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State Mental Health Authority, Assam, invites online applications from eligible individuals for selection as members of “District Mental Health Review Boards” for 5 (five) clusters of districts, as indicated at Annexure-I, which are to be constituted under the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017.

The below given categories of posts are to be filled under sub-section (1) of section 74 of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017:

Sl. No	Name of position	Eligibility Criteria	Maximum Age	Number of Positions
1.	Chairperson	District Judge, or an officer of the State judicial services who is qualified to be appointed as District Judge or a retired District Judge	66 years as on 1 st January of the year of advertisement	1×5=5
2.	Member	Psychiatrist (MD or Diploma in Psychiatric Medicine) (Preference to be given to Doctors of Health and Family Welfare (A&B) Deptt., Govt of Assam)	66 years as on 1 st January of the year of advertisement	1×5=5
3.	Member	Medical Practitioner (Minimum qualification-MBBS) (Preference to be given to Doctors of Health and Family Welfare (A&B) Deptt., Govt of Assam)	66 years as on 1 st January of the year of advertisement	1×5=5
4.	Member	Two members who shall be Persons with mental illness or care givers OR persons representing organizations of persons with mental illness OR care givers OR NGO working in the field of Mental Health.(minimum experience of 10 years in respective field, where applicable)	66 years as on 1 st January of the year of advertisement	2×5=10

Disqualifications

As per section 74 (2) of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, a person shall be disqualified to be appointed as the chairperson or a member of a Board or be removed by the State Authority, if he —
(a) has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which involves moral turpitude; or (b) is adjudged as an insolvent; or (c) has been removed or dismissed from the service of the Government or a body Corporate owned or controlled by the Government; or (d) has such financial or other interest as is likely to prejudice the discharge of his functions as a member; or (e) has such other disqualifications as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

As per Rule 19 of the Mental Healthcare (Central Mental Health Authority and Mental Health Review Boards) Rules, 2018, read with Mental Healthcare (Central Mental Health Authority and Mental Health Review Boards) Amendment Rules, 2021 notified by the Central Government, in addition to the disqualifications specified in clauses (a) to (e) of sub-section (2) of Section 74 under



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Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, a Chairperson or a member of the Board appointed by the State Authority shall stand disqualified for the purposes of said sub-section (2), if he holds-

- (i) any full-time or part-time assignment that prevents him from giving adequate time and attention to the work of the Board under the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder; or
- (ii) any office in any political party during his tenure of office in the Board.

The State Authority may suspend the chairperson or a member of the Board immediately if a criminal case is registered against such person and revoke such suspension if such person is acquitted of the charges framed against him in such case.

Terms of office, allowances etc. of members of the District Mental Health Review Boards

The term of office, allowances etc. of members of District Mental Health Review Boards will be as per the provisions of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 and Rules.

The chairperson and members of the Board shall hold office for a term of five years or up to the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term of five years or up to the age of seventy years whichever is earlier. The appointment of chairperson and members of every Board shall be made by the Chairperson of the State Authority.

The honorarium and other allowances payable to and the other terms and conditions of service of the chairperson and members of the Board shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

The Mental Healthcare (Central Mental Health Authority and Mental Health Review Boards) Rules, 2018, notified by the Central Government as G.S.R. 507 (E) dated 29th May 2018, prescribes Honorarium and allowances to the chairperson and members and the same is reproduced below for information:

Rule 20(1): If a retired Judge of the District Court is appointed as the chairperson of the Board, he shall be entitled to a consolidated monthly honorarium which together with the pension or pensionary value of the terminal benefits or both received by such person shall not exceed the last pay drawn by him.

Rule 20(2): If a retired government servant is appointed as a member of the Board, he shall be entitled to a consolidated monthly honorarium which together with the pension or pensionary value of the terminal benefits, or both received by such person shall not exceed the last pay drawn by him.

Rule 20(3): If Chairperson or any member of the Board is in service of the State Government or Central Government, his consolidated honorarium shall be in accordance with the rules applicable to Government servants of his cadre and he shall receive travel allowance only for the day of sitting in the Board.

Rule 20 (4): Every member of the Board, who is not a servant of the Government, attending the meeting of the Board shall be entitled to sitting allowance, travelling allowance, daily allowance and such other allowances as are applicable to non official members of the Commissions and committees of the Central Government attending the meeting of such Commission or committee.

Rule 20 (5): No additional pension and gratuity, except as provided in sub-rules (1) and (2), shall be admissible to the chairperson or any member of the Board for service rendered by him to the Board.

NOTE:

1. On receipt of detailed application with enclosures, all the applications will be scrutinized as per Rule.
2. If more than one application is received for above given post, the competent authority will decide the application on its merits by considering various aspects.



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3. If a candidate desires to apply in more than one Board, he/ she has to select the location of each such board in the application form.

Online applications will be received till midnight of 18th December 2021. Candidates without the above qualifications need not apply.

The schedule of interview / selection test for the respective post will be published in the website <https://nhm.assam.gov.in> in due course of time along with the list of provisionally shortlisted candidates.

All applicants are advised to visit the website accordingly. No separate individual call letters for interview/ selection test will be sent. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview/ selection test. The selection may also be held through Zoom platform which will be notified in the course of time along with instructions. Candidates are advised to acquaint themselves with online platforms like Zoom, WebEx, etc. for interview.

The State Mental Health Authority, Assam reserves the right to cancel the recruitment process at any point of time without assigning any reasons thereof and without prior notice.

For more details, refer to:

1. The Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 available on the egazette in the link <http://egazette.nic.in/writereaddata/2017/175248.pdf>
2. The Mental Healthcare (Central Mental Health Authority and Mental Health Review Boards) Rules, 2018, notified by the Central Government as G.S.R. 507 (E) dated 29th May 2018 available on the egazette in the link <https://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2018/185991.pdf>
3. The Mental Healthcare (Central Mental Health Authority and Mental Health Review Boards) Amendment Rules, 2021 available on the egazette in the link <https://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2021/225255.pdf>

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