

(16) Period of training before appointment to be treated as 'duty' for eligibility to sit for departmental examinations.—The Staff Side of the National Council (JCM) had suggested *inter alia* that the service rendered by an employee during the training period before his regular appointment to the grade be treated as duty for eligibility to sit for the departmental examination.

2. The request made by the Staff Side of the National Council (JCM) has been examined and it has been decided that in all cases where pre-service training is considered necessary before actual appointment to the post, the period spent by an officer on training immediately before such appointment would count as qualifying service for the purpose of eligibility for appearing in departmental examinations, even if the officer is not given the scale of pay of the post but only a nominal allowance.

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