

ACCEPTABILITY OF PERMANENT BODY TATTOO(S) FOR RECRUITMENT IN INDIAN COAST GUARD

1. **Acceptability of Tattoo(s)**. The policy regarding acceptability of permanent body tattoos of candidates aspiring to join the Indian Coast Guard is amplified in the succeeding paragraphs:-

(a) **Location of Tattoo(s)**. Permanent body tattoos are only permitted on inner face of forearms i.e. from inside of elbow to the wrist and on the reverse side of palm/ back (dorsal) side of hand. Permanent body tattoo on any other part of the body is not acceptable and candidate will be barred from recruitment.

(b) **Size of Tattoo(s)**. Only small innocuous tattoos that are not prejudicial to good order and military discipline are permitted e.g. religious symbols or names of near and dear ones.

(c) **Nature of Tattoo(s)**. A tattoo must not have any lewd or offensive indelible marks or figure on any part of the body. Tattoos that are indecent (grossly offensive to modesty, decency, or propriety), sexist (demean a person based on gender) or racist (degrade or demean a person based on race ethnicity or region and religion).

(d) **Exception of Tattoo(s) on Candidates From Tribal Communities**. Candidates from tribal communities/ from tribal areas as declared by the Government of India Scheduled Tribes Orders/ Act/ Lists (amended and modified from time to time), are permitted to have permanent body tattoos on any part of the body as per existing customs and traditions of the said tribe to which a candidate belongs.

2. Candidates with permanent body tattoo(s) will be permitted to continue with the selection/ recruitment process in the Indian Coast Guard only on the condition that the following certification are submitted by the candidate at the time of medical examination at Stage II and Stage III of the recruitment process:-

(a) **For all candidates**. A self-certification signed by the individual declaring that the candidate will not have any additional tattoos in future as per format at Appendix `A' below.

(b) **Additional Certification for candidates from Tribal Community**. Certificate of belonging to a tribal community and permissibility of permanent body tattoo(s) as per format placed at Appendix `B' signed by any of the following officials:-

- (i) District Collector/ District Magistrate or Sub-District Magistrate of the District/ Tehsil where the tribe of the candidate is presently settled, or
- (ii) Chairman/ Secretary or any other Senior Member of the tribe.

3. **Procedure for medical examination of Candidates with Tattoo(s)**. The following procedure is adopted for medical examination of candidates with permanent tattoo(s): -

(a) All candidates having permanent body tattoos are required to render certificate as per para 2 above.

(b) The decision of Indian Coast Guard will be final and binding on the candidate regarding acceptability of permanent body tattoo(s) for recruitment in Indian Coast Guard.

Appendix 'A'

{Refer to Para 2 (a)}

SELF CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATE (ONE FOR EACH TATTOO)
BY CANDIDATE WITH PERMANENT BODY TATTOO(S)

1. I, _____(Name of candidate), Roll No. _____
son / Daughter of _____ (Name of Father/Mother/ Guardian
as applicable) _____(Date of Birth) hereby give an undertaking that I do not have any
permanent body tattoos on my body/ I have one/ two/ three/ four/ more than four* permanent body
tattoo(s) inked on my body as follows (one for each tattoo):-

<u>Photograph of Tattoo</u>	<u>Details of Tattoo</u>
(Post card size to be pasted here duly signed by the candidate with name. Please do not use staple pins/ clips)	Size of Tattoo - (in Cms) Language - (if Applicable) Significance of Tattoo – (if applicable)

(*Delete whichever is not applicable)

2. I hereby declare that besides the tattoo(s) as referred in para 1 above, I will not sport any other permanent body tattoo(s) **in future** after selection for basic training.

3. The above information given by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

4. I understand that misrepresentation of any facts/ concealment of any information regarding permanent body tattoo(s) will lead to cancellation of my candidature at any stage from commencement of the selection process and I shall be solely responsible for the same.

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the candidate)
Name & Roll No.

COUNTERSIGNED

Date:

Medical Officer

Appendix 'B'

{Refer to Para 2 (b)}

CERTIFICATE (ONE CERTIFICATE FOR EACH TATTOO) FOR PERMANENT BODY TATTOO IN RESPECT OF CANDIDATES FROM TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

1. This is to certify that _____(Name of candidate) whose date of birth is _____ is the son / Daughter of _____(Name of Father/Mother/Guardian as applicable) and belongs to _____(Name of tribe) community of _____(Name of the state).

2. It is certified that the permanent body tattoo(s) inked at the following parts of the body of _____(Name of the candidate) as per the existing customs and tradition of _____Tribe and is in practice as on date.

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

(Total no of Tattoos – both in figures and words)

3. Post card size photographs of each of the tattoos as given in Paragraph 2 of Appendix 'B' above is correct and placed as under for any future reference/ record hereafter:-

<u>Photograph of Tattoo</u>	<u>Details of Tattoo</u>
(Post card size to be pasted here duly signed by the candidate and official issuing this certificate with their respective names. Please do not use staple pins/ clips)	Size of Tattoo - (in Cms) Language - (if Applicable) Significance of Tattoo – (if applicable)

Note:- Each tattoo will have a separate photograph with details and will be described separately. Additional pages will be used for the purpose and each page will be attested separately.

Place:

Date: Affix Round
 stamp

(Signature with Name, Designation and stamp of District Collector / District Magistrate or Sub District Magistrate of the District/ Tehsil) or (signature with Name, Designation if any and address of Chairman/ Secretary or Senior Member of the Tribe to which the candidate belongs to with their Stamp)