

HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT, SOLA, AHMEDABAD

RECRUITMENT

No.RC/1250/09

Online Applications are invited from the eligible Advocates for filling up **approximately 10 existing vacancies** and other vacancies that may arise on account of elevation, death, deputation or otherwise, in the cadre of **District Judge**, in the pay-scale of Rs.51650-1240-59090-1390-63260/- + dearness allowance and other allowances as admissible under the Rules. [High Court reserves right to alter the number of vacancies]. The application **Format** and other **detailed instructions** for submission of **online** applications will be available on the Gujarat High Court Website www.gujarathighcourt.nic.in from 15/03/2010. Last date for submission of online application is **05/04/2010**.

**High Court of Gujarat,
Sola, Ahmedabad. – 380 060**

Date : 11/03/2010.

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1. Essential Qualifications :

A candidate –

- (a) must possess a degree in law from the University established by law in India.
- (b) must be practicing Advocate in Court of Civil and Criminal jurisdiction on the last date fixed for submission of online application and must have so practiced for a period not less than seven years as on such date.

Explanation : For the purpose of this clause in computing the period during which a person has been an Advocate there shall be included the period during which he has held Judicial Office.

- (c) must possess basic knowledge of Computer Application.

2. Age Limit :

A candidate must have attained the age of 35 years and must not have attained the age of 48 years in the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes, Socially & Educationally Backward Classes, Physically Disabled candidates and Ex-serviceman and 45 years in the case of others, as on the last date fixed for submission of online application.

3. Application Fees and Mode of Payment :

The candidate belonging to General Category are required to pay Rs.1000/- plus Bank Charges and the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes, Socially & Educationally Backward Class and Physically Disabled candidates are required to pay Rs. 500/- plus Bank Charges. The candidates making payment of fees shall remit the same in **Current Bank Account No. 30725811785** with the State Bank of India, High Court Complex Branch, Ahmedabad, in the name of Registrar General, High Court of Gujarat, Sola, Ahmedabad, through any of the Core Banking Service branches of the State Bank of India using the cash voucher in the special format appended to this Advertisement (For details, see instruction 4 in How to Apply), **from 15/03/2010 to 05/04/2010 during 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on working days of the Bank.**

4. Examination & its syllabus :

There shall be Competitive Examination consisting of –

- (I) (a) Preliminary Examination (Elimination Test) **(200 Marks)**
- (b) Main Written Examination **(200 Marks)**
- (c) Viva-voce **(50 Marks)**

(II) Preliminary Examination :-

- (1) The Preliminary Examination consisting of 2 papers each of 100 marks with 2 hours duration having Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) based on the following syllabus, will be conducted on **9th May, 2010.**

Paper-I English, General Knowledge & Awareness :

- (a) English Language
- (b) General knowledge
- (c) Current Affairs
- (d) Indian History and Geography
- (e) Basics of Science and Technology
- (f) Sports
- (g) Basic knowledge of Computer Operation / Application
- (h) Analytical Reasoning /Mental Ability

Paper-II Law :

- (a) General Laws and The Constitution of India
- (b) The Transfer of Property Act, The Indian Partnership Act, The Sale of Goods Act, The Indian Contract Act, The Negotiable Instruments Act.

- (c) Legal Maxims
 - (d) Medical Jurisprudence
 - (e) Jurisprudence and Legal Phraseology
 - (f) The Indian Penal Code, The Code of Criminal Procedure, The Code of Civil Procedure, The Evidence Act, The Limitation Act, The Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985.
- (2) The language of Question Paper of Preliminary Examination will be English.
- (3) Preliminary Examination Paper (MCQs), shall be evaluated as per entries made on OMR Sheets, to be assessed on Computer.
- (4) The candidates who will secure minimum 50% and above marks in the Preliminary Examination shall be eligible for being called for Main Written Examination. However, the marks obtained in Preliminary Examination shall not be taken into consideration for determining the Final merits of the candidates.
- (5) In the event of a large number of candidates qualifying in Preliminary Examination, it shall be open to the High Court to decide and restrict the number of candidates that may be called for Main Written Examination.

(III) Main Written Examination (Tentatively in June-2010)

1. The main written examination shall consist of **two papers**, each of **100 marks with 3 hours duration**, based on the **syllabus** given below :

Paper – I :

1. The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.
2. The Indian Penal Code, 1860.
3. The Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985.
4. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.
5. The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
6. The Essential Commodities Act, 1955.
7. The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.
8. The Evidence Act, 1872.
9. The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
10. The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

Paper-II :

1. The Constitution of India.
 2. The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.
 3. The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
 4. The Indian Contract Act, 1872.
 5. The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996
 6. The Specific Relief Act, 1963.
 7. The Right to Information Act, 2005.
 8. Intellectual Property Laws.
 9. The Electricity Act, 2003.
 10. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
 11. The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
 12. The Transfer of Property Act, 1882.
 13. The Information Technology Act, 2000.
 14. The Family Courts Act, 1984.
 15. Succession Laws, Personal Laws (Hindu, Muslim and Christian)
 16. The Land Acquisition Act, 1894.
2. Language of Question Papers of Main Written Examination will be English, and answers be given in English, unless otherwise instructed.
 3. Only those candidates shall be eligible for Viva-voce who obtained minimum 60% and above marks or corresponding grade in the main written examination.
 4. In the event of a large number of candidates qualifying in Main Written Examination, it will be open to High Court to decide and restrict the number of candidates that may be called for Viva-Voce.

(IV) Viva – voce

50 marks

- (1) The Viva-Voce is meant to assess the Candidate's (1) Mental Alertness (2) Knowledge of law (3) Clear and logical exposition (4) Balance of Judgment (5) Skills (6) Ethics (7) Power of assimilation (8) Power of communication (9) character and (10) Intellectual depth – analytical ability.

(V) Preparation of Select-List :-

- (1) Selection of candidates shall be made on the basis of Cumulative Grade Value obtained in the Main Written Examination & Viva-voce, in proportion to the marks assigned to them.
- (2) The mode of evaluating the percentage & grading in the Main Written Examination & Viva-voce shall be as specified in Schedule-‘A’ of the Gujarat State Judicial Service Rules, 2005.

5. General Instructions :-

- (1) The decision of the High Court as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the preliminary examination, main written examination and/or viva-voce shall be final. No candidate to whom certificate of admission has not been issued by the recruiting authority shall be admitted for the examination.
- (2) The candidates will have to appear for Preliminary Examination/Main Written Examination/Viva-Voce if called for, at their own cost at the place and time that may be decided by the High Court.
- (3) Benefit of relaxation in age & fees as the case may be, will be granted to the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes / Socially & Educationally Backward Classes/ Physically Disabled candidates and Ex-serviceman provided that certificate in respect of caste/category and non creamy layer certificate in case of SEBC candidates issued by the Competent Authority of the State of Gujarat and is valid till 5th April 2010.
- (4) Fees once paid shall not be returned in any circumstances.
- (5) A candidate who is found indulging in any unfair practices, copying or misconduct during the course of examination, using electronic gadgets or Mobile Phones etc., tempering with question paper, influencing any person concerned with the elimination test or main written examination or oral interview will be debarred from appearing for elimination test or written examination or oral interview, as the case may be, for that examination or any number of years or permanently, as may be decided by the High Court.
- (6) The selected candidates will be placed by the Government prior to their appointment, before a medical board and will not be appointed unless the board certifies them to be both mentally and physically fit for the service of the Government.
- (7) The officers occupying the office of the Fast Track Court Judge, who had been appointed from amongst the lawyers on temporary-cum-ad-hoc basis, may apply for their regular appointment in the cadre of District Judge, if they are within the age limit as specified above and fulfill the criteria and qualification mentioned above on the last date of submission of online application. Such officers should forward their down-loaded application forms with required enclosures (**as mentioned at point-5(13) of 'Advertisement'**) through the Head of the Department concerned, however they are not required to furnish the certificates of Practice and Language.

- (8) In case of receipt of large number of applications, the High Court reserves its right to shortlist the number of applications according to criteria that may be fixed by it for the purpose.
- (9) Candidates fulfilling all the requirements as per the Rules and advertisement, will be issued call letter individually by UPC and on the e-mail address, provided by them. The list of eligible candidates will be declared on the High Court website. However, in case of non-receipt of call-letter, candidate can contact the Registrar (Recruitment) one week prior to the examination.
- (10) Candidate shall produce, at the time of appearing for the Preliminary Examination / Main Written Examination/Viva-voce, identity proof i.e. Card issued by Election Commissioner or Bar Council of the State or Pan Card or Driving License, in original, alongwith the Call Letter.
- (11) Result of all examinations will be made available on the High Court website and/or by any other mode that may be decided by the High Court.
- (12) Mere success in the examination shall not confer any right to appointment and no candidate shall be appointed to the post unless the Government is satisfied, after such inquiries as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the post.
- (13) After submitting the application online, the candidate should download the print of the said application and **make signature** and also affix recent **passport size coloured photograph** (Not Stamp size or any other size) thereon at the place shown and then **send the same alongwith the following testimonials**, to the Registrar (Recruitment), High Court of Gujarat, Sola, Ahmedabad : 380 060, by person/post or any other mode, within 12 days from the last date fixed for submitting online application, without fail, otherwise his/her online application will be treated as cancelled.
 - (i) Original Cash Voucher marked as **‘Office Copy’** noting his/her name and Application Number on the reverse side thereof.
 - (ii) One another recent passport size coloured photograph in a separate envelope **noting name and application number** on the reverse thereof.
 - (iii) True Copy of School Leaving Certificate / Birth Certificate issued under Birth & Death Registration Act.
 - (iv) True Copy of Sanad.

Please note that no other documents (except above) should be attached to the downloaded application.

- (14) Candidates shall produce following **original testimonials alongwith one set of zerox copy of the same at the time of Viva voce** to be conducted by the High Court.
- (i) School Leaving Certificate or Birth Certificate issued under Birth & Death Registration Act.
 - (ii) Educational qualifications i.e mark-sheet and certificates of SSCE/HSCE/Final Year of Graduation/ LL.B./LL.B.(Special) or Final Year LL.B (5 years course), Post Graduation etc.
 - (iii) Certificates possessing basic knowledge of Computer Application.
 - (iv) Certificates in respect of caste / category and non-creamy layer certificate in case of those belonging to Socially & Educationally Backward Classes, issued by the Competent Authority of the State of Gujarat and so far as Physically Disabled candidate is concerned (a) a certificate issued from a Competent Authority to the effect that he has a locomotor disability of not less than 40% and (b) a certificate from the Standing Medical Board at Ahmedabad, to the effect that he would be able to perform the duties of the post in question.
 - (v) Government Gazette, showing change in name / surname etc, if any;
 - (vi) Sanad issued by the Bar Council of State.
 - (vii) Character Certificate issued after the date of Advertisement, from two referees, incorporating therein the length of time the issuing authority knows the candidate concerned.
 - (viii) Language Certificate issued (i) by the Registrar General, High Court of Gujarat in case of Advocates practicing in the Supreme Court of India / High Court of Gujarat / Courts outside the State of Gujarat (ii) by the Principal District Judge of the District concerned, in case of Advocates practicing in District Court or Taluka Courts of the District concerned and (iii) by the Principal Judicial Officers of the Courts in the City of Ahmedabad, in case of Advocates practicing in the City Courts at Ahmedabad as may be applicable, in the following manner.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Mr./Ms _____ (mention name) _____, Advocate has sufficient knowledge of Gujarati, Hindi and English so as to enable him/her to speak in the said languages, to write and read the said languages and to translate with ease, from any of the said languages into English and from English into any of the said languages.

This certificate is issued on the basis of Test taken/ Documents verified by the undersigned for submitting before the High Court for applying for recruitment to the cadre of District Judge pursuant to the Advertisement dtd.11/03/2010.

Date :

Signature & Seal
Registrar General/Pri.Dist.Judge/ Pri.Judge, City
Courts at Ahmedabad, as may be applicable

Note:- Such Certificate shall be issued by the Authority on taking test or on the basis of any valid educational documents, after declaration of result of Main Written Examination.

- (ix) Practice Certificate issued (i) by the Secretary General of the Supreme Court of India or any other Officer, authorized by him in case of Advocates practicing in the Supreme Court of India / by the Registrar General, High Court of Gujarat in case of Advocates practicing in High Court / by the equivalent Authority, in the other State concerned, in case of Candidates practicing in the Courts outside the State of Gujarat (ii) by the Principal District Judge of the District concerned, in case of Advocates practicing in District Court or Taluka Courts of the District concerned and (iii) by the Principal Judicial Officers of the Courts in the City of Ahmedabad, in case of Advocates practicing in the City Courts at Ahmedabad, as may be applicable, in the following manner.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Mr./Ms _____ (mention name) _____ Advocate has been practicing advocate since _____ (mention date) _____. As such he has completed _____ (mention No. of years) years practice, on 05/04/2010.

This certificate is issued on the basis of the record available with the office of the undersigned for submitting before the High Court for applying for the post of District Judge pursuant to the Advertisement dtd.11/03/2010.

Date :

Signature & Seal
Registrar General/Pri.Dist.Judge/ Pri.Judge, City
Courts at Ahmedabad, as may be applicable

7. Disqualification for appointment :

No person will be eligible for appointment to the service –

- a. unless he is a citizen of India
- b. if he is dismissed from service by Central Government or any State Government or U.Ts. or any High Court or Statutory or Local Authority.
- c. if he has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude or who is or has been permanently debarred or disqualified by the High Court or the Union Public Service Commission or by any recruiting or examination conducting authority from appearing in examinations or selections.
- d. if he directly or indirectly influences the recruiting authority by any means for his candidature.
- e. if he is a man, has more than one wife living and if a woman has married a man already having another wife.

7. APPLICATIONS WHICH DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS SHALL BE OUTRIGHTLY REJECTED.

Last date for submission of online application is 05/04/2010 till office hours.

Date : 11/03/2010.

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