

**PROCEDURE FOR FILING AND PROCESSING CONSENT FOR OPERATION (CFO)
& HAZARDOUS WASTE AUTHORISATION (HWA) APPLICATIONS:**

The investors/ Entrepreneurs are required to obtain Consent for Operation (CFO) of the Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) for operating their units as required under Section 25/26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act,1974 and amendments thereof and under section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and amendments thereof. Hazardous Waste Authorisation(HWA) is also required to be obtained by industries generating hazardous waste as defined under Rule 5 of the Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 & Amendments thereof.

The industry shall obtain first CFO&HWA before starting commercial production by duly ensuring the compliance of the conditions stipulated in Consent for Establishment (CFE) order obtained from the Board earlier. CFO & HWA orders are issued for Five year from the date of application. The industries have to apply for renewal of the CFO order 120 days before its expiry. The Board is issuing combined CFO & HWA order for a period of Five years.

Categorisation of industries: Industries are categorized by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under Red/Orange/Green/ White category of industries. List of industries under Red/Orange/Green/ White categories is available in TSPCB website ("Industry Guide" -> "Category")

Exemption of select category of industries from Consents (CFE&CFO) of the Board: A list of following 36 Category of industries have been exempted from the Consent of the Board (CFE & CFO), only an intimation to the Regional Officer shall suffice.

| S. No. | Industry Sector |
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| 1. | Assembly of air coolers /conditioners, repairing and servicing |
| 2. | Assembly of bicycles ,baby carriages and other small non motorizing vehicles |
| 3. | Bailing (hydraulic press)of waste papers |
| 4. | Bio fertilizer and bio-pesticides without using inorganic chemicals |
| 5. | Biscuits trays etc from rolled PVC sheet (using automatic vacuum forming machines) |
| 6. | Blending and packing of tea |
| 7. | Block making of printing without foundry (excluding wooden block making) |
| 8. | Chalk making from plaster of Paris (only casting without boilers etc. (sun drying / electrical oven) |
| 9. | Compressed oxygen gas from crude liquid oxygen (without use of any solvents and by maintaining pressure & temperature only for separation of other gases) |
| 10. | Cotton and woolen hosiers making (Dry process only without any dying / washing operation) |
| 11. | Diesel pump repairing and servicing (complete mechanical dry process) |
| 12. | Electric lamp (bulb) and CFL manufacturing by assembling only |
| 13. | Electrical and electronic item assembling (completely dry process) |
| 14. | Engineering and fabrication units (dry process without any heat treatment / metal surface finishing operations / painting) |
| 15. | Flavoured betel nuts production/ grinding (completely dry mechanical operations) |

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| 16. | Fly ash bricks / block manufacturing |
| 17. | Fountain pen manufacturing by assembling only |
| 18. | Glass ampules and vials making from glass tubes |
| 19. | Glass putty and sealant (by mixing with machine only) |
| 20. | Ground nut decortivating |
| 21. | Handloom / carpet weaving (without dying and bleaching operation) |
| 22. | Leather cutting and stitching (more than 10 machine and using motor) |
| 23. | Manufacturing of coir items from coconut husks |
| 24. | Manufacturing of metal caps containers etc |
| 25. | Manufacturing of shoe brush and wire brush |
| 26. | Medical oxygen |
| 27. | Organic and inorganic nutrients (by physical mixing) |
| 28. | Organic manure (manual mixing) |
| 29. | Packing of powdered milk |
| 30. | Paper pins and u clips |
| 31. | Repairing of electric motors and generators (dry mechanical process) |
| 32. | Rope (plastic and cotton) |
| 33. | Scientific and mathematical instrument manufacturing |
| 34. | Solar module non conventional energy apparatus manufacturing unit |
| 35. | Solar power generation through solar photovoltaic cell, wind power and mini hydel power (less than 25 MW) |
| 36. | Surgical and medical products assembling only (not involving effluent / emission generating processes) |

The procedure for filing and processing CFO & HWA applications is detailed below:

- The proponent uploads the CFO& HWA application through the online “TS-iPASS Portal” at <https://ipass.telangana.gov.in/>. No hard copies of the applications are accepted.
- The officials of concerned RO, TSPCB inspects the industry and process the applications of CFO & HWA at RO level or forward the inspection report along with application and its enclosures to the Zonal Office (ZO)/ Head Office (HO) for processing the application, as per the delegated powers.
- The RO/ZO/HO of TSPCB process the CFO & HWA application as per delegated powers and communicate the decision (approve/reject) and upload the same in the system within the prescribed time limit.
- As regards to CFO& HWA applications that are filed through TS-iPASS Portal of Industries Department, time limits for disposal of application is 7/14/21 days for Green / Orange / Red category industries.
- The consent applications pertaining to infrastructure projects, irrigation projects & certain notified activities are applied online through OCMMS <http://tsocmms.nic.in/TLNPCB/>

- List of documents to be enclosed with CFO & HWA Application:

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| 1. | Site Plan |
| 2. | Process Flow Chart (Diagram) |
| 3. | CA Certificate indicating Fixed Assets |
| 4. | Consent Fee |
| 5. | Compliance report on previous CFO conditions |

- The Board recently revised renewal periods of the CFO& HWA as follows:

| | Validity Period | | |
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| | Red Category | Orange Category | Green Category |
| Consent Order & Authorization (Renewal) | 5 Years | 5 Years | 5 Years |

2. Auto Renewals of CFE and CFO&HWA :

I. AUTO RENEWAL OF CFE:

The Board is issuing CFE orders with a validity period of 5 years to complete the construction and commissioning of the industry. The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) has mandated the Auto Renewal of CFE validity as one of the action points under “Ease of Doing Business” programme.

The Board has decided to issue auto renewal of validity period of CFE with the following procedure:

- A) The ROs / ZOs / Board Office shall extend the validity period of CFE to the industries on receipt of the following from the proponent:
 - a. Requisition letter from the industry directly to the Authority who has issued the said CFE order i.e. RO / ZO / HO.
 - b. Copy of valid CFE order and EC order (in case of projects covered under EIA Notification).
 - c. The progress of construction of the project including installation and construction of Air / Water Pollution Control Systems along with the photographs.
 - d. Reasons for extension of validity of CFE order and time required to complete the project.
 - e. Longitude and latitude of the site.
- B) The inspection of the site by the Regional Officer is not necessary for extension of CFE validity period.

C) The CFE order shall not be Auto extended for the projects which have not started construction of the project (Compound wall / security room shall not be considered) during the validity period and applied for extension after expiry of the order.

D) The CFE order shall be extended for a period as requested by the industry not more than 5 years. In case of projects covered under EIA Notification, the auto extension shall be till the validity of EC Order.

II. AUTO RENEWAL OF CFO & HWA:

The Board is issuing combined Consent for Operation & Hazardous Waste Authorisation (CFO&HWA) orders with a validity period of 5 years to all the category of industries. The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) has mandated the Auto Renewal of CFO as one of the action points under "Ease of Doing Business" programme.

The Board has decided to issue auto renewal of validity period of CFO&HWA with the following procedure:

The Auto renewal is applicable to the industries/ organizations applying for the renewal of Consent for Operation at least 30 days before the expiry of Consent validity period.

- A. The validity of Consent for Operation (CFO) issued earlier by the Board under the Water Act and Air Act shall be renewed on receipt of following documents from the organization / industry :
 1. Application Forms (Form – I (Air Act) & XIII (Water Act), Form – I (Hazardous Waste (MH&TM) Rules, 2008) duly filled and signed by the occupier.
 2. Prescribed consent fees.
 3. Copy of the latest Financial Balance Sheet indicating Fixed Assets (without Depreciation)
 4. Copy of the previous valid consent order.
 5. Self certification by the industry towards compliance of the existing consent conditions and directions issued by the Board from time to time (format enclosed).
 6. Bank Guarantee of amount equivalent to the total consent fee paid by the industry subject to a minimum of Rs. 10,000/- and maximum of Rs. 5.0 Lakhs.
- B. Auto renewal shall be issued for the maximum renewal period of 5 years.
- C. This auto renewal does not apply to organizations/ industries, operations or processes where:-
 - a) When the existing consent order of the industry is expired.

- b) When there is an increase in production capacity and the pollution load than permitted in the existing CFO & HWA.
 - c) When issues related to earlier consent is pending before the Hon'ble Appellate Authority or any other Court.
 - d) Whose immediate preceding application has been refused.
 - e) Where directions for closure or stop production issued under 33A of Water Act & 31A of Air Act, from the date of issue of previous CFO.
 - f) For the industries located within 10 Km radius of Himayatsagar and Osmansagar Lakes as specified under G.O. Ms. No. 111, dt: 08.03.1996
- D. CFOs which cannot be auto renewed because of the above reasons shall be processed in the same manner as is being presently followed.
- E. CFO renewal applications already received and pending at Regional Offices, Zonal Offices and at Head Office shall be disposed off as per the revised simplified procedure provided the applications meets the required criteria.
- F. The auto renewal of CFO shall be issued by the Regional Offices / Zonal Offices / Head Office as per delegation of powers. In this regard,
- a) The ROs shall:
 - 1) verify the requirements for the auto renewal for all categories of industries.
 - 2) issue auto renewal order to the industries within 5 working days in the prescribed format (enclosed) for the applications, for which the ROs were delegated powers.
 - 3) forward the request of the industries for auto renewal to ZO / HO within 2 working days, for which the powers were delegated to ZO / HO.
 - 4) submit copies of the auto renewal to the concerned Zonal Office and Head Office on weekly basis.
 - b) The ZOs / BO shall issue auto renewal order to the industries within 3 working days on receipt from RO, in the prescribed format (enclosed) as per the delegated powers. The ZOs shall submit copies of the auto renewal to the Board Office on weekly basis.
- G. The Board reserves right to review, modify, revoke conditions and vary the validity period of CFO& HWA of the industries.
- H. In case of any false certification, non-compliance of conditions / directions and deficiency in furnishing the information by the industry, the Board can withdraw the auto renewed consent and take necessary action including forfeiture of Bank Guarantee.

3. DELEGATION OF POWERS:

The issue of consent will be dealt as per the delegation of powers given below:

| | Category | Investment in Rs. | Delegation of powers to issue/rejection |
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| I | a. Environmental Clearance (EC) cases including 17 category | > 5 Crores | Head Office |
| | b. All Bulk drugs, intermediates & fine chemical industries, Sponge Iron industries & Bio-mass Power Plants | Irrespective of investment | |
| II | a. Environmental Clearance cases (excluding 17 Category) | ≤ 5 Crores | Zonal Office |
| | b. All Red category cases (Excluding cases at S.No.s 1a & 1b) | Irrespective of investment | |
| | c. Orange Category | > 1 Crore | |
| III | a. Orange Category | ≤ 1 Crore | Regional Office |
| | b. All Green category | Irrespective of investment | |

All the applications are placed in the respective CFO Committees existing at different levels i.e., HO / ZO / RO for taking appropriate decisions. Final decision on applications recommended for rejection shall be decided by HO. The approved orders are communicated by on-line.