

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

NOTIFICATION

No. 158 Rule Cell/V.Z.27

Chandigarh the 19-09-2024

Hon'ble the Chief Justice is pleased to substitute the existing Rule 9-A of the High Court Establishment (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 1973 in the following manner:-

"Reader (Legal) 9-A (a) Appointment to the post of Reader (Legal) to Judge shall be:-

- Quota:-
- i) 80% by direct recruitment.
 - ii) 20% by promotion.

Note:- Employees eligible to be considered for promotion shall be from the following categories:-

- Employees of this Court serving in the grade not lower than that of Senior Assistant or its equivalent for a minimum period of five years.

- Employees of Subordinate Courts of Punjab, Haryana and U.T., Chandigarh working in a grade not lower than 'B' grade Assistant for a minimum period of five years.


- Judgment Writer (Senior Grade) and Judgment Writer (Junior Grade)/Stenographer to the District Judge in the States of Punjab, Haryana and U.T. Chandigarh for a minimum period of five years.

(b) Qualification: a) The candidate should have passed 10+2 examination by securing atleast 60% marks in English and should possess a degree in I.L.B.

(c) Age:- In case of direct recruitment-the candidate should not be less than 35 years or more than 40 years of age on the last date of submission of applications.

In case of promotion- there shall be no minimum or upper age limit.

(d) Method of recruitment:- Applications for direct recruitment shall be invited through advertisement, issued in such manner as the Chief Justice


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may decide, on the prescribed proforma from the eligible candidates.

(c) Select List:-

(i) The candidates shall have to clear the common competitive examination comprising of written examination and the viva-voce. The candidates clearing the written examination shall be required to qualify the computer proficiency test (word processing and spreadsheet) which shall only be qualifying in nature and the marks thereof shall not be added while drawing the final merit. The number of candidates to be called for viva-voce shall not be more than three times of number of vacancies.

(ii) No candidate shall be considered to have qualified the common competitive examination unless he obtains atleast-

(a) 50% marks in English paper;

(b) 40% marks in each of the other two written papers;

(c) 35% marks in viva-voce; and

(d) 50% marks in aggregate of written examination and viva-voce.

(iii) Keeping in view the number of applications, the candidates for written examination may be shortlisted on the basis of preliminary examination. The objective type multiple choice questions shall be from the syllabus prescribed for the written papers and the candidates shall also be expected to answer questions on events of national and international importance, analytical skills, reasoning and aptitude. The preliminary examination, if any, shall be a screening test and the marks obtained therein shall not be counted in the common competitive examination comprising of written examination and the viva-voce.

(iv) The merit lists as a result of common competitive examination shall be prepared separately for direct recruitment and promotion.

The candidates for appointment to the post of Reader (Legal) shall be selected from the respective merit lists in accordance with the available vacancies and the appointments thereafter shall be made by combining the list of selected candidates in order of their original merit in the common competitive examination.


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The final merit list of the candidates to be considered for promotion shall remain valid for one year and lapse thereafter.

(f) Syllabus:-


The syllabus for the common competitive examination shall be as follows:-

Sr. No.	Subject	Maximum Marks
1.	English Composition	50
2.	Civil Law (Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, The Limitation Act, 1963, The Court Fees Act, 1870, Stamp Act, Punjab and Haryana High Court Rules and Orders-Volume-V) and Constitutional Law (Part III, Chapter IV of Part V, Chapter V of Part VI and Chapter I of Part XIV of the Constitution of India).	100
3	Criminal Law (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 corresponding to erstwhile Indian Penal Code, 1860, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 corresponding to erstwhile Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 corresponding to erstwhile Indian Evidence Act, 1872).	100
4.	Viva-voce.	30
Total		280

(g) Seniority:-

The seniority of Readers and Readers (Legal) will be joint for all purposes including promotion and will be governed by Rule 30 of these Rules. In case two or more candidates from both lines join on the same day, the candidate senior in age will rank senior."

BY ORDER OF HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE


(Arun Kumar Aggarwal)
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For Registrar General

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District & Sessions Judge,
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