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Government of India
Ministry of Mines

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Subject: - Seeking comments/views/suggestions from stakeholders/citizens on draft proposal for amendment in the Recruitment Rules for the post of Director General, level-17, Geological Survey of India-reg.

The draft Recruitment Rules proposed for amendment in respect of the post of Director General, Geological Survey of India as per Annexure-III are put up on the official website of Ministry of Mines and GSI for comments from stakeholders, in pursuance of DOPT OM No. AB-14017/61/2008-Estt. (RR) dated 13.10.2015.

2. The views/suggestions preferably not exceeding one page may be sent through e-mail on email ID- k.thaneshwar@nic.in & ddg.per@gsi.gov.in or in hard copy by 31.07.2026.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by

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(Thaneshwar Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To,

- i. DDG (IT), Geological Survey of India 27, J. L. Nehru Road, Kollata-700016 (with request to upload the draft Recruitment Rules (Director General) on the website of GSI).
- ii. Officer In-charge, IT Cell, Ministry of Mines (with request to upload the draft Recruitment Rules (Director General) on the website of Ministry of Mines)

Annexure-III

1. (a) Name of post : **Director General, Geological Survey of India**
(b) Name of the Ministry/Department : Ministry of Mines / Geological Survey of India
2. Reference No. in which the Commission's advice on Recruitment rules was conveyed/Number and date of Notification of the existing recruitment rules : 3/40(6)/2018-RR dated 14.12.2018
: Notified in the Gazette of India, Part II, Sec-3(i), dt. 24.12.2018

Col. No.	Particulars	Provisions in the existing Recruitment Rules	Revised Provisions Proposed	Reasons for the revision proposed
1	2	3	4	5
1	Name of the post	Director General	Chief Executive Officer	On the basis of Committee's recommendations
2	No. of posts	1(one)	1(one)	-
3.	Classification	General Central Services, Group-A, Gazetted, Non-Ministerial	General Central Service, Group 'A' Gazetted Non Ministerial	-
4.	Scale of pay	Level-17 in pay matrix	Level-17 in pay matrix	Replacement Pay scale as per 7 CPC
5.	Whether selection post or non-selection post	Selection	Selection	No Change
6.	Age limit for direct recruits	Not exceeding 58 years (Relaxable for Government servants upto five years' in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government.) from time to time	Not exceeding 56 years (Relaxable for Government servants upto five years' in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government.) from time to time Note.-The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the closing date for receipt of applications from candidates in India (and not the closing date prescribed for those in Assam, Meghalaya,	To provide a reasonable tenure to the head of organization to carry out purposeful work for the desired output. One year will be too short for a leader to achieve the targeted assignments.

		Note.-The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the 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 Division of Jammu and Kashmir State, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshdweep).	Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Ladakh Division of Jammu and Kashmir State, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshdweep).	
7.	Educational and other qualifications required for Direct recruits.	<u>Essential</u> (I) Master of Science in Geological Science or Master of Science (Technology) Geology or Master of Science in Geology or Integrated Master of Science in Applied Geology or Master of Technology (Geo-Exploration) or Master of Technology (Engineering Geology) or Master of Science (Marine Geology) or	(A) Essential Qualification: Master of Science in Geological Science/Master of Science (Technology) Geology / Master of Science in Geology / Integrated Master of Science in Geology/ Applied Geology/ Master of Technology (Geo-Exploration) / Master of Technology (Engineering Geology) / Master of Science (Marine Geology) / Master of Science in Earth Science and Resource Management / Master of Science in Oceanography and Coastal Areas Studies / Master of Science in Petroleum Geosciences course / Master	

		Master of Science in Earth Science and Resource Management or Master of Science in Oceanography and Coastal Areas Studies or Master of Science in Petroleum Geosciences course or Master of Science in Geochemistry from a recognized University OR Master of Science in Physics or applied physics or Master of Science in Geophysics or Integrated Master of Science in Exploration Geophysics or Master of Science in Marine Geophysics or Master of Science (Tech.) in Applied Geophysics from recognized university and (II) Having thirty years of experience in Group A post in mineral exploration or geological mapping or marine geology including research and development in the fields specified above of which ten years shall be	of Science in Geochemistry from a recognized University. OR Master of Science in Physics / applied physics / Master of Science in Geophysics/ Integrated Master of Science in Exploration Geophysics / Master of Science in Marine Geophysics / Master of Science (Tech.) in Applied Geophysics from a recognized university. OR M.Tech in any Stream/ M.Sc. in Maths/Chemistry from a recognized university. Experience (i) Having 30 years of experience in Group A posts in mineral exploration or geological mapping or marine geology including research and development in the fields specified above Out of which at least ten years should be in planning, administration, development of organization. OR Having 30 years of experience group 'A' post in Geophysical mapping, Geophysical Exploration for mineral targeting, Marine Geophysics, Airborne Geophysics including Research and Development activities in the field specified above, Out of which at least ten	
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		in a supervisory capacity. OR Having thirty years of experience group 'A' post in Geophysical mapping, Geophysical Exploration for mineral targeting, Marine Geophysics, Airborne Geophysics including Research and Development activities in the field specified above of which ten years should be in a supervisory capacity Note 1- Qualifications are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission for reasons to be recorded in writing, in the case of candidates otherwise well qualified. Note 2.- The qualifications regarding experience are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in the case of	years should be in planning, administration, development of organization. OR Having 30 years of experience group 'A' posts or equivalent in central Government/State Government/UT/PSUs/autonomous bodies. Note 1- Qualifications are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission for reasons to be recorded in writing, in the case of candidates otherwise well qualified. Note 2.- The qualifications regarding experience are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes if any at any stage of selection the Union Public Service Commission 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 post reserved for them.	
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8.	Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotes.	No	Not Applicable.	
9.	Period of probation, if any	One year for direct recruits.	One year for Direct Recruits	No change
10.	Method of Rectt., whether by Direct Recruitment or by Promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of the posts to be filled by various methods.	Promotion failing which by Deputation (including Short-term contract) failing both by direct recruitment	Direct Recruitment (Percentage - 100%) Note: - The recruitment will be on the basis of direct recruitment from the following: (A) Officers having two years regular service in level-15 of pay matrix (Rs.1,82,200-2,24,100) or	To have the expertise from a wider pool of officers from the

			equivalent in Government/Autonomous organizations possessing Educational Qualification and experience mentioned in Column No 7 Or (B) Group 'A' officers including All India Services (AIS) with 30-year service in Central Government/State Governments/UTs/Autonomous Bodies. should be holding a post, for at least 05 years, equivalent to the level of Joint Secretary in Govt. of India or carrying equivalent scale of pay on substantive basis on the date of application and out of which at least five years should be in planning, administration, development of organization possessing Educational Qualification and experience mentioned in Column No 7 Or (C) Applicants, from Public Sector Undertakings working in Geology & Mining field, should be holding post at Board level from Schedule-A CPSEs/CMDs of Schedule-B CPSEs with at least five years' experience in planning, administration, development of Organization	Central Government/State Governments/UTs/Autonomous bodies/ PSUs beside GSI
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			possessing Educational Qualification and experience mentioned in Column No 7	
11.	In case of rectt. By promotion/deputation/transfer, grade from which promotion/deputation/transfer to be made.	Promotion: Additional Director General (Geology) and Additional Director General (Geophysics) with two years' regular service in Level-15 of in pay matrix (Rs.1,82,200-2,24,100). Note 1.-Where juniors who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their seniors 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 their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade alongwith their juniors who have	Not applicable	

		already completed such qualifying or eligibility service. Note 2. Promotion to the grade shall be considered based on common eligibility list prepared with reference to the date of completion by the officers of the prescribed qualifying service in the respective grade / post with due regard to the inter-se-seniority of officers in respective grades/posts. Deputation (Including short term contract): Officers under the Central Government or State Governments or Union territories or Public Sector Undertakings or recognized research institutions or Universities or semi-Government or statutory or autonomous organization;	Not applicable	
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		(a) (i) holding analogous post on regular basis in the parent cadre or Department; or (ii) With one-year service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in level-16 of the pay matrix, or equivalent or (iii) With two years' service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in the level-15 of the pay matrix. and (b) Possessing the educational qualifications and experience prescribed for direct recruits under column 7. Note 1.-The Departmental officers in the feeder category who are in the direct line of promotion will not be eligible for consideration for		
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		appointment on deputation/absorption. Similarly deputationist shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion. Note 2.-Period of deputation (including short term contract) including period of deputation (including short term contract) 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 to exceed five years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short term contract) shall not be exceeding 58 years as on the closing date of the receipt of applications.		
12.	If a DPC exists what is its composition.	Group 'A' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering		

		promotion) consisting of: - 1. Chairman or Member, Union Public Service Commission- Chairman; 2. Secretary, Ministry of Mines- Member. 3. Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences- Member. Group 'A' Departmental Promotion Committee (for consideration confirmation) consisting of: - 1. Secretary, Ministry of Mines- Chairman; 2. Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology- Member; 3. Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences- Member.	Selection Committee (for Direct recruits): - Composition of Departmental Committee for confirmation of Direct recruits: - 1. Secretary, Ministry of Mines- Chairman; 2. Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology- Member; 3. Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences- Member.	
13.	Circumstances in which UPSC is to be consulted in making recruitment.	Consultation with Union Public Service Commission necessary while making direct recruitment and appointing an officer on	Not applicable	Direct Recruitment is proposed through Union Public Service Commission.

		deputation (including short term contract).		
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