G.S.R. - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution and in supersession of the Central Excise and Customs Department, Draftsman (Group ‘C’ posts) Recruitment Rules 2013 and amendment of 2017 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of recruitment to the posts of Draftsman (Group ‘C’ posts) in the Central Excise and Customs Department in Ministry of Finance, namely:—

1. **Short title and commencement.** - (1) These rules may be called the Central Excise and Customs Department Draftsman (Group ‘C’ Posts) Recruitment Rules, 2017.
   
   (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

2. **Application.** - These rules shall apply to the posts specified in Column (1) of the Schedule annexed to these rules.

3. **Number of post, classification and level in pay matrix.** - The number of said posts, their classification and level in the pay matrix attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the aforesaid Schedule.

4. **Method of recruitment, age limit, qualification etc.** - The method of recruitment, age limit, qualifications and other matters relating thereto shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the aforesaid Schedule.

5. **Special Provision.** - Each Zonal Cadre Controlling Authority shall have its own separate cadre unless other-wise directed by the Central Board of Excise and Customs.

6. **Disqualifications.** - No person, -
   
   (a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living; or
   
   (b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person,

   shall be eligible for appointment to the said post:

   Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

7. **Power to relax.** - Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

8. **Saving.** - Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of age limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, ex-Serviceman and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.