

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

ADVERTISEMENT INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF DISTRICT JUDGE, BY NOMINATION (25%) IN THE GOA JUDICIAL SERVICE - 2024”

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The High Court of Bombay at Goa, Penha-de-Franca, Porvorim-Goa, invites applications in the prescribed Proforma from eligible candidates to prepare a **Merit list and an Additional List of One Candidate each, for the post of District Judge, by Nomination (25%), in the State of Goa, as per “The Goa Judicial Service Rules, 2013” in the pay scale of J-5 [144840-194660]** and other allowances as admissible under the applicable Rules.

1. Eligibility Criteria :

(As on the date of publication of Advertisement)

(a)	The candidate must be a citizen of India.
(b)	The candidate must hold Degree in Law
(c)	The candidate must be practicing as an Advocate in the High Court of Bombay or Courts subordinate thereto for not less than 7 years on the date of publication of Advertisement and while computing the period for practicing as an Advocate, the period during which the candidate has held the post of Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate or Judicial Officer shall be included.
OR	
	The candidate must be working or must have worked as a Public Prosecutor or Additional Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate in the High Court for not less than 7 years in the post or posts on the date of publication of the advertisement and while computing the period of 7 years, the period during which the candidate has practiced as an Advocate shall be included.

(d)	Age : As on the date of publication of the Advertisement.	
	(i)	Must have completed thirty-five years of age, but has not attained the age of forty five years;
	(ii)	Provided that the upper age limit shall be relaxable by three years for candidates belonging to communities recognized as backward by the Government.
	(iii)	Candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and other special Categories of persons in accordance with the Orders issued by Central Government from time to time in this matter
(e)	Knowledge of Konkani : Essential	

2. The candidates are required to forward their applications in the prescribed proforma along with the annexures, documents as mentioned below and “e-Challan” Receipt by **Registered Post or Speed Post only with Acknowledgment**, so as to reach the office of the Registrar (Admin.) High Court of Bombay at Goa, Penha-de-Franca, Porvorim-Goa **on or before the last date i.e. 10/09/2024**. Applications submitted by Hand delivery or by Courier service or any other mode shall not be accepted. The envelope must be superscribed with the words “Application for the post of District Judge -2024”

3. **Documents to be Submitted along with the printout of application form.**

(I)	The candidate must submit <u>self-attested copies</u> of the following documents along with the application form:	
	(a)	Proof that candidate is citizen of India (Passport Copy or Aadhar Card or Voter Identity Card or Domicile Certificate, etc.)
	(b)	Proof of the candidate's age as on the date of publication of Advertisement (e.g. Birth Certificate, School Leaving Certificate)

(c)	Statement of marks of all Semesters/Academic Years and Degree Certificate of L.L.B Examination.
(d)	Statement of marks of all Semesters/Academic Years and Degree Certificate of Degrees other than L.L.B.
(e)	Certificate of Enrollment as an Advocate/ Sanad issued by the Bar Council
(f)	Experience Certificate stating that the candidate is practicing/has practiced as an Advocate in the High Court of Bombay or Courts subordinate thereto for not less than 7 years, on the date of publication of the advertisement, issued by the Registrar (Judicial) of the High Court of Bombay or in the case of Courts other than the High Court, by the Principal District Judge or the Principal Judge of the Court, as the case may be, in which the applicant has practiced. (while computing the period for practicing as an Advocate, the period during which the candidate has held the post of Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate or Judicial Officer shall be included) . The certifying authority should state the period during which the candidate has actually practiced.
	OR
(g)	Experience Certificate stating that the candidate is working/has worked as a Public Prosecutor or Additional Public Prosecutor or Government Advocate in the High Court of Bombay, for not less than 7 years in the post or posts, on the date of publication of the advertisement (while computing the period of 7 years, the period during which the candidate has practiced as an Advocate shall be included.), issued by the Registrar (Judicial) of the High Court of Bombay. The certifying authority should state the period during which the candidate has actually practiced.

	(h) Income Tax Returns for the last 3 years (if any) .
	(i) Certificate that the candidate has sufficient knowledge of the Konkani language. Such knowledge of Konkani must be certified by the Principal District Judge of the District where the candidate practices or within whose jurisdiction the candidate ordinarily resides. In case of an Advocate, practicing exclusively in the High Court, by the Registrar (Judicial).
	(j) A candidate belonging to SC/ST or Backward Class must also produce a certificate to that effect, for the purpose of recruitment .
	(k) No objection Certificate, if the applicant is a Government employee.
(II)	The candidate must submit the below mentioned documents along with the application form in <u>Original</u>:
	(l) Three latest passport size coloured photographs as instructed in clause 14 of the detailed advertisement.
	(m) Declaration–(A) regarding incorrect information & disqualification, appended to the form of application, as per the prescribed Format.
	(n) Declaration–(B) , regarding small family, appended to the form of application, as per the prescribed Format.
	(o) Two Character Certificates (as per Format I) , stating that the candidate is of good moral character from two respectable persons (references), whose names have been mentioned in the application form. The certificate testifying to the candidate's character may be signed by two respectable persons unconnected with the candidate's School, College or University and not related to him/her. The certificates should be issued on or after the date of publication of this advertisement only, as per Format I.
	(p) Format II to IV , which are annexed to the form of application with

	details properly and correctly filled up in every respect. (If applicable)
(q)	“e-challan” receipt indicating valid/successful payment

4. The envelope containing printout of the Application, Annexures, documents and "e-challan" receipt should be superscribed with the words "**Application for the post of DISTRICT JUDGE - 2024**".
5. Non-production or failure to produce any of the documents referred to above may result in disqualification and the decision of the High Court of Bombay, in this regard shall be final.
6. **Original** documents should be produced only when required and called for by the High Court, (Unless specified herein-above). If the same are forwarded with the application, **they** will not be returned by the High Court on its own, nor will any responsibility for their preservation be taken. Applications containing incorrect / incomplete information in any respect shall be rejected.

7. The Scheme of Examination

The examination will be held in the following three stages

Preliminary Examination (if any)	100 Marks
Main Examination – Paper I (Civil Law)	100 Marks
Main Examination – Paper II (Criminal Law)	100 Marks
<i>Viva voce</i>	50 Marks

- (a) **Preliminary written Examination** (if any), shall comprise of multiple choice objective type questions, carrying 100 marks. The medium of preliminary examination (if any) shall be English.

The aim of the Preliminary Written Examination (if any) is to shortlist the candidates appearing for the Main written examination. The preliminary examination (if any) being a screening test, its marks will not be taken into consideration for final selection and will not be displayed or communicated to the candidates.

If the Preliminary Written Examination is conducted, then, to maintain the ratio of 1:10, the candidates obtaining the cut off marks, as may be fixed by the Recruiting Authority, shall be eligible for the final written examination. Provided that if there are more than one candidate who have secured identical cut-off marks as fixed by the Recruiting Authority, for maintaining the ratio of 1:10, all such candidates shall be called upon to appear for final written examination.

- (b) **Main Written Examination** - Main written examination shall comprise of two papers carrying 100 marks each, having a duration of 3 hours each in Civil Laws and Criminal Laws respectively. The medium of the written examination shall be English.

- (c) **Viva voce** -The High Court shall hold *viva voce* examination carrying 50 marks for the candidates who secure not less than 50% of marks in each paper at such main written examination.

Provided that the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, who secure not less than 45% marks in each paper shall be eligible for the *viva voce*.

The candidate shall be called for the *viva voce* by maintaining a ratio of 1:3 of the available vacancies **from amongst** the successful candidates. If more than one candidate secures identical cut-off marks , then all such candidates shall be called for the *viva voce*.

8. FINAL SELECTION

Only those candidates securing a minimum of 40% marks in the *viva voce* shall be eligible for the final selection. The performance shall be evaluated in numerical marks obtained in the main written examination and *viva voce* examinations.

9. SYLLABUS

The syllabus for the Preliminary Examination (if any), Main Written Examination i.e. Paper I (Civil Law) and Paper II (Criminal Law) shall include, all the Central Acts/Laws and the Acts/laws applicable for the State of Goa. **The Old Laws/Acts i.e. the Criminal Procedure Code 1898, Indian Penal Code 1860 and the Indian Evidence Act along with the Newly enacted Laws/Acts i.e. Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), Bharatiya Nayaya Sanhita (BNS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) shall be included in the syllabus.**

10. The candidates will have to appear for the preliminary written examination (if any), main written examination and for the *viva voce*, if called for, at their own expense.

11. CENTER OF EXAMINATION

The Preliminary Written Examination (if any) and the Main Written Examination, shall be conducted in the State of Goa, however the Center

for the *viva voce* shall be declared at a later date. The venue of the aforesaid examinations shall be declared on the official website of the High Court of Bombay at Goa, before the respective Examination/s.

12. INELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO APPEAR FOR THE EXAMINATION/VIVA VOCE:

A candidate who is found indulging in unfair practices viz, copying or misconduct during written examination, using any form of electronic gadgets, tampering with the question paper, influencing any Official concerned with the examinations or *viva voce* etc, shall be debarred. A candidate who has been convicted in any criminal case or is compulsorily retired, removed or dismissed from judicial service or could not successfully complete probation period of any post in judicial service shall not be eligible to appear for competitive examination.

The decision of the High Court as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the preliminary written examination (if any), main written examination and *viva voce* shall be final.

13. DISQUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT:

A person shall not be eligible for appointment to the service:

(a)	If the candidate is not a citizen of India; or
(b)	If the candidate is compulsorily retired, removed or dismissed from judicial service or from service in any Government or Statutory or Local Authority or failed to complete probation period in judicial service on any post, or in any Government or Statutory or Local Authority; Or
(c)	If the candidate has been convicted for an offence involving moral

	turpitude or the candidate is or has been permanently debarred or disqualified by the High Court or the Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Service Commission from appearing for examinations or selections conducted by it; Or
(d)	If the candidate directly or indirectly influences the Recruiting Authority by any means for the candidates candidature; or
(e)	If he is a man, who has more than one wife living and if a woman, has married a man already having another wife; or
(f)	If the candidate has more than two children.
	<p>Explanation:-For the purpose of this clause, where a couple has only one child, any number of children born out of a single subsequent delivery shall be deemed to be one child.</p> <p>Provided that, a person having more than two children on the date of commencement of the Goa Judicial Service Rules, 2005 i.e. 30.06.2005, shall not be disqualified for appointment under this clause so long as the number of children he/she had on the date of such commencement does not increase.</p> <p>Provided further that a child or more than one child born in a single delivery within the period of one year from the date of such a commencement shall not be taken into consideration for the purpose of disqualification mentioned in this clause.</p>

14. The candidates should send the application only in the prescribed format which may be downloaded, printed and **duly filled in** with latest three passport size coloured photographs of which one photograph should be affixed on the application. It should be duly signed across in such a manner that part of the signature should come on the photograph and the remaining portion on the Application Form.

- 15. Fees:-**
Candidates belonging to the General Category are required to deposit ₹1000/- and those belonging only to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe are required to deposit ₹500/- using the "**e-Challan**" facility. The said fee shall be non refundable. Mere payment of non-refundable fee by the candidate does not create any right in favour of the candidate to appear for the Preliminary/Main written examination. Only successful payment transactions shall be considered for acceptance of the application Form.
- 16.** The candidate shall prepare the Annexure/s duly typewritten, containing the information giving names of the Courts in which and Judges before whom the candidate has practiced during the period of **Seven years** immediately preceding the date of the publication of the advertisement in the prescribed **Format No. II**.
- 17.** Similarly, candidates shall prepare the Annexures enumerating particulars of practice as an Advocate giving the period and total duration of the practice in the prescribed **Format No. III & IV**, and submit all the prescribed formats duly filled in along with printout of the application form.
- 18.** The eligible candidates who are already in Government service shall send the print out of the application form and above said documents through proper channel by R.P.A.D. or by Speed Post only.
- 19.** Candidates are hereby instructed to visit the Official website <https://www.hcbombayatgoa.nic.in> of the High Court of Bombay at Goa from time to time for the relevant instructions that may be uploaded in future regarding this recruitment process.

20. The applications containing incomplete/incorrect information will be rejected. Should any of the particulars furnished be found to be false to the knowledge of the candidate, the candidate will not be allowed to continue to participate in the selection process and, if appointed, will be liable to be dismissed. The willful suppression of any material fact will be similarly treated.
21. The eligibility of the candidate who is likely to be called for the preliminary/main written examination, shall be finally decided after scrutiny of the documents submitted by the candidate. The High Court reserves its right of short-listing at the time of scrutiny of applications by applying uniform and reasonable norms.
22. The selection will be made strictly on merit on the basis of the marks secured by the candidate in the main written examination and *viva voce*. The High Court on the basis of cumulative marks secured by a candidate, shall prepare in the order of Merit a list of candidates eligible for appointment.
23. The High Court shall not entertain any request for rechecking or revaluation of the answer books or reconsideration or re-totaling of marks for any reason whatsoever.
24. Success in the examinations and resultant selection shall confer no right of appointment to the candidate and unless the Government, in consultation with the High Court, is satisfied, after such enquiry as may be considered necessary, that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment, the candidate will not be appointed to the post.

25. No person selected for appointment by Nomination shall be appointed:

- i) unless the Recruiting Authority is satisfied that the candidate is of good character and is in all respects suitable for appointment to the service;
- ii) unless it is certified by the medical authority specified by the High Court that the candidate is medically fit to discharge the duties of the post to which the candidate is selected for appointment.

Place – Porvorim
Date: 08/08/2024

(S. C. Munghate)
Registrar – Administration
High Court of Bombay at Goa

General instructions for submitting the application:

1.	The candidate must carefully read the entire advertisement and follow all of the instructions/directions before starting actual filling up of the application, so as to avoid mistakes. Do not leave any columns Blank, however you may mention “Not applicable” wherever required.
2.	The High Court of Bombay at Goa does not assume any responsibility for the candidates not being able to submit their applications within the last date for any reason.

3.	Candidate should provide, correct e-mail address and the candidates own mobile number on which correspondence can be made, if any, and it should not be changed during the recruitment process. In case of change in address, e-mail address or mobile number, the candidate may inform this Registry in writing.
4.	Candidates must take due care to submit a latest legible and good quality photograph. If the candidate cannot be identified from the photograph submitted by them, they shall not be allowed to appear for examination.
5.	"SMS" or "e-mail" alerts for the examinations, will be notified on the registered mobile number Or e-mail address of the candidates.
6.	Admit Cards: For the details/instructions regarding Admit Cards for the Preliminary Written Examination (if any) and Main Written Examination, kindly refer to the Official website https://www.hcbombayatgoa.nic.in prior to the preliminary written examination (if any) or the Main Written Examination accordingly.
7.	No complaint/grievance of the candidate shall be entertained or heard by the High Court in case of their failure to produce the Admit Card before the examination.
8.	Candidates are advised to submit documents, Declarations A & B, Character Certificates 1 & 2 in Format I , along with Annexures in prescribed Formats No. II to IV which are annexed to the application form along with the printout of the Application Form duly filled and signed in Original . The Declaration-(B), must also

	be filled in and signed by unmarried candidate stating ' Not Applicable '
9.	Copy of " e-challan " should be printed and forwarded along with the application. [the e-challan must indicate the valid mobile number, post applied for and correct amount paid]
10.	The two character certificates produced on record should be as per prescribed Format No. I and issued by the same persons, whose names are mentioned in the Application Form at Serial No.26
11.	The candidates are advised to visit the website of this Hon'ble Court https://www.hcbombayatgoa.nic.in from time to time. All the relevant information/instructions shall be published on the official website of the High Court of Bombay at Goa.
12.	The time table and venue for preliminary written examination (if any), main written examination and <i>viva voce</i> of the candidates shall be displayed on the official website of the High Court of Bombay at Goa.
13.	The name of the candidate shall be removed from the Merit List or the Additional List, as the case may be, without any notice, if it is revealed that any information furnished by such candidate in the Application Form is incorrect/false.

Sd/-

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