

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS
HIGH COURT OF DELHI : NEW DELHI
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DELHI HIGHER JUDICIAL SERVICE EXAMINATION – 2022

(AS PER THE DELHI HIGHER JUDICIAL SERVICE RULES, 1970 AS AMENDED UP TO 08.02.2022)

HIGH COURT OF DELHI invites online applications from eligible candidates for filling up 45 **vacancies** (43 existing vacancies & 02 anticipated vacancies) by way of direct recruitment in Delhi Higher Judicial Service by holding Delhi Higher Judicial Service Examination in three successive stages:-

- (i) Delhi Higher Judicial Service Preliminary Examination (Objective type with 25% negative marking) for selection for the Mains Examination (Written); and
- (ii) Delhi Higher Judicial Service Mains Examination (Written) for selection of candidates for calling for Viva-Voce.
- (iii) Viva-Voce

The Delhi Higher Judicial Service Preliminary Examination (Objective type) referred to above, will be held on **Sunday, the 20th March, 2022 (11 AM to 1 PM)**.

The scale of the pay of members of Delhi Higher Judicial Service is **Rs.131100-216600 in level 13A of matrix of 7th CPC Revised Corresponding Pay Matrix and Pay Level**.

The qualifications for direct recruits shall be as follows:-

- (1) must be a citizen of India.
- (2) must have been continuously practising as an Advocate for not less than seven years as on the last date of receipt of applications, i.e., 12.03.2022.
- (3) must have attained the age of 35 years and have not attained the age of 45 years on the 1st day of January of the year in which the applications for appointment are invited, i.e., 01.01.2022.

The candidates shall submit their applications online only in the prescribed format through the official website of High Court of Delhi i.e. www.delhihighcourt.nic.in as per schedule of dates, given below:

Date and Time of Commencement for creation of New Log In and filling Online Application Form	25.02.2022 (10:00 AM)
Last Date and Time for filling Online Application Form and/or making payment through Debit Card/Internet Banking	12.03.2022 (10:00 PM)

The **fees (non-refundable)** in the sum of Rs.1000/- for General Category candidates and Rs.200/- for reserved category [Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe / Persons with Disabilities (identified disabilities)] candidates should be paid through Debit Card/ Internet Banking.

The candidates can take printout of application form and keep it for future reference. **They should not send the printout of the online application form to the High Court of Delhi.**

The category wise break up of vacancies to be filled is as under:-

Category	Break up of Vacancies		Total No. of vacancies
	Existing	Anticipated	
General	30	02	32
SC	07	00	07
ST	06	00	06
TOTAL	43	02	45

Note 1: Out of the aforesaid 45 vacancies, the reservation for PwD candidates shall be as follows:

Category	Vacancies
PwD (Blind and Low Vision)	02
PwD (Specific Learning Disability) and PwD (Multiple Disabilities involving Blindness and low vision, one arm, one leg, both legs, leprosy cured, dwarfism and acid attack and specific learning)	01
Total	03

Note 2: In view of Gazette notification dated 04.01.2021, the disabilities for which the post of Judicial Officer has been identified as suitable are as under:

- i. Blindness, Low Vision;
- ii. One Arm, One Leg, Both Legs, Leprosy Cured, Dwarfism, Acid Attack Victims;
- iii. Specific Learning Disability;
- iv. Multiple Disabilities involving aforesaid disabilities.

Note 3: Number of vacancies is subject to change.

The candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission at all the stages of examination for which they are admitted by this Court viz. Preliminary Examination (Objective type), Mains Examination (Written) and the Viva-Voce shall be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. The question of eligibility would be thoroughly examined at the subsequent stage. If on verification at any time before or after the Preliminary Examination (Objective type), Mains Examination (Written) and the Viva-Voce, it is found that they do not fulfill any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for the examination shall stand cancelled without any notice or further reference.

Details regarding Preliminary Examination (Objective type), Mains Examination (Written), Viva-Voce, eligibility, relaxation in marks and other general terms and conditions applicable to the candidates are given in the Instructions available on the online portal, link for which would be available on the website of High Court of Delhi i.e. www.delhihighcourt.nic.in. Candidates are advised to go through the Instructions as well as the Delhi Higher Judicial Service Rules, 1970 (as amended up to 08.02.2022) before filling up the application form.

**Sd/-
(MANOJ JAIN)
REGISTRAR GENERAL
23.02.2022**

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Instructions

PART-I

1. Candidates must fill up the online application form in English language only.
2. Candidates must download the Admit Card from the website of High Court of Delhi (www.delhihighcourt.nic.in) and appear at the respective examination centre with original and valid photo identity such as Voter Identity Card, Passport, Identity Card issued by the Bar Association or a Government Authority, Aadhar Card or PAN Card. No candidate without original and valid photo identity shall be allowed to enter the examination centre. Proof of identity in the form of images in mobile phones shall not be permitted.
3. The decision of the High Court of Delhi regarding eligibility of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.
4. A candidate in Government Service or working in a Public Sector Undertaking or in a Bank whether in a permanent or temporary capacity, must inform his/her parent office that he/she has applied for Delhi Higher Judicial Service Examination 2022. Such candidate, if selected for Viva-Voce, shall be required to produce 'No Objection Certificate from his /her employer at the time of Viva-Voce.
5. A candidate, if declared successful in the Mains Examination (Written), must send **one set of self attested copies** of the following documents to the Joint Registrar (Exams-DHJS & DJS), High Court of Delhi, within five days of the declaration of the result accompanied by a covering letter indicating his/her Roll Number and Application Number:-
 - (i) Proof of age (Certificate of Matriculation or other equivalent examination).
 - (ii) Marksheets & Pass Certificates in respect of Xth and XIIth Class.
 - (iii) LL.B. degree or other equivalent law degree.
 - (iv) Semesterwise Marksheets, Consolidated Marksheet, Certificates and degrees of all courses passed or attended.
 - (v) Advocate's licence and certificate of enrolment with Bar.
 - (vi) Pass Certificate in respect of All India Bar Examination, if qualified.
 - (vii) Acknowledgement of filing of Income Tax Returns / Statement of Account and Assessment Orders for the years indicated in the Application Form.
 - (viii) A certificate in Original issued by the Bar about the period of practice duly countersigned by the Registrar General or specially authorized officer of High Court of State or the District Judge in case of district where practising.
 - (ix) In case of a candidate who claims to belong to one of the Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe categories, a Certificate issued by a Sub-Divisional Officer/Additional District Magistrate/Revenue Assistant or any other Officer, who has been designated by the State Government concerned as competent to issue such a certificate.
 - (x) If the candidate is in service at the time of submission of application form, Original Certificate from the employer as to whether in the performance of his/her duties, he/she acts or pleads regularly in court(s) as an advocate on behalf of his/her employer or otherwise.
 - (xi) In case of a candidate belonging to Persons with Disabilities category (identified disabilities), Disability Certificate, issued by a Government Hospital/Medical Board in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in support of his/her claim.
6. Candidate will be required to answer all questions/question papers in English, except to the extent otherwise indicated in the syllabus. The Candidates should bring his/her own pencil/pen and ink but not any other articles such as notes, loose sheets etc. into the examination hall.
7. Canvassing or use of unfair means in any form shall be considered a disqualification.
8. A candidate, who claims to belong to Scheduled Caste /Scheduled Tribe or Persons with Disability categories (identified disabilities), if declared successful in the Mains Examination (Written), must submit the original Caste/Disability Certificate (as the case may be) to the Joint Registrar (Exams-DHJS & DJS), Delhi High Court within five days of the declaration of the result.
9. Special instructions for PwD candidates:
 - a) All such PwD candidates who are suffering from an identified disability of 40% or more and have physical limitation to write, will have the option of availing of facility for scribe (either to be provided by Delhi High Court or own scribe) and/or Compensatory Time without scribe facility. All such candidates would be required to furnish a Certificate (in original) regarding physical limitation in an examinee to write which shall be issued by CMO/Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of a Government health care Institution. The Certificate should be given by a specialist of the relevant stream/disability (as per Annexure). Such candidates would be further required to furnish an Affidavit on a Non Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs.10/- in the prescribed format.
 - b) **The candidates must submit the said Certificate (in original) and the Affidavit in the office of Joint Registrar (Examinations – DHJS & DJS) in advance at least three days prior to the date of examination or must bring the same at the examination centre itself on the dates of examinations (Preliminary as well as Mains) otherwise they will not be allowed to avail the facility of scribe or Compensatory Time.**
 - c) All such candidates who opt for scribe facility and/or Compensatory Time and furnish the aforesaid Certificate and the affidavit in the prescribed format shall be given a Compensatory Time of 20 minutes per hour of the duration of the Examination in addition to the prescribed time during Preliminary Examination and Mains Examination (Written).
 - d) As regards PwD candidates who are suffering from identified disabilities for which a vacancy has been reserved, such candidates would also be entitled for relaxation in marks on account of disability. However, this relaxation would not be applicable to a candidate who is entitled to relaxation in marks due to any other reservation.
 - e) Candidates who avail the facility of scribe in the Preliminary Examination should note that they will not be allowed to read the Question Paper or mark answers and only the scribe will be allowed to read out the questions and mark the answers in the OMR answer sheet as per the instructions given by the candidate.
 - f) Candidates belonging to Persons with Disabilities Category (PwD), who are suffering from an identified disability of 40% or more, would be charged concessional fees, irrespective of whether the vacancy is reserved or not for such identified disabilities.

PART-II

- I. Delhi Higher Judicial Service Examination will be held in three successive stages:-
 - (i) DHJS Preliminary Examination (Objective type with 25% negative marking) for selection for the Mains Examination (Written),
and

- (ii) DHJS Mains Examination (Written) for selection of candidates for calling for Viva-Voce.
 (iii) Viva-Voce.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

- II. The Preliminary Examination will be a screening test of qualifying nature and will consist of one paper of multiple choice based objective type questions carrying a maximum of 150 marks. There shall be 150 questions with each question carrying one mark with 25% negative marking for each wrong answer.

The duration of the Examination shall be 2 hours.

SYLLABUS OF PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

The Preliminary Examination shall include questions on General Knowledge, Current Affairs, English Language, The Constitution of India; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872; The Limitation Act, 1963; The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973; The Indian Penal Code, 1860; The Indian Contract Act, 1872; The Indian Partnership Act, 1932; The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996; The Specific Relief Act, 1963; The Transfer of Property Act, 1882; The Sale of Goods Act, 1930; The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881; The Indian Succession Act, 1925; The Hindu Succession Act, 1956; The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988; The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act), 2012; The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act (DRT Act), 1993; The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (SARFAESI Act), 2002; The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988; The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947; The Payment of Wages Act, 1936; The Employee's Compensation Act, 1923; The Minimum Wages Act, 1948; The Factories Act, 1948; The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972; The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015; The Commercial Courts Act, 2015; The Provident Funds Act, 1925; The Information Technology Act (IT Act), 2000; The Trade Marks Act, 1999; The Copyright Act, 1957; The Patents Act, 1970 and The Designs Act, 2000.

- III. **Minimum qualifying marks for Preliminary Examination:**

Category	Minimum Qualifying Marks (in %)
General	50%
Reserved Categories, i.e., SC, ST and Persons with Disabilities [PwD (Blindness/Low Vision), PwD (Specific Learning Disability) and PwD (Multiple Disabilities involving blindness and low vision, one arm, one leg, both legs, leprosy cured, dwarfism and acid attack and specific learning)]	45%

- IV. The number of candidates to be admitted to the Mains Examination (Written) shall not be more than twenty times the total number of advertised vacancies in each category.

Provided that if there is more than one candidate appearing at the cut-off point, having secured same number of marks, all such candidates shall be admitted to the Mains Examination (Written).

The marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination by the candidates who are declared qualified for admission to the Mains Examination (Written) shall not be counted for determining their final order of merit.

MAINS (WRITTEN) EXAMINATION

- V. The Mains Examination (Written) shall consist of the following four papers with the maximum marks specified against it:-

<u>Papers</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Max. Marks</u>
Paper - I	General Knowledge & Language – This is to test the candidate's knowledge of current affairs etc. and power of expression in English. Credit will be given both for substance and expression. Conversely deduction will be made for bad expression, faults of grammar and misuse of words etc.	150
Paper - II	Law - I – The Constitution of India; The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872; The Limitation Act, 1963; The Registration Act, 1908; The Commercial Courts Act, 2015; The Court Fees Act, 1870; The Trade Marks Act, 1999; The Copyright Act, 1957; The Patents Act, 1970; The Designs Act, 2000.	200
Paper - III	Law - II – The Transfer of Property Act, 1882; The Indian Contract Act, 1872; The Sale of Goods Act, 1930; The Indian Partnership Act, 1932; The Specific Relief Act, 1963; Arbitration Law (The Arbitration	200

	and Conciliation Act, 1996); Personal Laws [The Indian Succession Act, 1925; The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955; The Special Marriage Act, 1954; The Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956; The Guardians and Wards Act, 1890; The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019; The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986; The Divorce Act, 1869]; The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act (DRT Act), 1993; The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (SARFAESI Act), 2002; The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988; The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947; The Payment of Wages Act, 1936; The Employee's Compensation Act, 1923; The Minimum Wages Act, 1948; The Factories Act, 1948.	
Paper - IV	Law - III – The Indian Penal Code, 1860; The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872; The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988; The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act), 2012; The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015; The Information Technology Act, 2000; The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881; The Prevention of Money-Laundering Act, 2002; The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005; The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.	200

The duration of Paper I shall be 2 hours and of Papers II, III and IV shall be 3 hours each.

VI. **Minimum qualifying marks for the Mains Examination (Written):**

Category	Minimum Qualifying Marks in each Paper (in %)	Minimum Qualifying Marks in the aggregate (in %)
General	45%	50%
Reserved Categories, i.e., SC, ST and Persons with Disabilities [PwD (Blindness/Low Vision), PwD (Specific Learning Disability) and PwD (Multiple Disabilities involving blindness and low vision, one arm, one leg, both legs, leprosy cured, dwarfism and acid attack and specific learning)]	40%	45%

VIVA-VOCE

- VII. Viva-Voce will carry 250 marks. A candidate of general category must secure minimum 50% marks and a candidate of reserved category i.e. Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Persons with Disabilities [PwD (Blindness/Low Vision), PwD (Specific Learning Disability) and PwD (Multiple Disabilities involving blindness and low vision, one arm, one leg, both legs, leprosy cured, dwarfism and acid attack and specific learning)] must secure minimum 45% marks in Viva-Voce to be eligible for being recommended for appointment to the service.

Provided that the candidates shortlisted for Viva-Voce shall not exceed three times the number of vacancies in each category advertised. In case, there is a candidate(s) who has/have secured marks equal to the marks secured by the last candidate shortlisted for Viva-Voce, then all such candidate(s) who have secured marks equal to the marks secured by the last candidate shortlisted for Viva-Voce, shall also be shortlisted for the Viva-Voce irrespective of the fact that by including such candidate(s), the number of candidates shortlisted for Viva-Voce exceeds the prescribed limit of three times the number of vacancies in each category advertised.

The final merit list will be prepared on the basis of assessment of marks obtained in the Mains Examination (Written) and Viva-Voce.

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