



HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH: JABALPUR

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M.P. HIGHER JUDICIAL SERVICE (DISTRICT JUDGE - ENTRY LEVEL) DIRECT RECRUITMENT FROM BAR, EXAM-2021

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Starting Date for submission of Online Application Form – 25.01.2022
(12:00 PM)

Last Date for submission of Online Application Form– 23.02.2022
(11:55 PM)

Period of Correction in Online Application Form – 01.03.2022 (12:00 PM)
To
03.03.2022 (11:55 PM)

Date of Online Preliminary Examination – To be notified later

Date of Main Written Examination – To be notified later

Only Online applications are being invited for **09 posts** in Madhya Pradesh District Judge (Entry Level) in the pay scale of Rs. 51550-1230-58930-1380-63070 (Pre revised) in the cadre of Higher Judicial Service by Direct Recruitment from amongst the eligible Advocates under Rule 5(1)(c) and as per direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in SLP (C) No. 14156/2015 (*Dheeraj Mor Vs. Hon'ble High Court of Delhi*). Recruitment to these posts and conditions of service will be governed by the M.P. Higher Judicial Service (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2017 & other relevant laws, Rules, Notification, Regulation & Implementation, as amended up to date of the Advertisement.

Important-Note

1. Candidates interested in and who are eligible to apply for the post, should submit their applications as per the Online Application-format available on www.mphc.gov.in by filling all details in respect of certificates/testimonials relating to 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 Eligibility Documents.
3. The right to change the number of vacancies (*i.e.* increase or decrease) at any time, if required, is vested with High Court of M.P.
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 forms and wherever required, during Process of Examination and Selection process he/she 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 conditions of Advertisement or Certificates are found false then his/her candidature shall be rejected without assigning any reason.
6. Only those forms shall be treated as successfully submitted, where the 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 Online Application Form. Any representation received for correction or otherwise after prescribed time shall be summarily rejected.

7. **It is cautioned that the candidates are required to write their Roll no. only** in 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 in form of any number or name or mark or any other form, shall be deemed to be made in order to distinguish/ identify the answer-book of the candidate from others and the same is strictly prohibited. Any Violation of it shall, in addition to other grounds, entail cancellation of candidature and withholding of result, and any correspondence, in this regard, shall not be entertained.
8. Candidate shall use **blue or black ink 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 the candidate to appear in all 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 books of such candidate shall not be evaluated and his/her candidature shall be deemed to be cancelled.
10. Any representation/application for changing dates of examination /selection process, for relaxation of conditions mentioned in the Advertisement or Examination related directions or guidelines or minimum marks or qualifications/requirements etc. or for revaluation, shall not be entertained and shall be summarily rejected without assigning any reason.
11. All the directions/instructions/guidelines/format issued regarding Examination shall be treated as part of the Advertisement.
12. The High Court shall have all the right reserved to make any

change at any time of Selection process which may be notified by porting on the website of High Court (www.mphc.gov.in).

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

Details of posts

Rule 6 sub-rule (1) & (2) of the M.P. Higher Judicial Service (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2017, provides reservation for S.C., S.T. and O.B.C. Candidates 15%, 18% and 14% of posts respectively and 2% Horizontal reservation for persons suffering from locomotor disabilities, for the posts of Direct Recruitment (from Bar), under Rule 5(1)(c) of the above Rules.

The details of number of Vacancies to the post, Category-wise are as under :-

S.No.	Category	Percentage
01	Scheduled Castes	15% of 09 posts = 1.35 i.e. 1 post
02	Scheduled Tribes	18% of 09 posts = 1.62 i.e. 2 post
03	OBC	14% of 09 posts = 1.26 i.e. 1 post
04	Unreserved	(total 09-04 reserved =05) 5 post
	Total	09

- Note :-**
1. The right to change the number of vacancies (*i.e.* increase or decrease) at any time, if required is vested with High Court of M.P.
 2. Total reserved post cannot exceed 50% of total vacancy.
 3. The aforesaid 2% of Horizontal reservation as per Rule 6 sub-rule (1) & (2) of the M.P. Higher Judicial Service (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2017, will be applied to first fill up the Open Competition quota (50%) on the basis of merit and second step would be to fill up each of the social

reservation quotas i.e. SC, ST and OBC and then the third step would be to find out how many candidates belonging to special reservations have been selected on the above basis and if that quota is already satisfied, no further question of providing reservation arises. If not so satisfied, the requisite number of special reservation candidates i.e. horizontal reservation shall have to be pushed up and adjusted against their respective social reservation categories by deleting the corresponding number of candidates there from.

If, for example, a physically handicapped person selected for appointment happens to belong to Scheduled Caste category, he will be taken to have exhausted one seat of Scheduled Caste category. If however he belongs to Open Competition (OC) category, he will be placed in that category by making necessary adjustments. The purpose of this is to ensure that horizontal reservation provided within the vertical reservation may not result in exceeding the percentage of the prescribed quota.

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;
- (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 (certificate of competent authority is required);

Hon'ble the Supreme Court vide judgment dated 19.02.2020 passed in SLP (C) No. 14156/2015 (*Dheeraj Mor Vs. Hon'ble 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.”

(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;

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

- (1) By calling Income-tax return of candidate (at least three previous years) in which his/her income should be shown from the profession of Advocate (Detail has to be furnished by the candidate);
- (2) The candidate shall also give list of at least 10 Finally decided/ Disposed off cases along with details i.e. Certified Copy of Final Order/ Judgment in which his/her name is shown;
- (3) Certificate of Continuous Practice, issued by the Principal District Judge or in Case of High Court, by the Registrar (Judicial)/Similar Competent Authority.

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 Services 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) if he 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 (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, 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.
- (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 M.P. High Court 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 M.P. High Court, 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 physically 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 conduction of 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(s):-

- (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. Recognised Examination Act, 1937 for which the punishment is upto 3 years of imprisonment or/and under other relevant Law.
- (ii) Candidates are advised not to bring any banned items and any valuable/costly items to the examination centre, as there may not be any arrangement for safe-keeping for the same. 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 Direction for submitting Online Application Form :-

Candidates are required to log on website of www.mphc.gov.in and to click on “Recruitment” tab, then click on Online Application for M.P. H.J.S. (Direct Recruitment from Bar) Exam-2021. Now the candidate will find Four links –

- (1) Advertisement
- (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 shall be cross verified through alert window. Entries shall 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 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 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 requirement if and when needed.

Once fee is submitted after filling the form, no changes 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 candidate may call on Helpline No. 022-61306271.
- (ii) For any help regarding Advertisement 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 candidates, Examination shall be conducted by adopting SD-100 with isolations Model. The fees structure of SD-100 with isolation Model is as given below :-

<u>Online Preliminary Exam</u>	
1.	<p>For Unreserved (UR) and candidates from the state other than Madhya Pradesh candidates</p> <p>Rs.1047.82/- [Examination Fee Rs. 400/- + 60/- +18% GST (Jammer Fee) + 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. only and Specially Abled candidates)	Rs. 647.82. [Examination Fee Rs. 00/- + 60+18% GST (Jammer Fee) only Portal Charge Rs. 577.02/- (as mentioned above)]
<u>Main Written Exam</u>		
3.	For all candidates appearing in Main Written Exam	Rs.283.20/- [@Rs.60/- per session (Jammer Fee) + 18% GST for Service Provider]

- Note:-** 1. Above mentioned fees may be subject to increase and in case of increase, candidate has to pay the increased fees and no objection as to increase in fees shall be entertained.
2. Any candidate, who is not a bonafide resident (domicile) of State of Madhya Pradesh, shall be treated as Unreserved Category (UR) in all respects for the purpose of selection process and he/she shall also have to pay Examination fee, accordingly.

There shall be no provision for the refund or adjustment of examination fees. Only those forms shall be treated as successfully submitted, where the 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 Online Application Form. Any representation received for correction or otherwise shall be filed without assigning any reason.

Candidate(s) whose payment against above prescribed fees is not shown credited within prescribed time in account of Exam Cell of High Court, for any reason, then neither he/she shall be permitted to appear in exam nor shall their Admit Card be issued. Any representation in this regard shall be rejected without assigning any reason.

Candidate of any category, except person with disability belonging to the State other than Madhya Pradesh shall be treated as candidate of

Unreserved category for the purpose of examination fees.

7. Travelling Expenses –

No Travelling Expenses or allowances will be payable to any candidate for appearing in Preliminary Examination, Main Written Examination or Interview.

8. Admit Cards –

Admit Cards/Hall Tickets at each stage of Selection Process (Online Preliminary Exam, Main Written Exam & Interview) containing necessary instructions shall be generated on the website of M.P. High Court and the candidate may download the same and take print of Admit Card. Breach of any necessary instruction by candidate shall disentitle him/her to further participate in examination.

Note:-Permission to appear in examination to candidates shall be provisional. 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 without assigning any reason.

9. Special provision as to person with disability :-

Candidates with disability may be allowed to avail the Facility of scribe in suitable cases and as per prevailing guidelines and norms and Compensatory time may also be granted to candidates with disability as per the Office Memorandum F.No.34-02/2015-DD-III, dt 29.08.2018 issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment of Persons with Disability and direction of Hon'ble the Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 273/2021 (*Vikas Kumar V. U.P.S.C. & others*, 2021 S.C.C. Online SC 84).

10. Selection/Recruitment Process-

The Selection /Recruitment process shall be completed in Three Stages-

- A. Preliminary/Screening Exam,
- B. Main Written Exam and
- C. Interview

A- Preliminary/Screening Examination

(1) Date, time, Shifts and Centres -

Online Preliminary Examination, for the purpose of screening, may be held on such date as may be notified later.

Centres –

The **Online Preliminary Examination** may be held in the cities at Jabalpur, Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior, Sagar, Satna & Ujjain (at all or one or more places) in different Institutions/Colleges as may be identified by the Service Provider for such purpose by keeping in mind the number of candidates appearing in exam as per requirement.

Though the candidates may opt District for Online Preliminary Examination but the District allotted to the candidates by the Service Provider shall be final and the candidates shall not have any right to make any objection in this regard. Objections made in this regard shall be deemed to be filed.

The **Main Written Examination** shall be held at Jabalpur in one or more different Institutions/Colleges, on two or more consecutive days/Date(s). The date, time and venue(s) of Main Written Exam shall be decided by Hon'ble the Chairman, Examination Committee with the approval of Hon'ble the Chief Justice.

2. Change in Venue and Date of Examination

The date, time and place of Online Preliminary or Main Written Exam may be changed in case of any exigency(s) or circumstances beyond control. Online Preliminary or Main Written Exam scheduled for any date may be

cancelled in case of technical snag, calamity, disaster *etc*, at all or any one or more Centre(s). In case of such cancellation, the Online Preliminary or Main Written Exam of all candidates scheduled for that date at the concerned centre(s), may be re-scheduled for some other suitable date, time and place(s)/centre (s). In such case, the Set of Question Paper shall be different from previous date and the duration of Exam of each shift shall be the same. No candidate/ applicant of Online Preliminary or Main Written Exam shall have any right to raise any objection, in this regard.

Examination centers would be equipped with CCTV cameras facing the candidates with Video Recording facility.

3. Practice/Mock Test:

A Mock Test / exam link is being hosted by Service Provider on High Court website i.e. (www.mphc.gov.in) for the candidates before sufficient reasonable period from Online Preliminary Examination in order to make them familiar with the exam pattern and procedure to be adopted by them during examination.

4. Pattern and Syllabus of Online Preliminary Exam-

The Online Preliminary (Screening) Examination shall be conducted online, through the portal, website and system of Service Provider and there shall be objective Multiple Choice Questions (M.C.Q.) wherein the candidates shall have four options to select the most appropriate/right answer to be given in online Examination.

Question paper for Online Preliminary Examination shall contain 150 multiple choice objective type questions to be solved within a period of Two hours (120 Minutes).

Syllabus with proportionate marks for Preliminary Examination of District Judge (Entry Level) Direct from Bar, Exam-2021, as given hereinafter:-

S.N.	Subject	No. of Ques.	Marks
1.	I.P.C., Cr.P.C. & Evidence Act	30	30
2.	C.P.C., T.P. Act & Contract Act	20	20
3.	Constitution of India	10	10
4.	Specific Relief Act	5	5
5.	N.D.P.S. Act	4	4
6.	Limitation Act	3	3
7.	Negotiable Instrument Act	3	3
8.	M.P. Land Revenue Code	5	5
9.	M.P. Accommodation Control Act	5	5
10.	Hindu Marriage Act, Hindu Succession Act & Hindu Adoption & Maintenance Act only)	7	7
11.	SC & ST (Prev. Of Atrocity) Act	3	3
12.	Motor Vehicle Act (Chapter X, XI & XII only)	3	3
13.	Court Fees Act, Indian Registration Act & Indian Stamp Act)	7	7
14.	General Knowledge	15	15
15.	Computer Knowledge	10	10
16.	General English	10	10
17.	Law Lexicon & Maxims	5	5
18.	Medical Jurisprudence	5	5
Total		150	150

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

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

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

Once the candidate gives the answer of one question and seal 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 the 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.

6. (i) Objections & Finalization of Model Answers -

After completion of Online Preliminary Examination, the proposed Model Answers/Keys intended to be used for generating result and valuation of online answer-sheet of online Preliminary Exam shall be ported on the website of the M.P. High Court along-with notice, to invite objections (with supportive documents) from the candidates regarding any Model Answer/Key. Such objection may be submitted by the candidate in writing & signed by him in person/via e-mail/registered post to the Principal Registrar / Registrar (Exam) M.P. High Court, Jabalpur, within 07 days during working hours from the date of porting of the proposed Model Answer/Keys. The candidate(s) who raised objection must mention his/her name & application number along-with self attested photo-copies of source document(s)/proof on the basis of which he/she has submitted the objection.

Objections received within aforesaid time and in aforesaid manner shall be taken into consideration. However, any objection received without any authentic proof/source or without signature or any objection received after aforesaid stipulated period/time shall not be entertained/considered on any ground whatsoever and may be rejected without assigning any reason.

The Model Answer shall be finalized after due consideration of objection(s) received. The Model Answer so finalized shall be used as

Keys/Model Answer for the generation of 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 it may be and such representations, if any, received after declaration of the result, shall stand rejected, without assigning any reason.

(ii) Valuation, Minimum marks & Result of Online Preliminary Exam by Service Provider -

After completion of Online Preliminary Examination, the valuation shall be made as early as possible. The Result shall be uploaded on the website of the M.P. High Court.

Minimum Marks -

The candidates of UR (Unreserved) and OBC Categories, who secure 60% Marks and the candidates belonging to S.C. & S.T. Categories, who secure 55% 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 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 reservation shall be given / applicable to the candidates; however, in order to provide fair opportunity to all categories candidates, a separate Merit list of successful candidates, for each category shall be prepared. There shall be no prescribed minimum number of candidates, if sufficient number of the candidates could not secure minimum prescribed marks in ratio of 1:10 of the vacancies.

A Notice to the effect that the result has been declared and is available on the website of M.P. High Court may be displayed on the Notice board of Examination Cell.

B- Main Written Examination (400 Marks)

1. Applications and Documents for Main Written Examination -

After declaration of Result of Online Preliminary Examination, the eligible/successful candidates shall have to submit Application Form for appearing in Main Written Exam, along-with Self-Attested copies of relevant documents, in prescribed proforma made available on the website of M.P. High Court, with the declaration of result.

The duly filled Applications, with documents, must reach the Examination Cell of the High Court within the prescribed time. Duly and correctly filled Application Form along-with Jammer fees shall be treated as valid, while incomplete Application Form or Application Form with incorrect particulars & without or deficit fees will not be considered to be valid. No correspondence shall be entertained in this regard and the same shall be filed without assigning any reason.

Non-receipt of completed Application Form of any candidate, within time mentioned above, for whatsoever reason i.e. even 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 without assigning any reason.

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

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

- (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 (at least three previous 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 by him in Application Form which

- may be verified by the High Court from the concerned authority.
- (4) Certificate of Continuous Practice for not less than seven years as on the Last date for filling Online Application Forms issued by the Principal District Judge or in case of High Court, by the Registrar (Judicial)/ Similar 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 Cell.

3. Venue, Date & time of Main Written Examination -

The Main Written Examination shall be held only at Jabalpur, on two consecutive days. The Date & Time of Main Written Examination shall be notified later.

4. Syllabus / Pattern of Main Written Examination –

The Main Written Examination shall be held on two consecutive days in two shifts. There shall be four descriptive question papers. Each paper shall be of three hours duration and shall carry 100 Marks each. On first day, Examination of 1st and 2nd Question Paper and on Second day, Examination of 3rd and 4th Question Paper will be conducted.

Syllabus for Main Written Examination shall include the following subjects and topics for which the marks are prescribed as under:-

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

1. Constitution of India	20 Marks
2. Civil Procedure Code,	20 Marks
3. Transfer of Property Act,	12 Marks
4. Contract Act,	12 Marks
5. Hindu Marriage Act & Hindu Succession Act	12 Marks
6. Specific Relief Act,	08 Marks
7. Limitation Act	08 Marks
8. M.P. Accommodation Control Act	08 Marks

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

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

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

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| 1. Indian Penal Code | 20 Marks |
| 2. Criminal Procedure Code | 20 Marks |
| 3. Evidence Act | 20 Marks |
| 4. SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act | 12 Marks |
| 5. POCSO Act | 12 Marks |
| 6. NDPS Act (Chapter-3,4 & 5) | 08 Marks |
| 7. Negotiable Instrument Act (Ch.-13 &17) | 08 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 the candidate to appear in the exam of all 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.

It is cautioned that the candidates are required to write their Roll No. only in place provided for that purpose at the first cover-page. Writing of his/her own name or roll no. or any mark of identification in any form or any Number or name or mark, by which the Answer-book of a candidate may be distinguished/ identified from others, in any place of the Answer-Book not provided for, is strictly prohibited and shall, in addition to other grounds, entail cancellation of his/her candidature and withholding of his/her result. Any correspondence, in this regard, shall not be entertained. Candidate shall use **only blue or black ink** and shall not use red, green *etc.* ink or Pencil for writing in Answer books.

5. Result & Minimum marks of Main Written Examination—

After valuation of Answer Books of Main Written Examination, the result shall be prepared. Endeavour shall be made to declare the result as early as possible.

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 successful for Interview/ Viva Voce shall be made available on Website of M.P. High Court. However, the Marks obtained by candidates in Main Written Exam shall not be disclosed at this stage and shall be disclosed only after the declaration of Final Result.

6. Marks of candidates:-

The marks obtained by the candidates in Online Preliminary Exam may be disclosed after declaration of result of Online Preliminary Exam

and marks obtained by the candidates in Main Written Exam shall be disclosed to concern candidate under RTI only after declaration of Final Result and recommendation letter of selected candidates are sent to Law Department.

7. 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 not be entertained and will automatically stand rejected without assigning any reason.

C- Interview/Viva Voce

The Interview/ Viva Voce shall be of 50 marks and a candidate has to secure minimum 40% marks in Interview to be finally selected. Interview Board(s) consisting of Hon'ble Judges of High Court shall be constituted by Hon'ble the Chief Justice. If any candidate has been awarded less than 20 marks or more than 40 marks, Interview Board may record reason(s) for that. Interview shall be held only at Jabalpur.

After result of Main Written Examination, the candidates who qualified for Interview shall submit Bio-Data Form and Attestation forms to be made available on the website. Call Letters shall be generated by the Service Provider and a 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 be ported on the website of the M.P. High Court.

Before Interview, the original documents of the candidates shall be checked by the Staff of the Examination Cell and any candidate fails to produce original document, he/she may be debarred from appearing in Interview. The Candidature of candidate who remained absent on the given time and Place for Interview/Viva Voce shall be deemed to be rejected.

8. Final Result /Select List –

After completion of process of interview / Viva Voce (1) Provisional Select List. (2) Roll No.-Wise Marks List of all candidates who have qualified for Interview and (3) Roll No.-Wise Marks List of all candidates who appeared in Main Written Examination shall be prepared. Final result shall be prepared, on the basis of aggregate marks obtained by candidate in Main Written Examination and 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 shall be given preference over the other and if Marks of Interview are also same then candidate older in age will be given preference in their respective category.**

The Provisional Select list/result, subject to approval of Full Court of M.P. High Court, shall be declared and published in order of merit on the Website of M.P. High Court (www.mphc.gov.in) after approval from the Examination-cum-Selection & Appointment Committee and Hon'ble the Chief Justice.

9. Post Selection Process :-

- (i) A candidate selected for appointment shall be required to undergo medical examination or physical fitness by a Medical Board before he/she is appointed. Every candidate who appears before a Medical Board shall pay the Medical Examination fee, which in no case shall be refundable.
- (ii) The Training shall be such as may be prescribed by the M.P. High Court.
- (iii) A person appointed in the Madhya Pradesh Higher Judicial Service District Judge-Entry Level (Direct Recruitment from Bar) shall be on probation for a period of two years and the High Court may extend the period of probation. The High Court may, at any time during or at the end of period of probation, recommend the termination of services of such probationers.

(iv) The conditions of service of appointment on the post Advertised shall be governed by the Rules, Regulations and Circulars *etc.* applicable to the M.P. Higher Judicial Services, in force from time to time.

10. 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 official website of MP High Court. Porting of Corrigendum on official website shall be deemed as sufficient notice to all candidates / aspirants and no objection shall be entertained on the ground that candidate was having no information of such Corrigendum.

11. RTI –

The information in PDF form as to “**Candidate Response Sheet**” of Online Preliminary Examination, shall be made available, only to the candidate concerned on the website of M.P. High Court, subject to payment of prescribed fees only after declaration of result & before expiry of a period of 03 months from the date of declaration of Online Preliminary Exam result. After expiry of period of 03 months from the date of declaration of result of Online Preliminary Examination and thereafter, the data regarding answer-sheets of online preliminary examination may be eliminated.

RTI Application for Marks in Main Written Examination shall not be entertained before the declaration of Final Result.

12. Elimination/disposal of Used Examination Materials :-

After lapse of one year from the date of declaration of Final result/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 Examination, data of online answer-sheets etc. shall be eliminated after lapse of three months from the date of declaration of result of Online Preliminary Examination.

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