

ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ADVERTISEMENT No. 01 OF 2024-25

Recruitment to the posts of Assistant Soil Conservation Officer in Class-II (Group-B) of Odisha Soil Conservation Service under the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment.

WEBSITE - http://opsc.gov.in

Online applications are invited from the prospective candidates through the proforma application to be made available on the Website of the Commission (http://opsc.gov.in). The link for registration and submission shall be available from 16.07.2024 to 16.08.2024 (Note: 16.08.2024 is the last date for submission of Registered Online Application) for recruitment to 81 (Eighty One) posts of Assistant Soil Conservation Officer in Class-II (Group-B) of Odisha Soil Conservation Services under the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment carrying the pay at Level-10 of the Pay Matrix under ORSP Rules, 2017 in consistent with pre-revised scale of Pay under PB-2 – Rs. 9300/- - 34800/- with Grade Pay of Rs.4600/- with usual Dearness and other Allowances as may be sanctioned by the Government of Odisha from time to time. The posts are temporary but likely to be made permanent.

2. <u>VACANCY POSITION</u>: As per requisition filed by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Government of Odisha, the vacancy position along with reservation thereof is given below:

SI. No.	Category	No. of vacancies
1.	Unreserved	45 (15-w)
2.	SEBC	11 (03-w)
3.	Scheduled Caste	08 (03-w)
4.	Scheduled Tribe	17 (06-w)
	Total:	81 (27-w)

Out of the total vacancies mentioned above, 02 (two) posts are reserved for Ex-Servicemen, 03 (three) posts are reserved for Persons with Disabilities (whose permanent disability is 40% or more) and 01 (one) post is reserved for Sports Persons. Candidates belonging to the categories of Ex-Servicemen, Persons with Disabilities and Sports Persons shall be adjusted against the categories to which they belong.

The category wise details regarding the posts reserved for Persons with Disabilities (whose permanent disability is 40% or more) are mentioned below:

- d. Passed a test in Odia in Middle English School Standard conducted by the School and Mass Education Department of the Government of Odisha / Board of Secondary Education, Odisha.
- (iii) A candidate, who has more than one spouse living, will not be eligible for appointment unless the State Government has exempted his/her case from operation of this limitation for any good and sufficient reasons;
- (iv) Government servants, whether temporary or permanent, are eligible to apply provided that they possess the requisite qualification and are within the prescribed age-limit as provided under para-3 & 4 of the Advertisement. They must submit "No Objection Certificate" issued by the competent authority during document verification;
- (v) If a candidate has at any time, been debarred for a certain period/ chance(s) by the Odisha Public Service Commission or other State Public Service Commission or U.P.S.C from appearing at any examination /Viva Voce test, he/she will not be eligible for such recruitment for that specified period/chance(s);
- (vi) A candidate who claims change in his/her name after having passed the High School Certificate Examination or equivalent examination, is required to furnish a copy of publication of the changed name in local leading daily newspaper as well as copy of notification in the Gazette in support of his/ her change of name;
- (vii) Only those candidates, who fulfil the requisite qualification & are within the prescribed age limit etc. by the closing date of submission of online application, will be considered eligible;

9. IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Online applications submitted to OPSC if found to be incomplete in any respect are liable to rejection without entertaining any correspondence with the applicants on that score;
- (ii) Admission to the Written Examination / Interview (Viva Voce test) will be provisional. If on verification at any stage before or after the written examination / Interview (Viva Voce test), it is found that a candidate does not fulfil all the eligibility conditions, his/her candidature will be liable to rejection. Decision of the Commission in regard to eligibility or otherwise of candidate shall be final;
- (iii) Concessions meant for S.T./ S.C. by birth and SEBCs are admissible to the Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste and Socially Educationally Backward Classes of Odisha only;
- (iv) Community / Caste status once mentioned by the candidates under the appropriate box of the online application form will be treated as final and the same shall not be changed subsequently under any circumstances.
- (v) This advertisement should not be construed as binding on the Government to make appointment;
- (vi) Any misrepresentation or suppression of information by the candidate in the online application, will result in cancellation of his/her candidature or penalty, as decided by the Commission be imposed on the candidate;

- (vii) Mere empanelment in the select list shall not confer any right for appointment unless the Government is satisfied after making such enquiry as may be deemed necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the service;
- (viii) Every candidate included in the select list shall be examined by the Medical Board and any candidate who fails to qualify the Medical Board shall not be eligible for appointment.

10. CERTIFICATES/ DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED:

Candidates those who are called for document verification/ Interview (Viva Voce test) are required to bring with them the hard copy of online application form along with photo-copies of certificates, mark sheets etc. and originals of the same for verification which will be notified later on in due course, failing which he/she shall not be allowed to appear at the Interview (Viva Voce test). The candidates are required to mention on copy of each document "Submitted by me" and put their full signature & date on the same.

- H.S.C. or equivalent certificate in support of declaration of age issued by the concerned Board /Council;
- (ii) Bachelor of Science Degree Certificate in Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry & Degree in Agriculture Engineering Certificate from recognized University/ Institutions;
- (iii) Mark-sheets in support of all the aforesaid Examinations passed including fail marks, if any, issued by the concerned Board / Council /University.

NOTE 1:

- (a) Candidates who have not been awarded percentage of marks, but only "GRADE MARKS", should, along with their applications, produce the conversion certificate from the concerned University indicating the actual equivalent percentage of marks and the conversion formula failing which, their applications are liable to be rejected.
- (b) While filling up the marks in the online application form, the candidate has to mention the actual marks secured by him/her in each Semester/Annual examination in the H.S.C, +2, Degree & Bachelors' Degree (excluding the marks secured in the Extra Optional paper).
- (iv) Four recent passport size photographs within 6 months (unsigned & unattested) which has been uploaded with Online Application Form.
- (v) Caste Certificate by birth in support of claim as S.T./S.C. and S.E.B.C. whichever applicable.
- (vi) Required Odia test Pass Certificate from the competent Authority;
- (vii) Permanent Disability Certificate (indicating percentage of permanent disability i.e. 40% or more);

- (viii) Ex-Servicemen claiming reservation are required to submit/ upload Release Certificate issued as per Orissa Ex-Servicemen (Recruitment to state Civil Services and Posts) Rules, 1985 vide GA Deptt. Notification No. 22586/Gen, dt. 16.10.1985. Further, Ex-Servicemen candidates must submit an affidavit undertaking that he has not been appointed against any civil post after retirement from military services;
- (ix) Identity card issued by the Director of Sports, Odisha in case of Sports-Persons;
- (x) No Objection Certificate from the competent authority in case of Government Servant;
- (xi) Any proof of identity.

NOTE 2:

- (i) Candidates claiming to be belonging to S.T. /S.C. / S.E.B.C Category of Odisha by birth are required to submit copy of the relevant Caste Certificate as mentioned in their online application form and issued by the competent authority in the prescribed form. Candidates of SEBC category (other than Creamy Layer) must submit copy of Caste Certificate issued by the competent authority within the last three years by the closing date for submission of Online Application Form;
- (ii) The SEBC certificate which is more than three years old by the closing date of submission of online application form is liable for rejection.
- (iii) Women candidates belonging to S.C. /S.T. /S.E.B.C Categories are required to submit Caste Certificates by birth showing "daughter of". Caste Certificates by virtue of marriage (i.e. showing "wife of") will not be accepted.
- (iv) O.B.C. CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF S.E.B.C. CERTIFICATES AND CANDIDATES SUBMITTING O.B.C CERTIFICATES ARE LIABLE FOR REJECTION.
- (v) The competent authorities are:- District Magistrate/Collector or Additional District Magistrate or Sub-divisional Magistrate/Sub-Collectors or Executive Magistrates or Revenue Officers, not below the rank of Tahasildar /Additional Tahasildar of Government of Odisha;
- NOTE 3: Bachelor of Science Degree Certificate in Agriculture, Horticulture & Forestry, Degree certificate in Agriculture Engineering, Caste Certificate, Odia Test Pass Certificate, Release Certificate of Ex-Serviceman [issued as per Orissa Ex-Servicemen(Recruitment to State Civil Services and Posts) Rules, 1985 vide GA Deptt. Notification No. 22586/Gen, dt. 16.10.1985] and Permanent Disability Certificate of Persons with Disabilities (indicating percentage of Permanent Disability), Identity card of Sports-Persons issued by the Director of Sports, Odisha etc. must have been issued within the last date fixed for submission/receipt of online application form.

11. GROUNDS OF REJECTION OF APPLICATION:-

Applications of candidates will be rejected by the Commission on any of the following grounds:-

- (a) In-complete online application form.
- (b) Non-submission of hard copy of online application form at the time of verification of original documents.
- (c) Not signing declaration (full signature) in the hard copy of online application form.
- (d) Not coming within age limit as mentioned in Para-3 of Advertisement (Overage relaxation shall not be allowed to PWD candidates having less than 40% disability).
- (e) Not having requisite qualification as provided under Para 4 of Advertisement.
- (f) Not furnishing copies of certificates/documents as provided under Para 10 of Advertisement.
- (g) Not passing Odia Test (M.E. standard) / not furnishing Odia Test pass evidence as required under Para 8 (ii) of the Advertisement.
- (h) Submission of wrong information / false information about qualification / Age / O.T. Pass evidence / Category Status (ST/S.C./SEBC/PWD/Women/Ex-servicemen/ Sports Persons etc.).
- (i) Suppression of facts / information about eligibility, if any.
- (j) Any other ground as per the decision of the Commission.

N.B:- APPLICATION / CANDIDATURE OF A CANDIDATE SHALL BE REJECTED AT ANY STAGE OF RECRUITMENT PROCESS, WHEN DISCREPANCY IS NOTICED /DETECTED.

12. HOW TO APPLY:

- (a) Candidates must go through the details of this Advertisement available in the Website of OPSC before filling up online application form.
- (b) Candidates must apply online through the concerned Website of the OPSC <u>http://opsc.gov.in.</u> Applications received through any other mode would not be accepted and summarily rejected.
- (c) Before filling up the online application form, the candidates must go through detailed instructions available at OPSC portal.
- (d) The online application form is automated and system driven and will guide the candidate seamlessly in filling the application. The requisite options shall be enabled and information shall be asked as per data furnished by the candidate. Before filling up the information, ensure that accurate information is fed, for edit option is limited & on confirmation there is no scope for further edit even if wrongful entry has been made while filling up application.

The candidates are required to visit the website of the Commission at http://opsc.gov.in for detailed information about important notices, rejection of applications, the date & time of Written Examination/ Document Verification/ Interview and also keep track of publication of various notices to the effect in the leading local daily newspapers for information.

CLOSING DATES

- (A) ONLINE REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF ONLINE REGISTERED APPLICATIONS SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN THE WEBSITE FROM 16.07.2024 TO TILL 16.08.2024 (11:59 P.M).
- (B) ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITHIN THE DEADLINE I.E. 16.08.2024 SHALL BE ACCEPTED.

NB: THE ONLINE APPLICATIONS, IF FOUND DEFECTIVE IN ANY RESPECT IS LIABLE TO BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.

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DATE: 06.07.2024

SECRETARY (I/C)

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