

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.E) DEPARTMENT

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**PRESS NOTE**

In response to queries from certain quarters regarding the eligibility of a person for enrollment in a graduate constituency is clarified as follows:

i) **Appearance in person for verification of degree/diploma certificate of Graduates:**

As per para 4(v) guidelines Every person making an application in Form 18 shall be required to furnish his degree or certificate or mark sheet, in original, in support of his eligibility. In cases where the applicant directly submits his application in person before the Designated Officer he shall produce the original degree/certificate/mark sheet before the Designated Officer. In cases where the application is sent by post to the ERO/AERO alongwith attested copies of the degree/certificate, the ERO will forward the same to the Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO), incharge of the area where the applicant stays. The SDO will, in turn, issue a notice to the applicant to appear either before him or a Designated Officer appointed for the purpose in the Sub-division, in person, alongwith his original certificate. On the appointed day of the hearing, the applicant will produce his original certificates and the Designated Officer will then proceed with his enquiry as per sub- para (a) above and affix his decision as laid down therein. The application will then be forwarded after completion of the enquiry by the SDO to the ERO/AERO concerned.

ii) **Verification of Claims in Form-18:** In all cases where a claim is supported by a copy of an entry in the Government record or a certificate issued to a Graduate employee by the Gazetted Head of Office on the basis of entries in Government records in his custody or a copy of an entry in the record of Statutory Bodies, Corporations or Public undertakings specifying the degree, diploma or certificate possessed by the claimant duly attested by the Head of the Office concerned, further verification by the Designated officer may be dispensed with. In other cases, where only the attested copies of the card of registration/certificate issued by the University/College and other institutions are furnished by the applicant instead of the original certificates/registration cards, then the same are required to be verified by the Designated Officer.

iii) **Production of residence certificate:** Submission of proof of residence along with the applications is not required. Only proof of educational qualification in respect of graduate constituency and certificate issued by the Head of the Institution in respect of

Teacher Constituency have to be produced. The Designated Officers / AEROs / EROs shall undertake the supervisory checks with regard to residential status of applicant during the period of disposal of claims and objections as pointed out in para 7 of the Election Commission guidelines.

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