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G.S.R. (E).—Whereas certain draft rules, namely, the Anusandhan National Research Foundation, Method of Recruitment, Salary and Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Account Officer Rules, 2025 were published, as required by sub-section (1) of section 23 of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation Act, 2023 (25 of 2023), in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), dated the 12th September, 2025 for inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby;

And Whereas, no objection or suggestion was received in respect of the said draft rules for the consideration of the Central Government;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (d) of sub-section (2) of section 23 of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation Act, 2023 (25 of 2023) the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely: —

1. Short title and commencement. — (1) These rules may be called the Anusandhan National Research Foundation, Method of Recruitment, Salary and Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Accounts Officer Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions.- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) "Act" means the Anusandhan National Research Foundation Act, 2023 (25 of 2023);

(b) "Controlling authority" means the Executive Council of the Foundation;

(c) "Foundation" means the Anusandhan National Research Foundation established under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Act;

(d) "Schedule" means Schedule appended to these rules, and

(e) words and expressions used herein and not defined in these rules but defined in the Act shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Number of post, classification and level in pay matrix.- The number of said post, classification and level in pay matrix shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the said Schedule.

4. Method of recruitment, age-limit, qualifications, etc.- The method of recruitment, age-limit, qualifications and other matters relating to the said post shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the aforesaid Schedule.

5. Appointing authority. - The Executive Council of the Foundation shall be the appointing authority for the post specified in column (1) of the Schedule.

6. Outdoor medical treatment. – (1) The officer shall be eligible to get medical reimbursement for self and declared members of family.

Explanation. - For the purposes of this rule, the expression "family" shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Central Services (Medical Attendants) Rules, 1944.

(2) The reimbursement of outdoor medical expenses during the year shall be limited to the actual expenses or one month's pay on the 1st day of January of the year (basic pay plus dearness allowance) whichever is less:

Provided that release of increment or promotion during the year shall not affect the limit as on the 1st day of January.

(3) The medical claim shall be supported by medical officer's prescription and the original cash memos or bills for treatment and purchase of medicines duly signed and authenticated with the signature and seal of the medical officer.

(4) For officer joining the duty during the year after the 1st day of January, the annual entitlement shall be restricted on pro-rata basis.

(5) The outdoor treatment shall be availed only from the Authorised Medical Attendants duly empanelled by the Foundation.

(6) In case of chronic ailments, prescription from the hospitals recognised or covered under the Central Service (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944 or the Central Government Health Scheme shall be admissible for the purposes of reimbursement of the cost of medicines and tests, if any.

(7) For the purposes of cost intensive treatment, the reimbursement shall be admissible at the rates specified in accordance with the provisions of the Central Government Health Scheme or the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944 with the approval of the Foundation on a case-to-case basis.

(8) In case of emergency, the officer may avail treatment at the nearest hospital and expenditure shall be reimbursed as per the rates specified under the Central Government Health Scheme subject to production of emergency certificate from the medical officer or the hospital authorities.

7. Indoor medical treatment. - (1) For the purposes of indoor medical treatment, the officer shall be eligible to avail treatment in hospitals authorised by the Foundation in this behalf and for this purpose cost of treatment including hospital accommodation, nursing home facility shall be as per the provisions of the Central Services (Medical Attendants) Rules, 1944 as applicable to the Central Government officers drawing equivalent salary in pay matrix.

(2) The treatment in authorised hospitals referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be the same as may be admissible to the Central Government officers availing the treatment in accordance with the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944.

(3) The treatment at authorised hospitals referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be availed only on the advice of the Authorised Medical Attendant, except in emergency cases.

8. Retirement Benefits. - The provision of the New Pension Scheme or Unified Pension Scheme or gratuity, etc. as applicable to Central Government officers of corresponding pay levels shall be applicable to the officers of the foundation.

9. Disqualification. - No person, -

(a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living, or

(b) who having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person,

shall be eligible for appointment to the said post:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

10. Residuary provision. - The conditions of service of the officer holding post specified in column (1) of the Schedule for which no express provision is specified in these rules shall be determined by the rules and orders for the time being applicable to officers of the Central Government drawing equivalent salary in pay matrix.

11. Saving. - Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of age-limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, the Other Backward Classes, ex-servicemen and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government in this regard.

12. Power to relax. - Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

Schedule

Name of post.	Number of post.	Classification	Level in pay matrix.	Whether selection post or non-selection post.	Age-limit for direct recruits.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Accounts Officer.	1 * (2026) *Subject to variation dependent on workload.	Equivalent to Group 'B' post.	Level-9 (Rs.53100-167800).	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits.	Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees.	Period of probation, if any.	Method of recruitment, whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods.
(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	By promotion failing which by deputation (including short-term contract).

In case of recruitment by promotion or deputation, grades from which promotion or deputation to be made.
(11)
(a) Promotion: (i) Section Officer with two years regular service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in level-8 in the pay matrix (Rs.47600 -151100) or equivalent; or (ii) Section Officer with three years regular service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in level-7 in the pay matrix (Rs.44900 – 142400) or equivalent. Note.- Where juniors who have completed their qualifying or eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their seniors shall 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 along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying or eligibility service. (b) **Deputation**: Officers of the Central Government or State Government or Union territory Administration or public sector undertaking or recognised research institution or university or statutory body or autonomous organisation, - (a) (i) holding analogous post on a regular basis in the parent cadre or department; or (ii) with two years regular service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in level-8 in the pay matrix (Rs.47600 -151100) in the parent Cadre Department or equivalent; or (iii) with three years regular service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on regular basis in level-7 in the pay matrix (Rs.44900 – 142400) in the parent Cadre Department or equivalent; and (b) possessing the following qualifications: - (i) Degree of a recognised university or institutions; or (ii) atleast three years' experience in Cash, Account and Budget work in a Central or State offices mentioned above. Note 1.- The departmental officers in the feeder category who are in the direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation. Similarly, the deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion. Note 2.- The period of deputation (including short-term contract) including the period of deputation (including short-term contract) in another *ex-cadre* post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organisation or department of the Central Government or State Government shall ordinarily not to exceed three years. Note 3.- The maximum age-limit for appointment by deputation (including short-term contract) shall not exceed fifty-six years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.

If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition.	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission is to be consulted in making recruitment.
(12)	(13)
Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion) consisting of: - (1) Joint Secretary from the Foundation or Department of Science and Technology - Chairperson; (2) Director of Foundation – Member; (3) Scientist-E of the Foundation – Member.	Not applicable.

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