

Government issues fresh recruitment rules for DGCA chief's post

NEW DELHI: Casting its net wide in search of the fittest candidate, the government has come out with fresh recruitment rules for the post of Director General of Civil Aviation.

Now, officers from various streams can be considered for the top position at the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on deputation, including for short-terms.

A crucial clog in the domestic aviation space, DGCA regulates the air transportation system to ensure overall safety. The watchdog, which comes under the Civil Aviation Ministry, has wide ranging powers, including that to penalise as well as suspend entities for violations.

A senior ministry official said that with the new rules in place, candidates from more number of areas, including Indian Air Force, can be considered for the top post at DGCA.

Such candidates would be roped in on deputation basis, the official added.

Officers under the central government, including those in All India Services with a certain level of experience, would be eligible for the DGCA post on deputation.

The maximum age limit for appointment on deputation has been set at 56 years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.

The new rules replace the previous hiring norms, issued in 2005.

As per the DGCA organisation structure, there are four joint director generals under the director general.