

**F.No. 11019/12/2017-IES**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Finance**  
**Department of Economic Affairs**  
**(IES Cadre)**  
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**Room No. 251, North Block**  
**New Delhi, dated : 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Indian Economic Service (IES) - Government Economic Service (GES) Exchange Programme.**

With reference to this Department's OM of even number dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, it is stated that the minimum Service requirement of 5 years is hereby relaxed to 2 years. The Revised Guidelines for the selection of IES Officers for the on -going Indian Economic Service (IES)-Government Economic Service(GES) Exchange Programme are enclosed at Annexure-I

2. **Eligible and willing officers who wish to apply for the above mentioned Programme may forward their applications in the enclosed proforma, through proper channel (i.e. by the concerned administrative Ministry/Department where the Officer is posted) and along with Vigilance Clearance** to the IES Cadre, latest by 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. Applications may be send to the undersigned (Room No. 251, IES Cadre, Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), North Block, New Delhi) or mailed at [arya.kumari@gov.in](mailto:arya.kumari@gov.in) or faxed at 91-11-23093570.

(Note: Submission of application by an officer will not be construed as automatic nomination for the Secondment Programme.)

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

  
20/03/18

**(Arya B K)**  
**Assistant Director (IES)**

**To**

1. **All the officers via mail**
2. **Ms. Dilasha Vasudeva, Assistant Director (IES) with the request to upload it on the website.**

**Guidelines for the Indian Economic Service (IES) and the Government Economic Service (GES) Exchange Programme**

**A. Eligibility Conditions**

**I. Minimum Service:**

Officers should have completed minimum 2 years of Service in the Indian Economic Service, and should be holding Cadre Posts (not on Deputation of any type) at the time of submission of application and for the duration of the Exchange Programme.

**II. Upper Age Limit:**

The upper age limit should be 55 years at the time of commencement of Programme.

**III. Foreign Training/ Conferences/Workshops/Seminars:**

The Officer should not have attended any Foreign Training/Conferences /Workshops/Seminars abroad of duration of more than two weeks (excluding travel time) during the last two years.

**IV.** The officer should have Outstanding/Very Good grading (with minimum of three outstanding grading) in the last five year's APARs, with no adverse entries.

**V. Departmental proceedings:**

The Officer should not have any Departmental proceedings/Vigilance cases pending or contemplated against him/her.

**VI.** The officer, on selection, would need to submit an undertaking to serve in the IES for at least two years on return from the Programme.

**VII. Desirable skills and knowledge:**

- (a) In-depth knowledge and understanding of the Indian Economy, with clarity on economic theories and applied aspects.
- (b) Experience of working on MS-Excel and use of econometric softwares such as STATA and E-Views etc.

**B. Financial Assistance**

The Exchange Programme is being conducted by the IES Cadre, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, in collaboration with the Department for International Development (DFID) of UK. DFID will fund the non-salary component of the Programme like living and accommodation allowances, economy return air ticket from New Delhi to London, etc. However, the salary component and local transport expenses to airport and back in India shall be borne by the administrative Department/Ministry of the concerned Officer nominated for the Programme.

### **C. Medical Assistance**

As per the practice being followed for other long term trainings organized by the IES Cadre, in respect of medical expenses which may not be covered by any existing medical insurance, the IES Cadre will bear 30% of the expenses. Medical expenses with respect to ailments of non-continuing nature, i.e. emergency cases, which have not been detected at the normal place of residence, shall be covered under the Assisted Medical Attendance (AMA) Scheme of Ministry of External Affairs contained in MEA's letter No. G/GA/653/1/74 dated 5/3/79 as amended from time to time, and will be subsequently reimbursed by the IES Cadre of DEA.

### **D. Applications**

Applications (in the enclosed proforma) for the above mentioned Programme shall be accepted only when ***duly forwarded through proper channel*** ( i.e. by the concerned administrative Ministry/Department where the Officer is posted ) in accordance with the **Guidelines** as stated above.

### **E. Others**

On return from the Programme, a detailed study report is to be submitted by the officer to the IES Cadre within a fortnight of returning to the place of duty. Also, the officer will be required to make a presentation before the Chief Economic Adviser / any other forum specified by the IES Cadre, on the experience and learnings derived from the Exchange Programme.

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