

# **THE TAMIL NADU PUBLIC BUILDINGS (LICENSING) RULES, 1966**

**(G.O.Ms.No.194, Rural Development, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1966).**

## **S.R.O.No.A-158 of 1966.-**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 25 of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Act, 1965 (Tamil Nadu Act XIII) of 1965), the Government of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following rules:-

### **1. Short title and commencement.-**

(1) These Rules may be called THE TAMIL NADU PUBLIC BUILDINGS (LICENSING) RULES, 1966.

(2) They shall come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1966.

### **2. Definitions.-**

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires-

(1) "Act" means the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Act, 1965 (Tamil Nadu Act XIII of 1965);

(2) "Form" means a form set out in the Schedule to these rules;

(3) "Section" means a section of the Act.

### **3. Form of Application-**

(1) Every application under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of section 4 shall be in Form A.

(2) An Application which is not in Form A shall be returned to the applicant for representation in that form.

### **4. (a) Form of Certificate.-**

The certificate of structural soundness referred to in sub-section (4) of section 4 shall be in Form B.

(b) In case the certificate of structural soundness issued is found to be incorrect or based on inadequate data or false data, the registration of the engineer shall be cancelled immediately and the engineer shall be debarred from taking up any works under the Government or local body.

### **5.(a) Form of Opinion.-**

The opinion given by the engineer under sub-section (1) of section 5 shall be in Form C.

(b) In case the technical opinion furnished is found to be not correct or false, the registration of the engineer shall be cancelled immediately and the engineer shall be debarred from taking up any works of the Government or local body. If the engineer happens to be in the State Government service, suitable departmental action shall be taken against him.

**6. Form of licence:-**

The licence shall be in Form D.

Explanation:- Separate licence shall be issued for each building.

**8. Service of order granting or refusing licence:-**

The order under sub-section (1) of section 6 shall be sent to the applicant either by personal delivery or by registered post acknowledgment due.

**9. Time within which appeals may be filed:-**

(1) The time within which an appeal under sub-section (1) of section 11 may be filed shall be 45 days from the date of receipt by the applicant concerned of the order appealed against.

(2) The time within which an appeal under sub-section (3) of section 15 may be filed shall be 15 (fifteen) days from the date of receipt by the applicant concerned of the order appealed against.

**10. Restriction of entry:-**

Any authority or officer specified in section 14 shall, before entering any building referred to in that section, give reasonable notice to the owner or occupier or person in possession of such building.

**11. Engineering Qualifications:-**

For the purpose of this rule, a panel of private engineers possessing the qualification specified in the Table below shall be registered under three classes for each district. The Collector in consultation with the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department shall draw up a panel of Registered Engineers for each district. The panel shall be got approved by the Board of Engineers and maintained by the Collector.

**THE TABLE**

(1) Class III:- Buildings, the cost of which does not exceed Rs.50,000	An Engineer with a degree in Civil Engineering of Indian or Foreign University or a Corporate Member of the Institution of Engineers (India) or recognized professional Association abroad, such as Institute of Structural Engineers (London), Institute of Civil Engineers (London), American Society of Civil Engineers and the like and others as may be recognized by the Government of
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	Tamil Nadu from time to time, with not less than five years experience in building construction OR a person possessing a diploma in Civil Engineering awarded by the State Board of Technical Education and Training or with equivalent qualification thereof with not less than five years experience in building construction.
<b>(2) Class II:-</b> Buildings, the cost of which exceeds Rs.50,000 but does not exceed Rs.2.00 lakhs.	An Engineer with a degree in Civil Engineering of Indian or Foreign University or a Corporate Member of the Institution of Engineers (India) or recognized professional Association abroad such as Institute of Structural Engineers (London), Institute of Civil Engineers (London), American Society of Civil Engineers and the like and others as may be recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu, from time to time, with not less than five years experience in building construction.
<b>(3) Class I:-</b> Buildings, the cost of which exceeds Rs.2.00 lakhs.	An Engineer with a degree in Civil Engineering of Indian or Foreign University or a Corporate Member of the Institution of Engineers abroad, as specified in item (2) above with not less than ten years experience in building construction or with a post graduate degree with not less than five years experience in building construction.

#### **11-A. Registration of Engineers in the Panel:-**

Private Engineers possessing the qualifications specified in the table may register their names in one or more district or in all district subject to inclusion of their names in the Panel of Registered Engineers for the District concerned.

#### **11-B. Publication of Panel of Engineers:-**

The panel of Engineers shall be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette and in the District Gazette concerned.

#### **12. Fees:-**

The fees to be paid in respect of applications and appeals under the Act shall be as follows:-

Sl. No.	Nature of documents	Fees to be levied
(1)	(2)	(3)
		Rs.
1.	Applications accompanied by a certificate of structural soundness	
	(1) Buildings, the cost of which does not exceed Rs.50,000	10
	(2) Buildings, the cost of which exceeds Rs.50,000 but not exceeding Rs.2. lakhs	25
	(3) Buildings, the cost of which exceeds Rs.2 lakhs	50
2.	Application not accompanied by a certificate of structural soundness of the building At the rate of 0.05 per cent, on the cost of the building, subject to a minimum of Rs.50 and a maximum of Rs.1,000)	
3.	Appeals preferred-	
	(1) Buildings, the cost of which does not exceed Rs.50,000	10
	(2) Buildings, the cost of which exceeds Rs.50,000 but not exceeding Rs.2 lakhs	25
	(3) Buildings, the cost of which exceeds Rs.2 lakhs	50

**12-A. Payment of fees to Engineers:-**

The owner of a building shall pay fees to a private Engineer at the rate of 0.07 per cent, on the cost of the building subject to a maximum of Rs.1,000 for the grant of a certificate of structural soundness of the building.

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THE SCHEDULE

FORM A

*[Form of application under sub-section (1)/ sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Act, 1965 (Tamil Nadu Act XIII of 1965) referred to in rules 3 of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Rules, 1966.]*

From

Name of the owner and address

To

The Competent Authority.

Sir,

I intend/to use the building/to continue to use the existing public building/to use the existing building not at present used as a public building/ which is situated in the site or plot of land Town or Revenue Survey No..... Street or Road ..... in the ward of division/village/taluk/district..... and specified in the Statement enclosed, as a public building for a period of ..... years and months from the

2. The year of construction and the present approximate cost of construction and the purpose for which it is to be used or is being used as Public building are also furnished in the statement accompanying this application.

3. I enclose a chalan for Rs.....

4. I also enclose a certificate of structural soundness in the prescribed form furnished by the Engineer Thiru..... Registration No..... Class of district.

or

I have not enclosed the certificate of structural soundness from an Engineer

Dated the ..

Signature of the owner of the building

Enclosures: (1) Statement.

(2) Chalan for Rs..... towards the application fee.

Explanation:- Separate application shall be made in respect of each building.

**Statement accompanying Form A.**

1.	Door number of building	
2.	Location (Street number, Ward number, name of place, i.e. Corporation/ Municipality/ Panchayat/ Panchayat Union/ Township/ Cantonment)	
3.	Year of construction	
4.	Approximate cost of construction as per current rates	
5.	Purpose for which the building is being used or proposed to be used	
6.	Purpose for which the building has hitherto been used	
7.	Details of construction of the building (particulars of the foundation soil, specification of the various parts under-	
	(1) Foundation	...
	(2) Basement	...
	(3) Superstructure	...
	(4) Floor and roof are to be given	...
8.	Period for which licence is required	
9.	Number of persons to be accommodated	

Signature of the Engineer.

Dated:

Certified that no addition or alteration has been made to the existing building or portion of a building for which this application has been made. I undertake to obtain a fresh licence in case any addition or alteration is made to the existing building or portion of building. I also undertake to obtain a fresh licence if the purpose for which the licence was granted for the use of the building or a portion of the building originally is changed or altered subsequently.

Signature of the owner of the building.

Dated:

## FORM B

*(Form of certificate of structural soundness under sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Act, 1965 (Tamil Nadu Act 13 of 1965) referred in rule 4 of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Rules, 1966.)*

I certify that I have inspected the building mentioned in the statement and furnish below its salient technical features:

- (1) Foundation-
  - (i) Depth below ground level
  - (ii) Nature of soil met with at foundation level.
  - (iii) Pressure at foundation.
  - (iv) Probable safe bearing capacity of the strata met with at foundation.
  
- (2) Superstructure-
  - (i) Maximum stress in the most critical section of masonry and concrete.
  - (ii) Nature of masonry and concrete and its safe permissible stress.

The structural soundness of the building has been verified by me with reference to I.S.I. loading standards 875 (Latest version) and other relevant Indian Standards Code of Practice and I declare that the building is structurally sound to be used as a public building for the purpose noted in the statement. A licence may be granted for the period from the ..... to the ..... inclusive.

Date:

Signature of the Engineer.

Registration No.

Class.

Address:

**STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY THE CERTIFICATE OF STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS.**

Location of the building – Door number, street and name of the place	Age of building	The value of the building at the current rates	Number of storeys	Short description of structures- Steel – RCC framed of road bearing masonry.	Purpose for which the building is certified for use.	The period for which the building will be structurally sound	Number of persons to be accommodated	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)

Signature of the Engineer, Class.  
Registration No.  
Address.

**FORM C**

**[Form of certificate of structural soundness under sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Act, 1965 (Tamil Nadu Act XIII of 1965) referred to in rule 4 of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Rules, 1966.]**

I certify that I have inspected the building mentioned in the statement and furnish below its salient technical features:

- (1) Foundation-
  - (i) Depth below ground level.
  - (ii) Nature of soil met with at foundation level .....
  - (iii) Pressure at foundation .....
  - (iv) Portable save bearing capacity of the strata met with at foundation.
  
- (2) Superstructure:
  - (i) Maximum stress in the most critical section of masonry and concrete.

(ii) Nature of masonry and concrete and its safe permissible stress.

The structural soundness of the building has been verified by me with reference to I.S.I. loading standards 785 (Latest version) and other relevant Indian Standards Code of Practice and declare that the building is structurally sound to be used as a public building for the purpose noted in the statement. A licence may be granted for the period from the ..... to the ..... inclusive.

Dated:

Signature of the Engineer  
Designation.

**STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY THE CERTIFICATE OF STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS.**

Location of the building – Door number, street and name of the place	Age of building	The value of the building at the current rates	Number of storeys	Short description of structurwres- Steel-RCC framed of road bearing	Purpose for which the building is certified for use.	The period for which the building will be structurally sound	Number of persons to be accommodated.	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)

**FORM D**

**[Form of licence under sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Act, 1965 (Tamil Nadu Act XIII of 1965) referred to in rule 6 of the Tamil Nadu Public Building (Licensing) Rules, 1966]**

Licence No.

Licence

Registration No.

Fee Rs.

Licence is hereby granted to Sri..... son of Sri..... resident of Village/Town, ..... Taluk, ..... District, ..... for the purpose and in respect of the building specified in the statement below and subject to the conditions and for the period mentioned threunder:-

(1) The period of validity of the licence shall be from the ..... to the ..... (inclusive)

(2)

(3)

Dated:

Signature of the Competent Authority

**Statement to accompany the licence**

Location of the building (Door number, Street number and name of place).	Purpose for which the building is licensed to be used as a public building	Number of persons to be accommodated
(1)	(2)	(3)

Dated:

Signature of the Competent Authority

**FORM E**

*[Form of report to be made to the competent authority by inspecting authorities or officers appointed under other Acts under section 28 of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Act, 1965 (Tamil Nadu Act XIII of 1965) referred to in rule 7 of the Tamil Nadu Public Buildings (Licensing) Rules, 1966.]*

1. Name and designation of inspecting authority or officer appointed or having jurisdiction under any other Act or law.
2. Location of the building inspected (Door number, Street number, Name of place i.e., Municipal Corporation/ Municipality/ Panchayat or Panchayat Union/Township/Cantonment).
3. Date of inspection.
4. Purpose for which the building is used.
5. Nature of defects noticed.
6. Suggestions for rectifying defects.
7. If in a dangerous condition, immediate steps recommended to be taken.

Signature of inspecting authority  
or officer appointed or having  
jurisdiction.

To

The Personal Assistant to the Collector of Madras/  
Revenue Divisional Officer/Tahsildar, .....