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Norms for getting state govt jobs likely to be relaxed

BENGALURU: The chief minister has decided to relax the norms for getting a state government job.

In a landmark decision, to increase employment opportunities for youth in the state, chief minister Siddaramaiah approved two major amendments under the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC). The earlier 60 per cent (first class), which was mandated to apply for a job in state government boards and corporations, will be replaced with a clause that stipulates those who passed their degree examination are eligible.

This apart, the ratio of calling aspirants for interviews for gazetted probationary officers has been increased. Earlier, the ratio was 1:3, with three persons called for every post, for an interview. To increase the chances of more people qualifying for the interview round, Siddaramaiah approved a proposal to increase the ratio to 1:5 which increases the number of candidates who can reach the interview round for each gazetted probationary officer post to five. The amendments will be brought before the legislature for its approval in the next session.