum ages are unchanged. The post-wise table is on this page.

Has the TNPSC Group 4 exam date changed?

No. The written exam is on 10-01-2027 (Sunday), 9.30 AM – 12.30 PM.

When can I correct my Group 4 application?

Only in the application correction window announced by TNPSC. The correction window is 09-11-2026 to 11-11-2026 (TNPSC Press Release No. 127/2026).

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