



HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA

Capitol Complex, Sector-1, Chandigarh

NOTIFICATION

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Dated, Chandigarh, the **01st June 2025**

DIRECT RECRUITMENT TO PUNJAB SUPERIOR JUDICIAL SERVICE-2025

Opening date for submission of applications	01.06.2025
Closing date for submission of applications	31.07.2025

1. NAME AND CATEGORY WISE BIFURCATION OF THE POSTS:-

High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh invites applications from eligible candidates to fill up 20 vacancies including 01 anticipated vacancy of **Additional District & Sessions Judge** in the cadre of Punjab Superior Judicial Service by way of direct recruitment (i.e. 25% quota) from amongst the eligible Advocates from the Bar, through competitive examination under Rule 7(3)(c) of Punjab Superior Judicial Service Rules, 2007.

ACTUAL VACANCIES			
Sr. No.	Category	Total Number of Posts	Posts reserved for women out of Total Posts
1	General	07	02
2	Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Punjab	02	00
3	Scheduled Caste (Others), Punjab	04 (including 03 backlog)	01
4	Scheduled Caste (Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh), Punjab	02 (backlog vacancies)	01
5	Backward Class, Punjab	03 (backlog vacancies)	00
6	Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD), Punjab i) Blindness & Low vision (VH)	01	00
ANTICIPATED VACANCY			
7	Scheduled Caste (Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh), Punjab	01	01
Total		20	05

Note 1:- Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) of other disabilities can also apply, even if the post is not reserved for them, but has been identified as suitable. However, such candidates will be considered for selection to such post by general standard of merit and without any relaxed standards. Those candidates cannot avail age limit relaxation as is given to PwBD category candidates. However, they shall be entitled to relaxation in Examination Fee on parity with the candidates of PwBD category, for whom the post has been reserved.

Note 2:- In the light of Judgment dated 19.02.2020, passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in S.L.P. (C) No.14156 of 2015 titled as 'Dheeraj Mor Vs. Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, Members of Judicial Service are not eligible to apply in the present recruitment process.

any State or Union Government, High Court or Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Service Commission from appearing in any examination or interview;

- 4.4 If he/she, being an Advocate, was found guilty of professional misconduct under the provisions of Advocates Act, 1961 (Central Act 25 of 1961) or any other law for the time being in force.

5. AGE LIMIT: -

- 5.1 Candidates should not be less than 35 years and not more than 45 years of age on the last date of submission of applications i.e. **31.07.2025**.
- 5.2 Upper age limit is relaxable upto 5 years for the candidates belonging to S.C., B.C. & PwBD (Blindness & Low Vision) categories of Punjab State only.

6. RESERVATION: -

- 6.1 The reservation and eligibility for SC/BC/EWS/PwBD/Women category candidates shall be admissible in accordance with the Policy/Rules/Instructions issued by the Government of Punjab from time to time.
- 6.2 The benefit of reservation under any category including women reservation is admissible only to bonafide domiciles/residents of State of Punjab. Candidates claiming reservation must attach latest domicile certificate issued by the State of Punjab.
- 6.3 Candidates seeking reservation under SC/BC categories are required to attach the latest/updated Caste Certificate issued by the competent authority. BC Certificate should have been issued by the competent authority as per Punjab Govt. instructions No. 1/41/93-RC1/459 dated 17.01.1994 and No. 1/41/93-RC1/1093050/1 dated 27.10.2017, which shall be valid as on the closing date for submission of application forms.
- 6.4 Candidates belonging to Backward Classes are also required to attach a declaration along with B.C. Certificate that no change occurred in their status and they do not fall in the section of creamy-layer as per Punjab Govt. letter No. 10/9/2009-RC1/62 dated 08.01.2010 as per enclosed proforma.
- 6.5 The reservation to General EWS category candidates shall be governed as per Punjab Govt. Instructions No. 1/3/2019-RC1/700 dated 30.10.2020 & No. 1/3/2019-RC1/196 dated 18.03.2021. They are required to attach the latest Income & Assets Certificate issued by the competent authority valid for the Financial Year 2025-26 based on the income for the financial year 2024-25 i.e. Certificate should have been issued on or after 01.04.2025 but before the closing date for submission of application forms.
- 6.6 Candidates seeking reservation under PwBD category would be eligible for reservation in service/post who suffer from not less than 40 per cent of the relevant disability as defined in Section 2(r) of "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016", which has been identified as suitable, in view of Punjab Government instructions dated 04.06.2021. The candidates who want to avail the benefit of reservation would have to attach latest Disability Certificate issued by the competent authority, as per Punjab Govt. Instructions No.1/1/2017-3DC/1588894/1, dated 03.10.2019.

Format of Written Test		
Paper-I Subjective/narrative type questions	3 hours	200 marks
Paper-II Subjective/narrative type questions	3 hours	200 marks
Paper-III Subjective/narrative type questions	3 hours	200 marks
Paper-IV English (Consisting of Essay & Precis) Punjabi (Consisting of Essay & Precis)	3 hours	100 marks (50 marks) (50 marks)
Paper-V General Knowledge 100 Objective type multiple choice questions	2 hours	50 marks
Total		750 Marks

Note: - Bare Acts will NOT be provided to the candidates in the written test.

(iv) **Viva-Voce: -**

Candidates shall be assessed on the basis of their personality, proficiency in English, General Knowledge, questions regarding Constitution of India, analytical approach & decisiveness.

- 7.5 Candidates securing 40% or more marks in each paper will be called for viva voce. But merely securing 40% or more marks would not confer any right to be called for viva voce. This Court shall have the discretion to shortlist the candidates equal to three times the number of vacancies for viva-voce. Further, no candidate will be considered to have successfully qualified the Punjab Superior Judicial Service Examination unless he/she obtains 50% marks (read 45% marks for the SC/BC/PwBD(VH) category candidates) in the aggregate out of the total marks fixed for the written test and viva-voce. It is also made clear that no candidate will get the right to be appointed even if he/she obtains 50% marks (read 45% marks for the SC/BC/PwBD(VH) category candidates) in the aggregate of the written test and viva-voce. However, candidates will be appointed strictly in the order of merit (category wise) in which they are placed after the result of written test and viva-voce.
- 7.6 The time schedule for the examination shall be posted on the official website of this Court.

8. EXAMINATION FEE: -

The category-wise examination fee payable by the candidates is as under:-

Category	Examination Fee (Rs.)
General/other State category candidates.	1000/-
Scheduled Caste/Backward Classes/Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)/Persons with Benchmark Disability category candidates of Punjab State only.	500/-

Note: - Examination fee shall be paid by way of Demand Draft in favour of the Registrar General, High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh payable at Chandigarh. Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection. Applications without the prescribed fee shall be summarily rejected.

application form duly attested by the Gazetted Officer and others to be tagged with the application form).

- ✓ Proof of Date of Birth (Matriculation or equivalent examination certificate).
- ✓ Proof of having passed Matriculation Examination with Punjabi as one of the compulsory or elective subject or any other equivalent examination in Punjabi Language, specified by the Government from time to time.
- ✓ Relevant educational qualifications certificates.
- ✓ Enrolment Certificate as an Advocate.
- ✓ Two latest character certificates (in original) from two respectable persons (one of which must be issued by the President/Secretary of the Bar Association, where the candidate is practicing or the Head of the Department/District Attorney, where the candidate is employed).
- ✓ Latest Experience Certificate (in original) issued by the President/Secretary of the Bar concerned and counter signed by the District Judge in case of candidates practicing in the District/Sub-Division Bar. In case of candidates practicing in the High Court, no counter signatures are necessary. For candidates in Govt. Service, certificate to be issued by the Head of the Department/District Attorney.
- ✓ Income Tax Returns for the last three assessment years showing the gross professional income i.e. 2023-24 (F.Y. 2022-23), 2024-25 (F.Y. 2023-24) & 2025-26 (F.Y. 2024-25).
- ✓ Latest Domicile Certificate issued by the competent authority (if a candidate is availing benefit of reservation).
- ✓ Latest/updated SC Certificate issued by the competent authority (if applicable).
- ✓ Latest/updated BC Certificate issued by the competent authority as per Punjab Govt. instructions dated 17.01.1994 and 27.10.2017 valid as on the closing date for submission of application forms (if applicable).
- ✓ Latest Income & Asset Certificate (for EWS category candidates) issued by the competent authority valid for the Financial Year 2025-26 based on the income for the financial year 2024-25 i.e. Certificate should have been issued on or after 01.04.2025 but before the closing date for submission of application forms (if applicable).
- ✓ Latest Disability Certificate issued by the competent authority (if applicable).
- ✓ Any other document (if applicable).

10.5 Candidates shall also attach the following Annexures as per prescribed proforma while submitting the application form:-

- ✓ Self-declaration regarding eligibility at **Annexure-2**.
- ✓ Details of cases conducted at **Annexure-3**.
- ✓ Instructions for the Candidates at **Annexure-4**.
- ✓ Form of declaration regarding backward class status at **Annexure-5** (if applicable).

12. SCRIBE/COMPENSATORY TIME FOR PWBD/PWD CATEGORY CANDIDATES: -

- 12.1 Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) as defined in Section 2(r) of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, i.e. persons having more than 40% disability, can avail the facility of scribe, who has limitation in writing including that of speed if so desired by him/her. In case of persons with Benchmark disabilities in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arm affected-BA) and cerebral palsy, the facility of scribe shall be given, if so desired by the person.

In case of other categories of Persons with Benchmark disabilities, the provision of scribe can be allowed on production of a Disability Certificate alongwith Medical Certificate to the effect that the person concerned has physical limitation to write, and scribe is essential to write examination on his/her behalf, from the Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of a Government health care institution as per prescribed proforma at **Annexure-7**.

- 12.2 Persons with Disability (PwD) as defined in Section 2(s) of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, i.e. persons having less than 40% disability, can also avail the facility of scribe, who are having difficulty in writing subject to production of a certificate to the effect that person concerned has limitation to write and that scribe is essential to write examination on his/her behalf from the competent medical authority of a Government healthcare institution as per prescribed proforma at **Annexure-8**.
- 12.3 The eligible candidates may request this Court for scribe within 15 days from the last date of submission of application forms. On receipt of request from the candidates, the candidate will be allotted scribe from amongst non-law graduate employees of this Court and he/she will be allowed to meet the scribe 02 days before the examination. Candidates must submit copies of disability certificate alongwith prescribed Medical Certificate.
- 12.4 A compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of the examination is allowed to all the PwBD/PwD category candidates who are allowed use of scribe as stated above. It is further clarified that all such candidates, who are eligible for availing the facility of scribe, but choose not to avail the said facility, will also be allowed compensatory time of 01 hour for examination of 03 hours duration, in case such candidates apply to this Court for the permission for compensatory time well in time alongwith requisite documents, as stated above.
- 12.5 If at any stage, the Medical Certificate is found inappropriate/ incorrect/ false/ fabricated/ tampered with or if it is found that the candidate was not eligible for the use of scribe as per the eligibility criteria, his/her candidature/appointment will be cancelled.
- 12.6 It must be noted that only this Court is competent to provide the permissions of scribe/compensatory time to the candidates as per the above procedures. No such permission in the above cases will be granted by the Centre Supervisor. No online request for a scribe will be accepted by this Court.

marks on the official website of this Court. No separate request in this regard by any candidate or any other person on their behalf shall be entertained under the RTI Act for re-evaluation/re-checking etc.

- 13.9 No TA/DA will be payable to any candidate for appearing in written test or viva-voce.
- 13.10 In case of any discrepancy in advertisement published in various newspapers etc., the content as put on the official website of this Court i.e. www.highcourtchd.gov.in shall prevail.
- 13.11 Any other terms and conditions not specifically mentioned above shall be governed in accordance with the Punjab Superior Judicial Service Rules, 2007 and rules/resolutions/instructions issued by this Court as well as Government of Punjab from time to time.

BY ORDER OF HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUDGES

**Sd/-
REGISTRAR (RECRUITMENT)
FOR REGISTRAR GENERAL**

14	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)				:	
	(i) Actual Age as on 31.07.2025				:Years.....Months.....Days
15	Details of Educational Qualifications					
	Sr. No.	Year	Examination	% age of Marks	Name of Board/University	
16	Have you passed matriculation examination with Punjabi as one of the compulsory or elective subject or any other equivalent examination in Punjabi Language, specified by the Government from time to time?				:	Yes/No
17	Date of Enrolment as an Advocate				:	
	Enrolment No.				:	
18	Whether you have 07 years of continuous practice as an Advocate				:	Yes/No
	If yes, specify the total period of practice as an Advocate				:Years.....Months.....Days
	Details of practice as an Advocate					
19	Are you in Government Service?				:	Yes/No
	If yes, give the following details:					
	Name of Department	Name of post held	Post held since	Total period	Remarks	

Signature of the Candidate with Date _____

25	Do you fulfill the condition of independent engagement and conducting of not less than 50 cases (other than bunch cases) per year for General Category in the preceding three years [40 cases (other than bunch cases) per year in case of SC, BC, EWS and PwBD(VH) candidates of Punjab in the preceding three years]?	:	Yes/No	
	Details of cases conducted as per Annexure '3' of the Notification			
	Period	No. of cases conducted independently		
	01.06.2022 to 31.05.2023			
	01.06.2023 to 31.05.2024			
	01.06.2024 to 31.05.2025			
26	Details of Examination Fee	:	Name of Bank	
		:	Bank Draft No.	
		:	Date	
		:	Amount (Rs.)	
27	Whether the list of requisite documents enclosed with the application form as per Clause 10.4 & 10.5 of the Notification?	:	Yes/No	

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all the statements made in this application form above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and nothing has been concealed or misrepresented. In the event of any information being found false/incorrect/ concealed or misrepresented at any stage, my candidature shall be liable to be cancelled and I shall also be liable for appropriate legal action including dismissal, removal, etc. even after appointment. I have also perused and accepted the Terms and Conditions mentioned in the notification as well as in the Annexures.

Place:

(Signature of the candidate)

Date:

NAME : _____