

**HIMACHAL PRADESH  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**ADVERTISEMENT No.14 /2017**

**Dated: 15/12/2017**

**H.P. JUDICIAL SERVICE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION-2017**

<b>LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS : 05/01/2018</b> <b>The Online Applications can be filled up to 05-01-2018 till 11.59 P.M. after which the link will be disabled.</b>
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<b>LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF DOWNLOADED APPLICATIONS ALONGWITH REQUISITE DOCUMENTS : 12/01/2018.</b>
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**THE DETAILS OF THE POSTS FOR CIVIL JUDGE IN THE PAY SCALE OF  
Rs. 27,700 - 44,770 ARE AS UNDER:-**

Sr. No.	Vacancies	Number of Posts
1	Existing Vacancies	05 [3(UR), 01 (OBC) & 01(PH)]
2	Anticipated Vacancies	07(UR-06 & S.C.-01)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

- (i) The computation of the vacancies is subject to variation.
- (ii) The number of vacancies in the service together with proportionate reservation to various categories in respect of this examination may vary.

**CANDIDATES TO ENSURE THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EXAMINATION**

The Candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfill all eligibility conditions for admission to examination. Their admission to all the stages of the examination will be purely provisional subject to satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. Mere issue of admit card to the candidate will not imply that his/her candidature has been finally cleared by the Commission.

**ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

- a) As on fifth of **January, 2018**, a candidate must be a holder of degree in Law as recognized by the **Bar Council of India**.
- b) A candidate must be a citizen of India.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION:**

The knowledge of customs, manners and dialects of Himachal Pradesh and suitability for appointment in the peculiar conditions prevailing in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

**AGE LIMIT:**

A candidate must have attained the age of **22** years but must not be more than **35** years of age as on the last date prescribed for receipt of applications in the Commission's Office i.e. **5<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**.

**RELAXATION IN UPPER AGE LIMIT:**

The upper age limit is relaxable by 03 years for S.C. / S.T. and other prescribed reserved categories (OPRC) candidates of Himachal Pradesh.

**EXAMINATION FEE:**

The candidates are required to pay a fee either by depositing the money in any branch of PNB by cash or by using Visa / Master Card / Credit / Debit Card. The detail of fee for respective categories is as under:-

GENERAL / Gen. P.H., UNRESERVED CATEGORY	Rs.400/-.
SC/ST/OTHER PRESCRIBED RESERVED CATEGORY OF H.P.	Rs.100/-.

Candidates are required to pay a fee of Rs.400/- for General Category / General P.H. and Rs.100/- for S.C. / S.T. / OBC of H.P. by cash at any branch of **Punjab National Bank**, through a **e-challan** generated through the above website or by using Visa / Master Card / Credit / Debit Card.

**PAY BY CASH:**

The candidates who opt for "**PAY by CASH**" mode, should print the system generated **e-Challan** of **Punjab National Bank** after applying online for the post through Commission's website, and Transaction No., Branch Code and date of Receipt given by the PNB on candidate's copy of e-Challan are required to be updated before the last date in the same Login ID in the Fee Details link. Before applying online, all candidates are advised to go through detailed instructions given on the above mentioned website.

**THROUGH CREDIT/ DEBIT/ VISA CARD/MASTER CARD**

The candidates can also pay requisite amount of application fee through Credit/ Debit Card only. Payment Gateway accepts Debit

and Credit Cards from VISA and Master Card of any Bank. A link to pay requisite application fee by this mode is also available on our website.

**NOTE :**

**Candidates should note that payment of fee can be made only through the modes prescribed above. Payment of fee through any other mode is neither valid nor acceptable. Applications submitted without the prescribed fee/mode shall be summarily rejected.**

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Candidates are required to visit at <http://hp.gov.in/hppsc/> to access the home page of the **"ONLINE APPLICATION FILING SYSTEM"**.

Before filling up the form, the candidates are advised to read carefully the Notification/ Advertisement for the post(s)/Exam(s) and also ensure that he/she is eligible in terms of the conditions/provisions mentioned in the Advertisement/Notification.

In case of any guidance/information/clarification regarding their applications, candidature etc. candidates can contact HPPSC's Reception Counter near Main Gate of its campus in person or over **Toll free Number 1800-180-8004** and **Telephone No. 0177-2624313 & 2629738** on working days between **10.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs**.

**Please follow the STEPS determined for filing Online applications. This application is compatible with Internet Explorer 7 or above**

**STEP – I: NEW USER:** Register yourself as a New User in Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission website, Clicking on **"NEW USER SIGNUP HERE"** link on the web page and fill the parameters of Name, User ID, Password, Category, Gender, E-mail ID, Security Question & Answer and Date of Birth. Then press the button **"Create User"**.

**REGISTERED CANDIDATES:** The candidates already registered with the commission or any of the examinations/tests need not register again. Such candidates should click on **"REGISTERED USER"** link.

[THE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO NOTE DOWN THE USER ID AND PASSWORD AND THIS USER ID AND PASSWORD WILL BE APPLICABLE FOR ALL FUTURE REFERENCES REGARDING THIS EXAMINATION(S)/ TEST(S) AND ALSO FOR FUTURE NOTIFICATION(S)/ADVERTISEMENT(S) ISSUED BY THE HPPSC FROM TIME TO TIME. THE INSERTED PROFILE OF THE CANDIDATE WILL BE SAVED AND NO NEED TO REENTER THE SAME TIME AND AGAIN.]

**STEP-II:** For Basic Registration process, you have to click on “**Click to Apply**” option. It will fetch out Candidate’s Basic Registration page in which the candidates have to fill fundamental information, particulars and details asked for. All Fields are mandatory and essential to be filled in by the candidate. Every field has clear written instructions for filling up the particular column which should be carefully read and strictly followed by the candidates while filling up the form. Here the system asks for Candidate’s Personal Information including “Father’s/Mother’s name”, “District”, “Centre”, “Address”, “Contact No”, Qualification details, and other relevant information.

The candidate is required to upload the images of recent **Photograph** and **Signature Specimen**. Images to be uploaded should be only in \*.jpeg format of size not exceeding **40 KB** each. The photo of candidate should be without cap or goggles. Spectacles are allowed

The candidate should scan his signature, which has been put on white paper using **Black Ink** pen.

After entering the Candidate’s Basic Registration Form there is provision to “**Edit Application Form**” before final submission of application form. After submission, request for change/correction in any particulars in the Application Form shall not be entertained under any circumstances. The H.P. Public Service Commission will not be responsible for any consequences arising out of furnishing of incorrect and incomplete details in the application or omission to provide the required details in the application form.

### **Payment Options:**

Candidate can pay **Examination Fee** either through “**E-Challan**” or through “**E-Payment**” option.

### **STEP-III(A):**

#### **Fee through E-Challan**

Candidates are advised to go through the contents of the **Declaration** carefully before clicking on “**I accept, Submit Application Form**” button at the bottom of the page. **Accepting to agree only will submit the candidate’s Online Application and “E-Challan”** will be generated of Punjab National Bank that you have to deposit Examination/Test Fee in any branch of the PNB from where the candidate will get Challan Copy with transaction number, date and Branch Code/Name. The Candidates must ensure before leaving the cash counter of bank, that the Transaction Number, Date and Branch Name/Code is clearly written on the counterfoil of candidate’s copy.

### **STEP-III (B)**

#### **Fee through E-Payment :**

After successful submission of Application Form “**E-Payment**” link will be activated. By clicking on **E-Payment** link web page will be

redirected to the next page, where Candidate is required to go through the “*Terms & Conditions to apply online*” thoroughly.

After clicking on the check box “*I Agree to the Term and Conditions of Payment*” **candidate** can click on the “*Pay Now*” button to proceed further for online payment of Application Fee.

Candidate can pay requisite amount of application fee through **Debit or Credit** card only. Payment Gateway accepts **Debit and Credit** cards from VISA and MasterCard of any bank. After filling up the **Debit or Credit** card details correctly, candidate is required to click on the “*Pay*” button to complete the payment process. After completing the payment process, candidate can take print of the **Application Form** for future reference.

**STEP-IV:** Now the candidates are required to visit again at <http://www.hp.gov.in/hppsc/> to access the home page of the “**ONLINE APPLICATION FILING SYSTEM**”. By entering User ID and Password earlier created by the candidates. Click on “**FEE DETAILS**” and enter the details of Transaction Number, Date of Deposit and Branch Code/Name & then submit Application. PDF format of Application Form will appear on the screen. Candidates should take print of this page by clicking on the “**Application Form**” option available.

**STEP-V:** After filling-up the Application form, download the same and take the print on A-4 size paper and dispatch along with documents to “**Controller of Examination, Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission, Nigam Vihar, Shimla -171002**”. The candidates should also write the name of examination viz. “**Himachal Pradesh Judicial Services Examination, 2017**” on the envelope before dispatching it to “Controller of Examination, Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission, Nigam Vihar, Shimla -171002”.

Candidates submitting the Applications Online are required:

- to retain a photo copy of the Application Form for future reference.
- to retain the original receipt issued by the Post Office for having dispatched the Application Form.
- the processing of the applications will begin only after receiving Application Form and reconciliation of examination Fee with Punjab National Bank.

Online Application Form will be entertained only after receipt of duly signed Application Form alongwith requisite documents in support of eligibility. The applicants may see status of applications Online by entering his / her User I.D. and Password.

The candidates are required to submit copies with Application Form of following certificates duly attested in support of their claims:

- a) Matriculation Certificate or its equivalent, showing the date of birth.
- b) Graduation Degree / detailed marks certificate, issued by a recognized university.
- c) Degree in Law recognized by the Bar Council of India.
- d) The S.C. /S.T. / OBC certificates must be on parental lineage on the proforma prescribed by the Govt. and issued by competent authority of the concerned area in Himachal Pradesh.

OBC certificate should not be more than one year old on 05/01/2018. The OBC candidates also have to file affidavits that their status as OBC has not changed and that they are not excluded from the category of OBC on account of being covered under creamy layer.

- e) The candidate shall also submit Original Certificates furnished by two respectable persons unconnected with candidate explicitly testifying to his character, good behavior as well as antecedents as per format of credential certificate annexed to this Advertisement.

**NOTE:** The provisionally admitted candidates may download the admit cards along with instructions for appearing in the HPJS (Preliminary) examination-2017 from the official website <http://hp.gov.in/hppsc/>

**If any candidate appears at a centre other than those indicated by the Commission in his/her Admit Card, the papers of such a candidate will not be evaluated and his/her candidature will be liable to Cancellation.**

#### **DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION:**

No person shall be eligible for admission to the examination:-

- a) If he/ she has been dismissed from any previous service;
- b) If he/ she has been convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude or has been permanently debarred / disqualified from appearing in any examination or selection;
- c) If he / she is found either directly or indirectly influencing the selection process in any manner;
- d) If he is a man, has more than one wife living and if a woman, has married a man already having another wife; or
- e) If he / she is an un-discharged insolvent.

Every person applying for appointment to the service, at the bottom of the prescribed application form, shall give a declaration that he does not suffer from any of the aforesaid disqualifications and also that he conforms to all the eligibility criteria. The declaration shall also contain his undertaking that if the same is found false or incorrect, his candidature shall be liable to be cancelled or if appointed, his appointment shall also be annulled.

**ADMISSION / REJECTION OF CANDIDATURE:**

- (i) Applications submitted in the proforma which is not prescribed, improperly filled up, defective applications or applications with inadequate fees or applications received after **05-01-2018** shall not be entertained or shall be rejected straightway without providing opportunity for corrections. Therefore, it is in the interest of the candidates to fill up the applications carefully, submit them with required documents / photographs and fees well in time.
- (ii) The candidates are advised to carefully read the instructions contained in this advertisement, according to which the H.P. Judicial Service Rules, 2004 and the Himachal Pradesh Judicial Service (Syllabus & Allocation of Marks) Regulations, 2005 as amended from time to time to ensure that they are eligible for admission to this examination in terms of said rules, instructions and conditions. The eligibility of candidates will be determined on the basis of aforesaid Rules and Regulations. The candidates who appear in the aforesaid examination, if found ineligible subsequently, their candidature will stand cancelled. The eligibility of candidates called for the interview will be determined on the basis of original documents and the Commission will not be responsible if the candidature of any candidate is rejected at that stage or at the time of verification by the appointing authority. As such, admission to the examination / interview shall be purely provisional.
- (iii) Onus of proving that a candidate is eligible to apply for the post is on the candidate only. If the date of notification / declaration of result is not indicated in the degree/ certificate / marks list, the date of issue of degree / certificate / marks list shall be deemed as date of acquiring essential qualification.
- (iv) The candidates claiming reservation must submit valid certificates of concerned category in support of the claim. In case of invalid certificates, the applications will be rejected. The category once claimed shall not be changed.

If you belong to OBC category you are required to produce OBC certificate, which should not be more than one year old at the

time of last date fixed for receipt of applications, main examination and viva-voce, along with latest affidavit duly attested by the authority authorized under the Indian Oath Act stating that your status as OBC has not changed and you are not excluded from the category of OBC on account of being covered under creamy layer. Such certificate should be based on the lineage of parental family. You will not appear in the examination or viva-voce, if you fail to bring both these documents. No further time will be given for submission of these documents after the examination / viva-voce.

- (v) The names of those candidates whose applications are rejected or not entertained will be put on the website of the Commission. The candidates whose applications are not rejected shall be admitted provisionally for the examination. The list of such eligible candidates would be displayed on the website of the Commission on **01-02-2018**.

## **SCHEME OF EXAMINATION:**

### **1. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION:**

The preliminary examination shall be an objective type examination consisting of the following three papers of 100 Marks each:-

- Civil Law-I
- Civil Law-II
- Criminal Law

Each paper shall be of one-hour duration and the examination in all the three papers shall be held on the same day. The syllabus for the preliminary examination shall be the same as provided for Paper-I to III for the Main examination. The preliminary examination will be held on **02/03/2018**.

The result of preliminary examination will be declared on **15-03-2018** and shall be published and also displayed on official website of the Commission. No individual intimation shall be given to the candidates.

### **CENTRES OF EXAMINATION:**

The Preliminary Examination will be held at **SHIMLA and DHARAMSALA** in Kangra District (if adequate Nos. of candidates opt for Dharamsala centre).

The centres of holding the examination as mentioned above are liable to be cancelled/ changed at the discretion of the Commission.



Every effort will be made by the Commission to allot the candidates to the centre of their choice for examination, however, the Commission may, at their discretion allot a different centre to a candidate, when circumstances so warranted.

## 2. MAIN (NARRATIVE) EXAMINATION:

- (i) Main Written (narrative) examination shall be held w.e.f. **30<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**. The date sheet will be put on the website of the Commission. No individual intimation will be given.
- (ii) Each paper will last for three hours. The subject and syllabus for main(narrative) examination and marks for each paper shall be as follows:

PAPER	SUBJECT	MARKS
<b>PAPER-I</b>	<b>Civil Law-I:</b> Code of Civil Procedure. Indian Evidence Act, Indian Stamp Act, Himachal Pradesh Courts Act, 1976 and Specific Relief Act.	200 Marks
<b>PAPER-II</b>	<b>Civil Law-II:</b> Indian Contract Act, Hindu Law, Indian Limitation Act, Transfer of Property Act and H.P. Urban Rent Control Act.	200 Marks
<b>PAPER-III</b>	<b>Criminal Law:</b> Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code, Chapter-XVII (section 138 to 143) of the Negotiable Instruments Act, H.P. Excise Act-2011 as Applicable to the State of H.P., Wild Life Protection Act and Indian Forest Act.	200 Marks
<b>PAPER-IV</b>	<p><b>English Composition:</b> A Choice from three Essays on General Subjects.</p> <p>ESSAY: 100 Marks            Translation of Hindi Passage into English: 50 Marks            ~~~~~            Total: 150 Marks            ~~~~~            {The standard for the English paper shall be that of graduation examination of Himachal Pradesh University.)</p>	150 Marks
<b>PAPER-V</b>	<p><b>Language (Hindi):</b>            Hindi (in Devanagari Script) No books prescribed. The paper of Hindi will comprise of the following:-</p> <p>Translation of English passage into Hindi.-30 Marks            Essay in Hindi on any topic out of three. -50 Marks            Composition (Idioms and Corrections etc.).-20 Marks            ~~~~~            Total: 100 Marks            ~~~~~            (The standard for the language paper shall be that of Matriculation examination of the</p>	100 Marks

<b>Viva-voce</b>	<p>(i) Candidates, who qualify the Main written examination, will be required to appear at such place, as may be fixed by the Commission, for a viva-voce test. The maximum marks for the viva-voce shall be 150. The marks obtained in the viva-voce will be added to the marks obtained in the Main written examination for purpose of selection of the candidates.</p> <p>(ii) The summoning of the candidates for viva-voce test conveys no assurance whatsoever that they will be selected or recommended. Appointment orders to the selected candidates will be issued by the Government.</p> <p>(iii) A candidate shall also be required to obtain at least 45% of the marks allocated for the interview, failing which he will be deemed to have not qualified the competitive examination.</p>	150 Marks
<b>Minimum Qualifying Marks:</b>	<p>(i) No candidate shall be credited with any marks in any paper unless he obtains at least 40 percent marks in that paper, except Hindi language paper (paper-V) in which candidate should obtain at least 33 percent marks.</p> <p>(ii) No candidate shall be considered to have qualified the written test unless he obtains 45 percent marks in aggregate in all papers and at least 33 percent marks in language paper i.e. Hindi in Devanagri script.</p>	

## OTHER CONDITIONS

- The Commission reserves the right to allot any Centre of examination to any candidate. No request for change of centre will be entertained. The main written examination will be conducted at Shimla.
- The inclusion of a candidate in the list of successful candidates shall not confer any right to appointment unless the Government is satisfied after such inquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment in service before actual offer for appointment is made. The selected candidates will also be subjected to a Medical Examination in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the Hon'ble High Court under Rule- 9 of H.P. Judicial Service Rules, 2004 read with Regulation '8' of the H.P. Judicial Service (Syllabus and Allocation of Marks) Regulations, 2013.
- The candidates, who may be admitted to the examination, will have to write in their own hand. In no case can an amanuensis be allowed.

- The Commission does not supply any articles of stationery except authorized Computerized Answer Sheet for preliminary examination and Answer Books, continuation sheets for use in the main written examination. Items such as pen, Ink, whatsoever needed have to be brought by the examinees themselves.
- Re-evaluation or rechecking of Answer Sheets / Answer Books (Scripts) is not permissible nor the Commission enters into correspondence in this regard.
- It may be ensured by the candidates before submitting the applications that furnishing of false information and documents or suppression of any factual information in the application form would entail disqualification. If the fact that false information / document(s) has been furnished or that there has been suppression of any factual information in the application comes to notice at any time during the service of a person, his service would be liable to be terminated. No columns should be left blank in the application form.
- In case candidate has any doubt or objection about any question(s) in the question paper, he/she is advised to give a representation, in writing immediately after the examination is over (the same day) in the name of the Secretary, H.P. Public Service Commission to the centre supervisor and no representation shall be entertained thereafter.
- On the basis of merit obtained in the Preliminary examination, the candidates equal to twenty times of the number of vacancies to be filled in shall be called for taking the main examination.

Sd/-  
**(Sanjiv Pathania), IAS**  
 Secretary,  
 H.P. Public Service Commission  
 Tel. No. : 0177-2623786

## **CREDENTIAL CERTIFICATE**

(This Certificate may be explicitly testified by two responsible persons unconnected with candidate)

Certified that I have known Shri / Shrimati/ Kumari \_\_\_\_\_

Son/daughter of Shri \_\_\_\_\_

from the last \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months and testifying his/ her character, good behavior as well as antecedents.

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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