



HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH: JABALPUR

ADVERTISEMENT

District Judge (Entry Level) Direct Recruitment from Bar, Exam-2023

(under rule 5(1)(C) of the M.P. Higher Judicial Service (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2017)

Advertisement No. 79 /Exam/DRHJS/2023 Date 22.08.2023

Starting Date for submission of Online Application Form – 22.08.2023
(12:00 PM)

Last Date for submission of Online Application Form– 12.09.2023
(11:55 PM)

Period of Correction in Online Application Form – 16.09.2023 (12:00 PM)
To
18.09.2023 (11:55 PM)

Date of Online Preliminary Exam – To be notified later

Only online applications are being invited for **21 posts** of District Judge (Entry Level) Direct Recruitment from Bar, Exam-2023 in the cadre of Madhya Pradesh Higher Judicial Service (pay scale of ₹ 144840-194660) amongst the eligible Advocates under Rule 5(1)(C) and directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in SLP (C) No. 14156/2015 (*Dheeraj Mor Vs. High Court of Delhi*). Recruitment to the post and conditions of service will be governed by the M.P. Higher Judicial Service (Recruitment & Conditions of Service) Rules, 2017, M.P. Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1965 and M.P. Civil Services (General Conditions of Service) Rules 1961 and any other Rules/ Regulation / Notification / Instructions, as issued by the State Government and as may be adopted by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

The recruitment shall be subject to any order(s) of Hon'ble Supreme Court/High Court.

Important-Points

- 1) Interested Candidates, eligible to apply for the post, should read the advertisement thoroughly and submit their Online Application in the format available on www.mphc.gov.in by filling all details in respect of their date of birth, caste, category, qualifications, domicile, experience, standing at the Bar *etc.*
- 2) The entries in application forms shall be same as is shown in the documents relating to eligibility of the Candidate.
- 3) Number of seats may vary & such variation will be notified through porting of notification on the website of High Court of Madhya Pradesh.
- 4) It is made clear that all candidates who are not bonafide domicile of State of Madhya Pradesh shall be treated to be of "Unreserved category", irrespective of their categories in their own States and they are required to fill up their category as Unreserved (UR) in the application form and wherever required, during Recruitment process. The candidates, except Specially Abled person, shall also have to pay Examination fee, accordingly.
- 5) Permission to appear in the exam shall be provisional and if at any stage, it is found that the candidate does not fulfill the eligibility conditions mentioned in Advertisement or his/her Certificates are found false then candidature of the concerned candidate shall be rejected.
- 6) Forms of only those candidate shall be treated as successfully submitted, whose examination fees is credited in the account of

High Court within prescribed time. It shall be the duty of candidate to fill all the details correctly in Registration form / Online Application Form. Any representation received for correction or otherwise shall be rejected.

- 7) It is cautioned that the candidates are required to write their Roll no. only in the place provided for that purpose at the first cover-page of the answer book of Main Written Examination. Writing his/her own name or roll no. or any mark of identification i.e. any letter figure or mark which is intended to be used or which may be used for the purpose of revealing the identity of candidate in any manner, is strictly prohibited. Any Violation of it may, in addition to other grounds, entail cancellation of candidature and any correspondence, in this regard, shall not be entertained.
- 8) Candidate shall use blue or black pen only for writing in Answer book of Main Written Examination and shall not use ink of any other colour or Pencil for the same.
- 9) It is compulsory for a candidate to appear in all four Question Papers and if any candidate does not appear in any Question Paper then he/she shall not be permitted to appear in the examination of remaining Question Paper(s). The answer sheets of such candidate shall not be evaluated and his/her candidature shall be deemed cancelled.
- 10) Any representation/application for changing date(s) of examination /recruitment process, for relaxation of conditions mentioned in the Advertisement or notification or guidelines or relaxation in minimum marks or qualifications/requirements *etc.* or for revaluation, shall not be entertained.
- 11) All the Corrigendum(s)/Notification(s)/direction(s)/ instruction (s)/ guideline(s)/format issued during Recruitment Process

shall be deemed to be part of the Advertisement.

- 12) The High Court reserves all rights to make any change at any time of Recruitment process which may be notified through porting Corrigendum/Notification on the website of High Court of Madhya Pradesh (www.mphc.gov.in).

1. Details of posts -

As per sub-rule (1) & (2) of Rule 6 of the M.P. Higher Judicial Service (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2017, reservation for S.C., S.T. and O.B.C. Candidates is 15%, 18% and 14% of the posts respectively. Apart from that horizontal reservation of 2% posts in District Judge (Entry Level) Direct Recruitment from Bar, Exam-2023 is provided for the persons suffering from locomotor disabilities excluding those suffering from Cerebral Palsy under clause(c) of sub-section (1) of section 34 of the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. Accordingly, the reservation for available **21 vacant posts** is determined as under:-

| S.No. | Category | Percentage wise Posts |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Scheduled Castes | 03 posts |
| 2 | Scheduled Tribes | 04 posts |
| 3 | OBC | 03 posts |
| 4 | Unreserved | 11 posts |
| Total | | 21 posts |

- Note :-** i. As the total no. of Posts is 21 & its 2% is 0.42, therefore no seat is reserved for P.H. category.
- ii. Total reserved post cannot exceed 50% of total vacancy.
- iii. Number of seats may vary & such variation will be notified through porting of notification on the website of High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

2. **Eligibility of candidates -**

No person shall be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment unless, he or she -

- (a) is a citizen of India ;
- (b) has attained the age of 35 (thirty five) years and has not attained the age of 45 (forty five) years on the first day of January in the year in which applications for recruitment are invited, i.e. as on 01.01.2023.
- (c)(i) has for atleast 7 (seven) years been an advocate on the first day of January of the recruitment year in which applications for recruitment are invited.

Hon'ble the Supreme Court vide judgment dated 19.02.2020 passed in SLP (C) No. 14156/2015 (*Dheeraj Mor Vs. High Court of Delhi*) has held that –

“47 (iv) For the purpose of Article 233(2), an Advocate has to be continuing in practice for not less than 7 years as on the cut-off date and at the time of appointment as District Judge. Members of judicial service having 7 years’ experience of practice before they have joined the service or having combined experience of 7 years as lawyer and member of judiciary, are not eligible to apply for direct recruitment as a District Judge.”

The aforesaid fact of practice may be *prima facie* verified by the following modes:-

- (1) By calling Income-tax return of candidate (of preceding three years) in which his/her income should be shown from the profession of Advocate (Detail has to be furnished by the candidate);
- (2) By calling list of at least 10 Finally decided /Disposed off cases along with details i.e. Certified Copy of Final Order/ Judgment in

which name of candidate is shown;

(3) By calling Certificate of Continuous Practice, issued by the Principal District Judge or in Case of High Court, by the Registrar (Judicial) or any other competent authority.

(c)(ii) has been Prosecution Officers/Addl./Assistant Prosecution Officer, having Seven or more years of experience, (will be treated to be an Advocate and eligible as per judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 561/2013 Deepak Aggarwal Vs. Keshav Kaushik & others);

(d) has good character and is of sound mind and body and free from any physical and mental disability which renders him/her unfit for such appointment;

Selection process is subject to decision of Hon'ble the Supreme Court / High Court that may affect selection under Rule 5(1)(c) of M.P. Higher Judicial Service (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2017.

3. Disqualification of Candidates :-

A person shall be disqualified for appointment by direct recruitment, if he or she –

- (a) has more than one spouse living;
- (b) has been dismissed or removed from service by any High Court; Central or State Government, Statutory Body or Local Authority ;
- (c) has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude or has been permanently debarred or disqualified by any High Court or Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Service Commission or any Service Selection Board or Staff Selection Commission constituted under statutory provisions by the Government ;

- (d) has been involved in such other criminal case which in the opinion of the Appointing Authority is not suitable to discharge the functions as Judicial Officer ;
- (e) has been found guilty of professional misconduct under the provisions of the Advocates Act, 1961 or any other law for the time being in force ;
- (f) has more than two living children one of whom is born on or after 26-01-2001 in terms of sub-rule (6) of Rule 6 of The Madhya Pradesh Civil Services (General Conditions of Services) Rules, 1961 ;

Explanation :- For the purpose of this Sub Rule, child born within 280 days from the date of 26/01/2001 shall not constitute disqualification;

- (g) has accepted or accepts dowry at the time of his marriage ;

Explanation :- In this clause, the word “dowry” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 (Act. No. 28 of 1961).

- (h) If he or she does not fulfill the provisions of M.P. Higher Judicial Service (Recruitment & Conditions of Service) Rules, 2017, M.P. Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1965 and M.P. Civil Services (General Conditions of Service) Rules 1961 and any other Rules/ Regulation / Notification / Instructions, as issued by the State Government as may be adopted by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.
- (i) Uses Unfair Means or gives false information as to whether he/she has been prohibited or debarred, temporarily or permanently to appear in any Examination conducted by High Court of Madhya Pradesh or any Board or Statutory authority.

Unfair Means:-

In any of the following cases, Applicants/Candidates may be liable for prosecution and/or cancellation of their candidature for and/or he/she may be prohibited or debarred, temporarily or permanently, to appear in any Examination conducted by High Court of Madhya Pradesh, if he or she :-

- (i) Takes or attempts to take any favour in any form at any stage of Examination, or,
- (ii) Impersonates himself or gets other to impersonate as him in the exam process, or,
- (iii) Makes or submits any forged document in support of his or her candidature, or,
- (iv) Conceals any material information or provides any false information, at any stage of selection process or appointment, or,
- (v) Uses or attempts to use, improper or illegal means, either for purpose of being permitted to appear in examination or at any stage of Examination in Examination Room/Hall, or,
- (vi) During Examination or Interview, harasses or threatens or causes physical injury to or misbehaves with, any Officer or employee or person engaged there for, or,
- (vii) Disobeys any directions relating to Examination including oral directions by the Invigilator or Observer or any other Officer or Employee engaged in conducting the Examination.
- (viii) Uses or attempts to use any material to cheat or brings any prohibited item in Examination room/hall of Online Preliminary Exam or Main Written Exam or Interview, or causes any harm to the computer or any wire, peripherals attached thereto or to any furniture, buildings or any other thing of any Examination Centre, or talks with any candidate or other

person or peeps on the computer-screen, table or answer-sheets of other candidates, during Examination.

- (ix) Commits any violation of instructions as to not bringing Mobile Phones, pagers or any electronic & communication devices/ calculators inside the main gate of premises where the Examination, either Online Preliminary or Main Written Exam, shall be conducted.

Note:-

- (i) In all or any of aforesaid case, in addition to the cancellation of candidature/selection/appointment, the candidate may be prosecuted for an offence punishable under M.P. Recognized Examination Act, 1937 for which the punishment is up to 3 years of imprisonment or/and under other relevant Law.
- (ii) Candidates shall be advised not to bring any banned items and any valuable/costly items to the examination centre, as there may not be any arrangement for their safe-keeping. High Court or Service Provider or Examination Center will not be responsible for any loss in this regard.
- (iii) Canvassing in any form, at any stage of process, will also be a disqualification. Similarly, any attempt on the part of a candidate to enlist support for his candidature/selection/ appointment through persons of influence or officers of Government will also disqualify him for candidature / selection / appointment.

4. Procedure and Directions for submitting Online Preliminary Exam Application Form :-

Candidates are required to log on website of High Court of Madhya Pradesh viz. www.mphc.gov.in and to click on “Recruitment/Result” tab, then click on "Online Application forms/Admit cards" in front of the cell "M.P. H.J.S. (Direct Recruitment from Bar) Exam-2023". Now the candidate will find Four links –

- (1) Advertisement/Instructions
- (2) Registration
- (3) Application
- (4) Edit Application.

The candidate will have to Click on Advertisement and read carefully the instructions given in Advertisement. Thereafter, click on “Registration” link and after filling the required information candidate will get the User ID and Password on the Registered Mobile No. and E-mail ID to fill up the Application Form.

The Online Registration and Application form are being so designed that the Candidate will be prompted through alert pop up messages regarding entries and same will be cross verified through alert window. Entries will also seek confirmation from the Candidate before final submission of the Application Form by him.

Once the Candidate has registered himself and starts to fill the application form, no correction / alteration shall be allowed in entries made during registration. However, if a Candidate wants to correct/change any entry of registration form he may, before pressing the submit button to deposit the fees, re-register and fill application form afresh.

After filling the application form the candidate will be required to upload signature and recent Colour Photo in the last “Document Upload” tab and after preview the form details click on “Submit” button and pay the Application Fee.

5. Mode of Payment –

After completing form details and uploading photo and signature candidate can preview the form by clicking on Preview button then click on Submit button to make the payment opting from any of the mode provided through Payment Gateway. After making payment successfully, the candidates are required to take a print out of Application Form by clicking on “Print” tab and keep safely with them for further reference.

Once fee is submitted after filling the form, no change in the Application Form are allowed as to entries made during registration.

The “Edit Application” Period is provided for correction of entries in “Application Form” only.

Notes :- Before Calling for any help read Advertisement carefully –

- (i) For any help regarding Online Application, the candidate may call on Helpline No. 917353922115.
- (ii) For any help regarding Advertisement, the candidate may call on Helpline No. 0761-2622395.

6. Examination Fees –

Looking to the circumstances posed by Covid-19 pandemic, for the safety and security of the candidates, examination fee is as given below:-

| <u>Online Preliminary Exam</u> | |
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| 1. | For Unreserved (UR) and candidates from the state other than Madhya Pradesh |
| | <p>Rs.977.02/- [Examination Fee Rs. 400/- + Portal Charge Rs. 577.02/- (335/- + 154/- Covid-19 Arrangement Fee + 18% GST for Service Provider)]</p> |
| 2. | For Candidates of Reserved categories (O.B.C., S.C. & S.T candidates who are domicile of M.P. and Specially Abled person) |
| | <p>Rs. 577.02. [Examination Fee- Nil + Portal Charge Rs. 577.02/- (335/- + 154/- Covid-19 Arrangement Fee + 18% GST for Service Provider)]</p> |

Note:- 1. Above mentioned fee is subject to variation and in case of any increase candidate will have to pay the deficit fees and no objection as to increase in fees shall be entertained.

2. Candidate of any category, except Specially Abled person belonging to the state other than Madhya Pradesh shall apply in unreserved category.

There shall be no provision for the refund or adjustment of examination fee. Forms of only those candidate(s) shall be treated as successfully submitted, whose examination fees is credited in the account of High Court within prescribed time.

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submitted, whose examination fees is credited in the account of High Court within prescribed time. It shall be the duty of candidate to fill all the details correctly in Registration form / Online Application Form. Any representation received for correction or otherwise shall be rejected.

7. Travelling Expenses –

No Travelling Expenses or allowances will be payable at any stages of recruitment process to any candidate, *i.e.* Online Preliminary Exam, Main Written Exam and Interview.

8 Admit Cards:–

Admit Cards/Hall Tickets at each stage of recruitment Process (Online Preliminary Exam, Main Written. Exam & Interview) containing necessary instructions shall be available on the website of High Court of Madhya Pradesh and the candidate may download the same and take its print out. Every endeavor will be made that Admit Cards are generated by Service Provider around 07 days prior to the date of Online Preliminary Exam/ Main Written Examination or Interview as the case may be. Breach of any necessary instruction by candidate shall disentitle him/her to further participate in recruitment process.

Note:- Permission to appear in examination is provisional and issuance of Admit Card shall not be construed as endorsement on eligibility of candidate, if at any stage during process of examination, it is found that the candidate(s) does not fulfill the conditions of Advertisement or Certificates are found false then his/her candidature shall be rejected.

9. Special provision as to person with disability :-

Candidates with disability may be allowed to avail the Facility of scribe and Compensatory time may also be granted to person with disability as per Office Memorandum F.No.29-6/2019-DD-III, dt 10.08.2022 issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment of Person with Disability and as directions given by Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Vikash Kumar Vs Union Public Service Commission & Ors*, (2021) 5 SCC

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10 Recruitment Process-

The Recruitment process shall be completed in three Stages-

- (1) Online Preliminary/Screening Exam, (objective type/MCQ),
- (2) Main Written Exam and,
- (3) Interview/ viva voce.

(1) Online Preliminary / Screening Exam**I. Date, time and place of Online Preliminary Exam:-**

The Online Preliminary Exam for the screening of candidates may be held at Jabalpur, Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore (at all or one or more) and other districts if required, in different Centre(s).

All efforts shall be made to conduct the online Preliminary Exam in single shift, but due to any exigency the Online Preliminary Exam may be conducted in two or more shifts either on the same day or on the different date(s), though the duration of online Exam of each shift shall be same *i.e.* two hours (120 Minutes).

II. Centres:- If the exam is permitted to be conducted at more than one place then candidates will be required to fill options regarding his/her preference for one or more places, so that he/she may be accommodated at such place of his/her choice so far as may be possible. However, the Place/Centre allotted will be final and the candidate(s) will not have any right to make any objection in this regard. Representations made in this regard shall be filed without assigning any reason.

III. Change/Cancellation/Addition/Alteration in date/ time, place &/or Centre(s)

The Change/Cancellation/Addition/Alteration in date/ time, place &/or Centre(s) of Online Preliminary exam may be made in case of any

exigency(s) or circumstances beyond control. In case of cancellation, the Online Preliminary exam of all candidates scheduled for that date at the concerned centre(s), may be re-scheduled for some other suitable date/ time, place(s) &/or centre (s).

Examination center(s) would be equipped with CCTV cameras facing the candidates.

IV. Pattern and Syllabus of Online Preliminary Screening Exam-

There shall be 150 objective type multiple choice Questions wherein the candidates shall have four options to select the most appropriate/correct answer.

Syllabus with proportionate marks for Preliminary Exam of District Judge (Entry Level) Direct from Bar, Exam-2023 is given below:-

| S.N. | Subject | No. of Ques. | Marks |
|-------------|---|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Indian Penal Code, 1860, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 & Indian Evidence Act, 1872 | 27 | 27 |
| 2. | Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, Transfer of Property Act, 1882 & Indian Contract Act, 1872 | 20 | 20 |
| 3. | The Constitution of India | 9 | 9 |
| 4. | Specific Relief Act, 1963 | 5 | 5 |
| 5. | Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 | 4 | 4 |
| 6. | Limitation Act, 1963 | 3 | 3 |
| 7. | Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881 | 3 | 3 |
| 8. | M.P. Land Revenue Code, 1959 | 5 | 5 |
| 9. | M.P. Accommodation Control Act, 1961 | 5 | 5 |
| 10. | Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, Hindu Succession Act, 1956 & Hindu Adoption & Maintenance Act, 1956 | 7 | 7 |
| 11. | Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 | 3 | 3 |
| 12. | Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 | 3 | 3 |

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| 13. | Court Fees Act, 1870, Indian Registration Act, 1908 & Indian Stamp Act, 1899 | 7 | 7 |
| 14. | Protection of Children from Sexual offences Act, 2012 | 3 | 3 |
| 15. | Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 | 3 | 3 |
| 16. | Information Technology Act, 2000 | 3 | 3 |
| 17. | General Knowledge | 10 | 10 |
| 18. | Computer Knowledge | 10 | 10 |
| 19. | General English | 10 | 10 |
| 20. | Law Lexicon & Maxims | 5 | 5 |
| 21. | Medical Jurisprudence | 5 | 5 |
| Total | | 150 | 150 |

* All above Acts, as stand amended up to the date of publication of Advertisement.

Note :- Out of the above, there may also be some questions based on leading/latest Supreme Court Decisions and Full Bench Decisions of High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

The Questions of Online Preliminary Exam shall be accessible to a candidate on the Computer after login by using Unique I.D. & Password provided to each candidate only on the date and time provided for Online Preliminary Exam. The duration of Online Preliminary Exam shall be two hours (120 Minutes).

Once the candidate gives the answer of one question and seal/save the option by applying “Save & Next” button, the next question with options, will appear on the computer screen and so on, till the last question of the question paper and unless the opted answer of any question is marked for “review”. After answer opted and Save and Next button is applied, the next question with its options will appear on the screen and thereafter, no change in options of the question so answered, may be made. After completing online examination, the candidates shall be required to

submit the answered Question Paper, thereafter no addition or amendment of answer/option can be made.

V. Objections & Finalization of Model Answers -

After completion of Online Preliminary Exam, the proposed Model Answers/Keys intended to be used for generating result and valuation of response sheet of Online Preliminary Exam shall be ported on the website of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh along-with a notice to the effect that if any candidate wishes to make any objection regarding any Model Answer/Key, he /she may submit objection(s) in writing & signed by him/her, to the Examination-Section, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur, by registered post / by hand in Receipt Section of High Court of Madhya Pradesh or through e-mail at pregexamhcjbp@mp.gov.in within 07 days from the date of uploading / publication of the proposed Model Answer Keys, mentioning his/her Name/ Roll No., supported by self-attested photo copies of source document(s)/proof on the basis of which the objection is submitted. Objections received within aforesaid time and in aforesaid mode or even *suo-moto* shall be taken into consideration. Objection received without any authentic proof/source or after aforesaid stipulated period/time shall not be entertained/ considered on any ground whatsoever and shall stand rejected without assigning any reason.

Objection(s) received in aforesaid manner, mode and within aforesaid time limit along-with self attested copies of the source/proof document shall be considered and the model Answers shall be finalized after due consideration of objection(s) received. The Model Answer so finalized shall be used as Model Answer Keys for generating result/valuation of the answer-sheets of the candidates of Online Preliminary Exam.

After declaration of result of Online Preliminary Exam, no representation in respect of objection to any finalized Answer Keys, shall be entertained on any ground, whatsoever.

VI. Minimum Marks -

The candidates of UR (Unreserved) and OBC Categories, who secure 60% Marks (90 Marks out of 150 Marks) and the candidates belonging to S.C. & S.T. Categories, who secure 55% marks (82.5 Marks, round off 82 marks, out of 150 Marks), subject to the maximum number of candidates in the ratio of 1:10 shall be eligible to apply for the Main Written Examination. However, candidates securing equal marks to minimum cut-off Marks shall also be eligible to apply for the Main Written Examination, irrespective of the fact that by inclusion of such candidates, ratio of 1:10 exceeds.

Being the screening test, no migration of respective categories will be made at this stage.

VII. Valuation & Result of Online Preliminary Exam -

After completion of Online Preliminary Exam, the valuation shall be made and Result will be uploaded on the website of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

(2) MAIN WRITTEN EXAMINATION (400 Marks)

I. Date, Time & Centre of Main Written Examination:–

The Main Exam shall be held at Jabalpur in one or more different Centre(s), on two or more consecutive days. The Date(s) & time and Centre(s) of Main Exam shall be notified on the website of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

II. Change in Date, Time, Place & Centre(s) of Examination:–

The date, time & Centre(s) of Main Written Exam may be changed/cancelled in case of any exigency(s) or circumstances beyond control.

III. Application forms for Main Written Exam:–

After declaration of Result of Online Preliminary Exam, the

candidates found successful to appear in Main Written Examination shall have to submit Application forms along with required Self-Attested copies of relevant documents for Main Written Examination in the prescribed proforma made available on the website of High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

The duly filled Application forms along with required Self-Attested copies of relevant documents, must reach to the Examination-Section, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur, by registered post / by hand in Receipt Section of High Court of Madhya Pradesh on or before the prescribed last date. Duly and correctly filled Application forms along with required Self-Attested copies of relevant documents shall be treated as complete only. Non-receipt of complete Application Form of candidate, within prescribed time for whatsoever reason, including postal delay, will not be accepted as an excuse for late submission of Application Form and application received after last date shall be summarily rejected.

IV. List of Documents/Certificates to be submitted with the Application for Main Written Examination:-

Candidates qualifying for Main Written Examination shall have to submit his/her Application Form along-with documents mentioned below :-

- (1) All details and Self-attested Copies of the Certificates/testimonial relating to their date of birth, caste, qualifications, domicile, experience, standing at the Bar, antecedents, etc.
- (2) Income-tax return of candidate (of preceding three years) in which his/her income should be shown from the profession of **Advocate**.
- (3) Certified Copies of 10 **Finally decided/ Disposed off Cases in which his/her name is shown/ mentioned** which may be verified.
- (4) Certificate of Continuous Practice issued by the Principal District Judge or in case of High Court, by the Registrar (Judicial) or any other competent authority.

- (5) Self-attested Copies of all other Educational Certificates and other testimonials mentioned in application.
- (6) Such other document/certificate as may be required by Examination Section.

V. Syllabus / Pattern of Main Written Examination –

There shall be four descriptive question papers. Each paper shall be of three hours duration and shall carry 100 Marks. On first day, Examination of 1st and 2nd Question Paper and on Second day, Examination of 3rd and 4th Question Paper shall be conducted.

Syllabus for Main Written Examination shall include the following subjects/topics & prescribed marks:-

1st Paper–Constitution, Civil Law & Procedure (100 Marks)

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| 1. The Constitution of India | 10 Marks |
| 2. Civil Procedure Code, 1908 | 20 Marks |
| 3. Transfer of Property Act, 1882 | 15 Marks |
| 4. Indian Contract Act, 1872 | 15 Marks |
| 5. Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 & Hindu Succession Act, 1956 | 15 Marks |
| 6. Specific Relief Act, 1963 | 10 Marks |
| 7. Limitation Act, 1963 | 10 Marks |
| 8. M.P. Accommodation Control Act, 1961 | 05 Marks |

2nd Paper – Article & Summary Writing (100 Marks)

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| 1. Article on Social Topic | 10 Marks |
| 2. Article on Legal Topic | 10 Marks |
| 3. Summary Writing (Legal) | 20 Marks |
| 4. Translation of Hindi into English | 30 Marks |
| 5. Translation of English into Hindi | 30 Marks |

3rd Paper – Local Laws, Criminal Law & Procedure (100 Marks)

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| 1. Indian Penal Code, 1860 | 15 Marks |
| 2. Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 | 20 Marks |
| 3. Indian Evidence Act, 1872 | 15 Marks |
| 4. Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled | |

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| Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 | 15 Marks |
| 5. Protection of Children from Sexual offences Act, 2012 | 15 Marks |
| 6. Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 | 15 Marks |
| 7. Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881 | 05 Marks |

4th Paper – Judgment Writing (100 Marks)

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| 1. Settlement of Issues | 10 Marks |
| 2. Framing of Charges | 10 Marks |
| 3. Judgment writing (Civil) | 40 Marks |
| 4. Judgment writing (Criminal) | 40 Marks |

Note-1. For Summary Writing, the candidate(s) shall be asked to summarize it into 1/3rd words of the matter given.

Note-2. All provisions of the mentioned laws, in force as on date of Advertisement.

Note-3. It is compulsory for a candidate to appear in all the four (04) exams/Question Papers. If any candidate does not appear in any Question Paper then he/she shall not be permitted to appear in the examination of remaining Question Paper(s), the answer sheets of such candidate shall not be evaluated and his/her candidature shall be deemed to be cancelled.

Note-4. Article on Legal Topic may include some topics of gender sensitivity.

Note-5. Questions may be asked pertaining to the sexual offences and also based on various directions issued by the Supreme Court of India or the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

Note-6. Question involving sexual offences inclusive of framing of charges or Judgment Writing (Criminal).

Note-7. It is pertinent to mention here that the Candidates are required to follow the rules of Madhya Pradesh Rules and Orders (Criminal), Madhya Pradesh Civil Courts Act, 1958 and Madhya Pradesh

Civil Courts Rules, 1961 as amended till the date of advertisement, while attempting the Papers of Main Exam.

Note-8. Candidate shall use only blue or black pen and shall not use red, green *etc.* ink/pen or Pencil for writing or any other purpose in Answer books.

It is cautioned that the candidates are required to write their Roll no. only in the place provided for that purpose at the first cover-page of the answer book of Main Written Examination. Writing his/her own name or roll no. or any mark of identification i.e. any letter figure or mark which is intended to be used or which may be used for the purpose of revealing the identity of candidate of any manner, is strictly prohibited. Any Violation of it may, in addition to other grounds, entail cancellation of candidature and any correspondence, in this regard, shall not be entertained.

VI. Result & Minimum marks of Main Written Examination–

The Unreserved & O.B.C. candidates will have to secure at least 50% marks aggregate and the S.C. & S.T. candidates will have to secure at least 45% marks aggregate in four papers to be declared successful for Interview/ Viva Voce. Result shall be prepared Merit-wise, in the ratio of 1:3, subject to the availability of qualified candidates, i.e. who have secured minimum qualifying marks. However, all candidates securing marks equal to the cut-off marks shall be eligible for Interview/Viva Voce.

The Roll No. Wise List of candidates declared successful to appear in Interview/ Viva Voce shall be made available on Website of High Court of Madhya Pradesh. However, the Marks obtained by candidates in Main Written Exam shall not be disclosed at this stage.

VII. Rechecking / Revaluation:-

There is no provision for Rechecking of Marks or Revaluation of Answer-books at any stage of Examination. Any representation / application received in this regard shall be rejected.

(3) INTERVIEW/VIVA VOCE

I. Bio Data form and attestation form:-

After result of Main Written Examination, the candidates who are declared successful to appear in Interview shall submit Bio-Data Form and Attestation forms to be made available to them on the website of High Court of Madhya Pradesh. Interview plan, showing Roll No., Name of the candidates, place, date & time of Interview and also list of original documents/testimonials to be produced for checking and comparing with the photocopies submitted with the Application Form for Main Written Exam, shall also be ported on the website of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

All the candidates declared successful to appear in interview shall bring their all original documents at the time of Interview. Before Interview, the original documents of the candidates shall be checked by the Staff of the Examination Section and in case candidate fails to produce original document, he/she may be debarred from appearing in Interview. The Candidature of candidate who remain absent on the given date, time and Place for Interview/Viva Voce shall be deemed rejected.

II. Minimum marks in Interview/ Viva Voce :- The Interview/ Viva Voce shall be of 50 marks and a candidate has to secure minimum 40% i.e. 20 marks in Interview to be finally selected. Interview will be held only at Jabalpur.

11. Final Result/ Provisional Select List-

After completion of process of interview / Viva Voce Final result shall be prepared, on the basis of aggregate marks obtained by candidate in Main Written Examination and Interview/Viva-Voce. In final result, if two or more candidates obtained equal Marks in the aggregate, then the candidate who has secured higher Marks in Interview/Viva-voce shall be given preference over the other and if Marks of Interview/Viva-voce are

also same then candidate older in age will be given preference in their respective category.

The Final Result shall be declared and published in order of merit on the Website of High Court of Madhya Pradesh (www.mphc.gov.in).

12. Marks of candidates & RTI –

After declaration of Result of Online Preliminary Exam, marks and response sheet shall be made available on the website of High Court of M.P. (www.mphc.gov.in). For viewing marks candidates shall be required to enter their credentials as provided by service provider at the time of filling online Application Form. Even then, if any candidate applies under RTI and if rules permit then information shall be made available, subject to payment of prescribed fees.

Answer books of Main Written Exam & Marks obtained by a candidate in Main Written Examination/ Interview shall be provided after declaration of final result to the concerned candidate under R.T.I only.

13. Notifications/Representations:-

An important information pending Recruitment Process will be provided to all Candidates/aspirants by Examination Section through porting of Notification on website of High Court of M.P. Porting of notification on official website of High Court of M.P. shall be deemed to be sufficient notice to all Candidates/aspirants and no objection shall be entertained on the ground that candidate was having no information of such Notification.

14. Corrigendum:-

At any time after the recruitment process has started, if any Clarification, Modification etc. is required to be made on the part of High Court then it may be done by porting a Corrigendum on the website of High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

Porting of Corrigendum on website of High Court of Madhya Pradesh shall be deemed to be sufficient notice to all Candidates/aspirants and no objection shall be entertained on the ground that candidate was having no information of such Corrigendum.

15. Elimination/disposal of Used Examination Materials :-

After lapse of one year from the date of declaration of Final result/ Provisional select list of the selection process, all used Answer-books of Main Written Examination & Interview, Application Forms (except Application forms for Main Written Exam of finally selected candidates) and other Examination Material, shall be eliminated / disposed off unless otherwise directed by Competent Authority or Hon'ble Court or case is pending before Hon'ble Court. However, regarding Online Preliminary Exam, data of online answer-sheets etc. shall be eliminated after lapse of three months from the date of declaration of result of Online Preliminary Exam.

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