

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
(Office of the Registrar General (Camp) at Jammu)

NOTIFICATION

No: 2510 of 2026/RG

Dated: 03.10.2026

1. In supersession of advertisement notification No. 1841 of 2024/RG/GS dated 08.08.2024 (read with corrigendum dated 12.08.2024), fresh applications through online mode, are invited from the eligible candidates for filling up of the posts in the cadre of District Judges (Entry Level) in the pay level **J-5 (144840-194660)** by Direct Recruitment, in accordance with the provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Higher Judicial Service Rules, 2009, as amended till date. The candidates, who had applied pursuant to earlier Notification No. 1841 of 2024 dated 08.08.2024, and Notification No. 03 of 2024 dated 05.06.2024 and were eligible in terms of the Rules as were in-vogue at the relevant time, and whose candidature was not rejected, need not apply again. The candidates are advised to go through these Rules before applying for the said posts.

2. Number and break-up of posts category-wise:

The total number of posts is sixteen and their share is as per the details given below:-

OM	SC	ST-1	ST-2	ALC	OBC	RBA	EWS	Total
04	02	01	02	01	02	02	02	16

3. Eligibility:-

In order to be eligible for appointment by direct recruitment to the cadre of the service, the incumbent:-

- a) Must possess a Degree in Law from a recognized University established by Law in India and recognized as such by the Bar Council of India.
- b) Must be practicing advocate in the Courts of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction having been in actual continuous practice for a period of not less than seven years or must be an in-service candidate having a combined continuous experience of seven years or more as an Advocate and Judicial as on the last date of receipt of applications

Note: The word Advocate used in clause (b) would include Practicing Advocates, Pleaders/ Government Pleaders and Public Prosecutors.

The Practicing Advocates must submit an experience certificate issued by the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge/Registrar Judicial of the concerned Wing of

the High Court in the format annexed as **Annexure-A** and the in-service candidates must submit Experience/Service certificate as per **Annexure-B**).

- c) Must have attained the age of thirty five years and not above the age of forty five years (relaxable in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Persons with Bench Mark Disability (PwBD) or Other Backward Classes by two years) as on the last date of receipt of the applications.
- d) Must be a domicile as defined under Jammu and Kashmir Grant of Domicile Certificate (Procedure), Rules, 2020, or a resident of Union Territory of Ladakh as defined in Clause (4) of the Union Territory of Ladakh Resident Certificate Order, 2021, as the case may be and a citizen of India as on the last date of filing of application.
- e) Must be proficient in reading and writing Urdu.

4. Competitive examination for direct recruitment:-

- i. The competitive examination for appointment of District Judges by direct recruitment shall consist of:
 - a) A written examination comprising two papers of two hours duration each. Each paper shall carry 80 marks. The syllabus for these papers as prescribed by the High Court of J&K and Ladakh is attached as **Annexure-C**; and
 - b) Viva-voce examination shall carry 40 marks.
- ii. Only those candidates who shall obtain 50% or more marks in the written examination shall, in order of merit, be called for viva-voce test in the ratio of three candidates for one available vacancy.

Provided that Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates and Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) who obtain 45% or more marks in the written examination shall be eligible for viva-voce examination.
- iii. The candidate has to obtain 50% marks out of 40 marks earmarked for viva-voce provided that in case of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe and Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD), the candidate has to obtain 45% marks out of 40 marks reserved for viva-voce; and
- iv. After the candidate makes the grade in written examination and viva-voce, selection shall be made on the cumulative grade value obtained in the written examination and viva-voce.



5. Disqualification for appointment:-

No person shall be eligible for appointment to the service:

- a) Unless he/she is a domicile of UT of Jammu and Kashmir as defined in Rule 3 of Jammu and Kashmir Grant of Domicile Certificate (Procedure), Rules, 2020, or a resident of Union Territory of Ladakh as defined in Clause (4) of the Union Territory of Ladakh Resident Certificate Order, 2021, as the case may be and a citizen of India.
- b) If he/she is dismissed from service by the Central Government, any State Government, Union Territory, High Court or any other statutory or local authority;
- c) If he/she has been convicted of an offence or has been debarred or disqualified by any High Court or Public Service Commission or by any recruiting or examination conducting authority from appearing in examinations or selections;
- d) If he/she directly or indirectly influences the recruiting authority by any means for his/her candidature;
- e) If he is a man and has more than one wife living, unless permissible under any law for the time being in force; and if she is a woman and has married a man already having another wife.

6. Reservation:-

- i. A candidate seeking his/her consideration under any Reserved Category must ensure that he/she possesses a valid requisite Category certificate as on the cut-off date.
- ii. The candidature of the candidates will be provisional till the genuineness of the reserved category certificate is verified by the Appointing Authority.
- iii. Candidates may note that in case a claim for reservation is made on the basis of false/fake/fraudulent certificate, he/she shall be debarred from the examination, in addition to any other penal action as may be deemed appropriate.

7. Prescribed Fee:-

After successful submission of the online application form, candidate will be required to deposit requisite fee of Rs. 1200/- through online mode.

8. Documents to be uploaded:-

While filling the online application form, the applications are required to upload the documents as per details given below:-

- i. Date of birth certificate (Secondary School/Matric Certificate).
- ii. Domicile Certificate/Residence Certificate.
- iii. Bachelors Degree in Law.
- iv. Experience certificate issued by the concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge/Registrar Judicial of the concerned Wing of the High Court in the format annexed as **Annexure-A**.
- v. In case of in-service Judicial Officers, experience/service Certificate as per **Annexure-B**.
- vi. Reserved Category Certificate (if claiming benefit).

Note:-

- a) Any wrong or incorrect information furnished by the candidate shall lead to the rejection of his/her candidature at any stage.
- b) Applications along with the prescribed fee will be received only through online mode on recruitment portal of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir (**exams.jklhc.in**) link of which will be activated on **05.10.2026** on the website of the High Court: <https://www.jkhighcourt.nic.in>.
- c) Last date for filling up of online application form complete in all aspects along with the requisite fee is **04.11.2026**.
- d) Submission of Application Form, requisite documents and fee payment shall not be accepted/entertained after the cut-off date fixed for receipt of the same.
- e) The printout of the application along with the fee payment receipt and required copies of documents shall be kept ready to be submitted as and when required.
- f) The eligible candidates shall have to appear in the test on the date(s) notified separately. No separate call letters shall be given through print and electronic media, official website <https://www.jkhighcourt.nic.in> of the high Court about the venues, dates of written test/interview for the information of eligible candidates. No claim of being unaware of the dates/schedule for written test/interview shall be entertained.
- g) No TA/DA shall be paid for the test/interview.
- h) Incomplete application(s) or application(s) received after the last date or received by any other mode than specified above, shall not be entertained.


(M.K. Sharma)
Registrar General

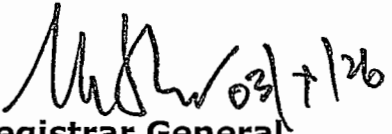
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Copy of the above forwarded to the:-

1. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh;
 2. Secretary to Hon'ble Mr./Mrs. Justice _____;
- ... for kind information o their Lordships.

3. Registrar Vigilance, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Srinagar.
4. Director, J&K Judicial Academy, Srinagar.
5. Registrar Rules, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Srinagar.
6. Registrar Computer (I.T), High Court of J&K and Ladakh for information and with the request to take requisite steps regarding facilitation receipt of applications through online mode;
7. All Principal District and Sessions Judges, UTs of J&K and Ladakh;
8. Registrar Judicial(s), High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Jammu/Srinagar for information;
9. Registrar Recruitment, High Court of J&K and Ladakh;
... for information and necessary action.
10. CPC, e-Courts, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Srinagar for information and with the request to upload the same on the official website of the High Court.
11. Director Information, J&K, Jammu/Srinagar for information and publication in the next issue of leading newspapers in Jammu/Srinagar and publication through electronic media.
12. In-charge Library, High Court of J&K and Ladakh Jammu/Srinagar for information and keeping the record of the same.
13. Order file.


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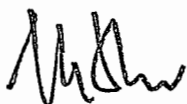
ANNEXURE-A

Office of the Principal District and Sessions Judge, _____/
Registrar Judicial, High Court Wing _____.

It is certified that Mr. / Ms. _____
S/o/D/o _____ R/o _____
_____, who has been enrolled as an Advocate
vide _____, is a practicing Advocate in the Courts of Civil
and Criminal jurisdiction and he is in actual practice for a period of not
less than seven years as on _____.

**Seal and Signature of the
Issuing Authority**

(Note: where the qualifying period is claimed under the extended definition of "advocate" contained in the applicable Recruitment Rules, the candidate shall produce satisfactory documentary proof of such engagement and continuance thereof before concerned Principal District and Sessions Judge or Registrar Judicial, as the case may be.)



ANNEXURE-B

Office of the Registrar General High Court of J&K and Ladakh

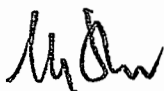
It is certified that Mr./Ms. _____
S/o/D/o _____ R/o _____
_____, is a Member of Jammu and Kashmir Judicial
Service since _____, and is presently holding the post of Civil
Judge (Junior/Senior Division).

It is further certified that prior to his appointment he was
enrolled as an advocate on _____ and was in continuous
practice till appointment as Civil Judge (Junior Division).

Thus as on date he/she has combined experience of 7 years as an
advocate and Judicial Officer and is eligible to apply for the post of
District Judge (Direct Recruitment).

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Note: The Judicial Officers serving elsewhere and intend to apply for
these posts shall submit similar certificate from their respective
High Courts.



**SYLLABUS FOR EXAMINATION
UNDER RULE 8 (i)(a)
JAMMU AND KASHMIR HIGHER JUDICIAL SERVICE RULES, 2009**

- There shall be two papers carrying 80 marks each.
- The duration of each paper will be of two hours.
- Each paper shall comprise three parts carrying equal number of questions.
- The candidates shall have to attempt nine questions in each paper, three from each part.

PAPER-I

Part-I

- (a) Essay- Precise writing
- (b) Constitution of India.
- (c) Legal Maxims.
- (d) Translation of passage in Urdu to English or Hindi to English.

Part-II

- a) Judgment Writing on Civil Original & Civil Appellate side.
- b) Laws relating to Partnerships, Contracts and Arbitration. Transfer of Property Act 1882, Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act 1976, Jammu and Kashmir State Evacuees (Administration of Property) Act 2006, Jammu and Kashmir Alienation of Land Act 1995 (1938 A. D.) and Specific Relief Act 1963.
- c) Laws relating to Compensation under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
- d) Laws relating to Marriages, Divorce and Succession governing Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Buddhists.

Part-III

- a) Civil Procedure Code 1908.
- b) Interpretation of Statutes.
- c) Laws relating to acquisition and requisition of immovable property.
- d) Laws relating to Guardianship, Succession Certificate, Probate and Letters of Administration.
- e) Laws relating to Eviction of unauthorized occupants from public premises.

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PAPER-II

Part-I

- a) Code of Criminal Procedure 1973./ Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.
- b) Indian Penal Code, 1860/ Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023
- c) Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015.

Part-II

- a) Judgment Writing on Criminal Original and Criminal Appellate side.
- b) Indian Evidence Act, 1872/ Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023
- c) Penal Laws in force in the state relating to Arms, Enemies and Terrorist related activities.

Part-III

- a) Jammu and Kashmir Civil Service Regulations.
- b) General Financial Rules.
- c) Medical Jurisprudence.
- d) Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Narcotic, Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

(Note: Any reference to the "laws" in the syllabus given above shall be construed as reference to the laws enforced in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh after the coming into effect of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019).

