



## Amendments to the J&K Order

---

 [drishtias.com/printpdf/amendments-to-the-j-k-order](https://www.drishtias.com/printpdf/amendments-to-the-j-k-order)

### Why in News

---

The **Ministry of Home Affairs** has amended the **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Adaptation of State Laws) Order-2020**.

The Order was issued by the Ministry on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.

### Key Amendments

---

- **Protection to domiciles to “any post”** in the government **including senior level positions in Group A and Group B category**. This reserves all jobs in the Union Territory for only its domiciles.  
Earlier the protection to domiciles was **provided only in Group D** and entry level non-gazetted government posts. This opened all other government posts to anyone from the rest of the country.
- The amended order also **removed the clause** that any person fulfilling the criteria of domicile eligibility will “deemed to be” a domicile. The **power to issue domicile certificates has been given to “tahsildar”**.

### Criteria for Domiciles in J&K

- Someone who has **resided for a period of 15 years** in the UT of J&K, or
- Someone who has **studied for a period of seven years and appeared in Class 10<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> examination** in an educational institution located in the UT of J&K, or
- Someone who is **registered as a migrant** by the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants).
- **Children** of Central government officials, All India Services, PSUs, autonomous body of Centre, Public Sector Banks, officials of statutory bodies, Central Universities, recognised research institutes of **Centre who shall have served in J&K**.

- **Children of such residents of J&K who reside outside J&K in connection with their employment or business or other professional or vocational reasons but their parents fulfil any of the conditions provided.**

**Source: TH**