

POLICE



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- Sub : Police Clearance Certificates (PCC) - presence of the applicant not to be insisted upon for the issuance of PCC - instructions issued - reg.
Ref : Executive Directive No.7/2018.

Police Clearance Certificates (PCCs) are issued under section 59 of the Kerala Police Act, 2011, which provides that the District Police Chief or the Station House Officer may, on the application of any person, give a certificate to the effect that such person is not involved in any offence, after suitable enquiries, and also after realising such charges, as may be fixed by the Government in this regard. Detailed guidelines regarding the procedure for the issuance of the same, had also been issued vide Executive Directive cited.

There is no statutory requirement that the applicant should be present for the issuance of PCC. But it is noticed that the police personnel who are going to the spot for verification for the issuance of PCC, often insist on the presence of the applicant, in person. This has created unnecessary hardships to many job aspirants and the difficulties faced in getting PCC, has prompted some of them to even forge PCC also. As per the provisions in section 59 of the KP Act and the guidelines issued vide ED cited, the presence of the applicant is not mandatory for the issuance of PCC.

The objective of the guidelines issued vide reference cited was to ensure that common people get the services promptly and with ease. But the insistence on physical appearance of the applicant can defeat this objective. Hence, it is strictly instructed that the physical presence of the applicant shall not, henceforth, be insisted upon for the issuance of PCCs by DPCs and SHOs, if reasonable reasons are available for their absence from the area.

Anil Kant IPS
State Police Chief

- To : 1. All DPCs and all SHOs -for urgent necessary action.
2. All officers in List B.
3. CAs to all officers in PHQ/DD, PR.

- Copy To : 1. ADGP (Intelligence) .
2. Circular Register/Kerala Police Website.



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