

TRIPURA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AGARTALA

Advt. No. 23/2025

Online applications are invited from bonafide citizen of India for direct recruitment to 16 (Sixteen) nos. of posts of Food Safety Officer, Group-B Gazetted under Health & Family Welfare Department Govt. of Tripura in the Pay Matrix Level-13 under Tripura State Civil Services(Revised Pay) rules,2017 with its amendment(s)subject to revision by the Government from time to time.

Category wise posts are shown in the given below:

Category	No. of Post	33% reservation for Women	Total
UR	9	3	
ST	4	2	16 Nos. of post.
SC	3	1	

The number of post to be filled up is subject to increase or decrease following requisition of the Department.

Educational and other qualification required for direct recruitment:

ESSENTIAL:

(I)A Bachelor's or Master's or Doctorate degree in Food Technology or Dairy Technology or Biotechnology or Oil Technology or Agriculture Science or Veterinary Sciences or Bio-Chemistry or Microbiology or Chemistry or Medicine from recognized university.

OR

As amended time to time by the Government of India.

Disciplines "Food Technology"

(a) Food Engineering (b)Food Engineering & Technology (c)Food Processing & Preservation (d)Food Processing Technology (e)Food Technology and Management

(f)Food Biotechnology (g)Food Plant Operations Management (h)Food Process Engineering & Management (i)Food Processing (j)Food Safety and Quality Management (k) Process and Food Engineering.

Disciplines deemed to be covered under "Agricultural Science"

(a) Agriculture (b) Agriculture Engineering (c) Biotechnology (d) Dairy Technology (e) Fisheries (f) Food Technology (g) Food Nutrition and Dietetic (h) Horticulture.

Discipline denotes to be covered under "Medicine"

"Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery or Bachelor of Dental Surgery or Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery or Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery or Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery or Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery or Bachelor of Sowa Rigpa Medicine and Surgery".

(II)Permanent Resident Certificate (PRTC) would be required for the post by the direct recruitment as per provision of Notification vide No.F.23(8)-GA(P&T)/2023 dated 7th July 2023.

Desirable Qualification: Knowledge of Bengali or Kokborok.

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Provided that no person who has any financial interest in the manufacture import or sale of any article of food shall be appointed to be a Food Safety Officer under the rule.

Age- Not less than 18 years and not more than 40 years as on <u>02-09-2025</u>. Upper Age limit is relaxable by 5 years in case of SC/ST/PH and Govt. Employee candidates Provided that Govt. servants belonging to ST/SC/ PH category shall not get this relaxation over and above the general relaxation of 5 (five) years available to them.

The last date of submission of online application is $\underline{02-09-2025}$. (upto 5.30 PM). The application(s) received after the closing date will not be entertained.

Selection Process:

The Selection Process consists of 2(two) successive stage:-

- 1. Written Examination of 85 marks(MCQ type) (2 Hours).
- 2.Interview/Personality Test of 15 (Fifteen) marks.
- (a) Candidates will be called for the Interview/Personality Test on the basis of result of the Written Test as per the following ratio:

Number of vacancies	Number of candidates to be called for Personality Test (Category wise)
1(one)	5(five) candidates
2(two)	8(eight) candidates
3(three) and above	3(three) times the number of vacancies

It is also mentioned here that candidate(s) scoring marks equal to that of the last qualified candidate in the written Test shall also be called for Interview/Personality Test.

- (b) The interview /personality test shall be to assess the personal qualities of a candidate e.g. his/her intellectual ability, social traits, interest in current affairs, critical power of judgment, variety and depth of interest, ability for leadership moral integrity etc.
- (c) The candidates who will be found qualified in the Written Examination will be called to appear in the Interview / Personality Test. In no case shall a candidate be called for interview / personality test unless he/she appears in the Written examination.
- (d) In the list of recommendation, merit position of candidates securing equal marks will be finalized as per their seniority of age.

The same procedure is to be followed for preparing waiting List (if any).

Further, provided that, in the list of recommendation, merit position of candidates securing equal marks in aggregate and also of the same age will be decided on the basis of percentage of marks obtained in the minimum educational qualification prescribed in Recruitment Rules.

- (e) The final selection will be made in order of merit and merit list will be prepared by adding the marks obtained in the written examination and Interview / personality test. If a candidate remains absent in the interview / personality test, his/her candidature will not be considered for final selection.
- (f) Ranks of the candidates are not prepared for the candidates beyond the recommendation list & wait list (if there be any).

For detailed Syllabus please refer to (Annexure-A) & visit https://tpsc.tripura.gov.in

Other Important information:

1. Online Application Portal:

- (a) Candidates will have to submit application through Online Application Portal only. The Commission will not entertain any hard copy application. Before submission of online application, read carefully the instruction to candidates.
- (b) Link for Online Application Portal will be available on Commission's website from 07-08-2025 to 02-09-2025 (5.30 PM). Before applying for the post, an applicant (New user) shall register his/her bio-data particulars through One Time Profile Registration (OTPR) on the Commission's Website viz. https://tpsc.tripura.gov.in Once applicant registers his/her particulars, a User ID is generated and sent to his/her registered mobile number / email ID. Applicants need to apply for the post using the OTPR User ID through the Commission's website.
- (c) Applicants should avoid submitting multiple applications through different registration. However, if due to any unavoidable circumstances, any applicant submits multiple applications then he/she must ensure that the application with latest Application Number is complete in all respect.
- (d) In case of multiple applications, the application with latest Application Number shall only be entertained by the Commission and fee paid against one Application Number shall not be adjusted against any other Application Number.
- 2. (a) Candidates are not required to upload/submit with their respective applications any certificate in support of their claims regarding age, educational qualification, SC/ST etc.
- (b) Applicants must be in possession of the prescribed minimum qualification(s) and others for the post on the closing date for submission of application as mentioned in the advertisement. Their admission at all the stages will be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. Mere issue of admission certificate to the candidate will not imply that his/her candidature has been finally cleared by the Commission.
- c)After publication of result of Written Examination, successful candidates will be asked to submit self attested copies of the relevant documents i.e. Age proof certificate (birth certificate/Admit card of Madhyamik examination), Educational qualifications (madhyamik onwards), marksheet and certificates, Scheduled Tribes/Scheduled Castes/PH/Ex-SM certificate (if any), PRTC etc. to the Reception Counter of TPSC or By post addressed to the Secretary, TPSC, Agartala, PIN-799001. Submission of such documents including through post will be allowed up to specified time along with forwarding letter failing which candidature will be treated as cancelled. The Commission will not entertain any documents thereafter.
- d)On scrutiny of documents, if a candidate is found ineligible as per terms and condition of the advertisement (including prescribed recruitment fees), his/ her candidature will be rejected. If the application is not routed through Proper Channel, at the day of interview candidates will have to submit 'No-Objection' certificate. In that No-Objection certificate, it is to be clearly mentioned that your employer has 'No-Objection' if you are considered for recruitment to the post for which you have applied for.

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(3) Rate of Recruitment Fees:

a)Group-B Gazetted posts:-Rs. 350/-(Rupees three hundred & fifty) for General Candidates and Rs.250/-(Rupees two hundred & fifty) only for ST/SC/ BPL card holders/Physically Handicapped Candidates.

- (b) Recruitment fee so deposited, is non-refundable.
- (c) If a candidate submits incomplete application in respect of terms & condition of the Advertisement and without requisite recruitment fee, his/her candidature will be rejected.
- (4) Decision of the Commission as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate at any stage of the selection process shall be final.
- (5) Assessment and evaluation of necessary documents done by the Commission shall be final and shall not be open to scrutiny by any external authority.
- (6) The Examination venue shall be closed 10 minutes before the Scheduled Commencement of Examination. No candidate shall be allowed entry into the examination venue after closure of entry. No functionary has any direction in this regard.
- 7) Candidates are at liberty to make correction(s) in any field(s) of the 'Online Application Form' for the respective advertisement after closing day of submission of online application window of the said advertisement. The window for making correction(s) only will remain open for 7(seven) days from the closing day of submission of 'Online Application Form'.

After completion of such process the Commission will not entertain any application/representation for making correction(s) any field(s) of the 'Online Application Form'.

- (8) Candidates are instructed to visit the Commission's website for information regarding steps of recruitment process time to time.
- (9) Mobile Phone/Electronic Gadgets etc. are banned in the Campus of the Examination Premises/Interview Premises. Any Phone/Electronic Gadget found in possession of any candidate in the Examination Premises/Interview premises shall be confiscated forthwith and he/she may be debarred from appearing at the Examination/Interview and also for the Examination(s)/Interview to be conducted by the Commission in future Violation of such instruction will be dealt as per Law.
- 10) Any kind of enquiry regarding eligibility criteria, candidates are advised to approach the concerned Government Department. The Commission will not entertain any representation in this regard.
- (11) Entry in the Examination hall/Interview Premises with Jacket, Coat, Pull over & this type of garments will not be allowed.

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Secretary, Tripura Public Service Commission.

ANNEXURE-A

Syllabus: Food Safety Officer (FSO).

Total Time allowed 2(two) hours for written examination (MCQ type OMR based)

PART A: - General Aptitude and Computer Literacy - indicative syllabus.

Subject and Syllabus	Marks	Question Pattern MCQ
GENERAL APTITUDE	i e. i	
General Intelligence: Would include questions of both verbal and non-verbal type e.g. Questions on analogies, similarities and differences, space visualization, problem solving, analysis, judgment, decision making, visual memory, discriminating observations, relationship concepts, arithmetical reasoning, verbal and figure classification arithmetical number series, Non-verbal series etc.	05	05 Questions
General Awareness: Questions to test the ability of the candidates General Awareness of the environment around him/her and its application to society, Also testing knowledge of currents events and matters of every day observation as may be expected of an educated person. The test will include questions relating to India and neighboring countries specially pertaining to History, Culture, Geography, Economic scene, General Polity including Indian Constitution, sports and scientific research etc. These questions will be such that they do not required a special study of any discipline	05	05 Questions
English language Comprehension: Would test the candidates understanding of the English language, its vocabulary, grammar etc. Would include questions on comprehension, on word substitution, synonyms and antonyms, spelling error, spotting errors in sentences, grammar - noun, pronoun, adjectives, verbs, prepositions, conjunctions, use of 'a', 'an' and 'the', idioms and phrases etc. COMPUTER LITERACY	05	05 Questions
Candidate is expected to be able to handle all regular office work on computers, Knowledge of MS office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) including basic commands, Google Docs, emails commonly use social media handles (Whatsapp, Face book. Twitter, etc.) would be tested	05	05 Questions



PART B :- Functional Knowledge- Indicative Syllabus.

Subject and Syllabus	Marks	Question Pattern MCQ
Indian and International Food Laws (An O	verview)	
 Food Safety and Standards Act of India, 2006: Provision, definitions and different sections of the Act and implementation. FSS Rules and Regulations. Overview of other relevant national bodies (e.g. APEDA, BIS, EIC, MPEDA, Spice Board etc.). International Food Control Systems/ Laws, Regulations and Standard/ Guidelines with regard to Food Safety- (i) Overview of CODEX Alimentarius Commissions (History, Members, Standard settings and Advisory Mechanisms: JECFA, JEMRA, JMPR): WTO agreements (SPS/TBT). Important national and international accreditation bodies. 		20 Questions
FSSAI - Role, Functions, Initi Understanding)	atives (A	A General
 Genesis and Evolution of FSSAI. Structures and Functions of Food Authority. Overview of Systems and Processes in Standards, Enforcement, Laboratory ecosystems, imports, Third Party Audit, etc. 	20	20 Questions

 Promoting Safe and wholesome foods (Eat 		
Right India, Food fortification, snf, clean Street		
Food Hub, RUCO and various other social and		
behavioural changes initiatives)		
 Training and capacity building. 		
Role of State Food Authorities.		100
Subject Matter Knowledge	25	25
		Questions
Principles of Food Preservation, Processing and		
Packaging		
 Food Processing Operations, Principles, Good 		
Manufacturing Practices.		
 Overview of food preservation methods and 		
their underlying principles including novel and		

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- emerging methods/principles.
- Overview of food packaging methods and principles including novel packaging materials/techniques

Principles and Basics of Food Chemistry and their role in Human Nutrition

- Structure and functions of macro-and micro nutrients
- Role of macro and micronutrients in human nutrition
- Overview of food additives with respect to their technological functions
- Overview of anti- nutritional factors and their removal from foods
- Overview of enzymes as food processing aids
- Overview of nutraceuticals and functions foods
- Overview of food contaminants and adulterants and their effects on human health
- · Food allergens and allergenicity
- Importance of diet in alleviating health risks, especially non-communicable diseases

Food Microbiology & General principles of Food Hygiene

- General principles of food microbiology and overview of food borne pathogens
- Overview of sources of micro-organisms in food chain (raw materials, water, air, equipment etc.) and micro-biological quality of foods
- Microbial food spoilage and Food borne diseases
- General principles and techniques in microbiological examination of foods
- Overview of beneficial microorganisms and their role in food processing and human nutrition
- General principles of food safety management systems including traceability and recall sanitation, HACCP, Good production and processing practices (GMP, GAP, GHP, GLP,BAP etc.).

General concepts of Food Analysis and Testing

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	rview of modern analytical techniques		
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	damentals of field level and laboratory		

Signed by Dipa Debbarma

Date: 21-06-2025 17:45:35 Under Secretary to the Government of Tripura.