

**PUBLIC NOTICE/ADVERTISEMENT**

**Endst. No. 10572**

**Dated 25.08.2026**

Applications for the post of Three (03) Family Counsellors and One (01) Child Counsellor for Headquarters at Patiala and one Child Counsellor and one Family Counsellor each at Camp Court Nabha, Samana & Rajpura, are invited in prescribed format from the eligible persons for empanelment as Counsellors in the Family Courts of District Patiala and cluster Family Courts at Nabha, Samana & Rajpura under the Punjab Family Courts (Amendment) Rules, 2024 till 14.09.2026. The General terms and conditions for appointment.

**1. Qualification:**

Applicant must possess following qualification :-  
(As on the last date of Application)

- (i) A graduate degree of a recognized University preferably with Social Science/Sociology, Psychology, Clinical Psychiatry as one of the subjects or law and;
- (ii) Has at least 02 (Two) Years experience in the field of Social Work/Welfare or is associated with field work, Research or teaching in Government Departments, College, University or a similar academic institute in the areas of welfare of the family or problems of women and children.
- (iii) Having impeccable integrity.

**2. Age-limit:**

As on the last date fixed for submission of Application, a candidate must have attained the age of 35 years.

**3. Honorarium or Fee:**

The Candidate appointed as Counsellor, Family Court shall be paid a Honorarium or Fee as may be determined and notified by State Government from time to time.

**4. Terms of Counsellor(s)**

The panel of Counsellors shall be appointed for a term of three years. The term of Counsellor can be extended by the Hon'ble High Court.

**5. Duties and responsibilities of Counsellor, Family Court:**

- (i) The Candidate appointed as the Counsellor shall have to work in association with the Family Courts for the purpose of promoting conciliation in and securing speedy settlement of disputes relating to marriage and family affairs and matters connected therewith.
- (ii) The Counsellor so appointed shall not act or plead for a party to a case or proceeding but shall generally assist the Court in reaching peaceful and amicable settlement of the dispute.
- (iii) The Counsellor, entrusted with any petition, shall attend the Court as and when required by the Judge of Family Court;
  - aid and advise the parties regarding settlement of the subject matter of dispute or any other part thereof;
  - help the parties in reconciliation;

- submit report or interim report, as may be required by the Court to which he/she is attached;
- perform such other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Family Court to which he/she is attached, from time to time.

**6. Termination of Counsellor:**

The name of counsellor(s) may be removed from the panel without any prior notice by the Hon'ble High Court, at any time before the expiry of his/her term.

The applicants may apply for their empanelment on the Form (annexed) along with their testimonials to the office of District & Sessions Judge, Patiala before 4:00 PM on 14.09.2026.

The interaction with the candidates shall be held on 22.09.2026. The candidates are required to report at 11:00 AM on 22.09.2026, in the Office of Superintendent, District Courts, Patiala. No TA/DA shall be given to the candidates.

-Sd/-

Sandeep Kumar Singla  
Principal Judge, Family Court,  
Patiala.

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSELLOR**

To

The Ld. District and Sessions Judge,  
Patiala

Affix a Passport size  
coloured photo

.....(Fill the Name of District/Taluka places Family Court where you want  
to be empanel as Counsellor).

1. Applicant Name :
2. Name of the Father / Husband :
3. Date of Birth :
4. Educational Qualification (Bachelor’s Degree onwards)-  
(also attach the required certification)

| Name of Exam | Name of University | Year of Passing | Percentage of Marks |
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5. Experience :  
(Give details of experience in the field of Social and Family Welfare, also  
attach the required certification as required under Rule 6(B), 6(C) Of The Punjab  
Family Courts (Amendment) Rules, 2024)
6. Permanent Address :
7. Address for correspondence :
8. Mobile No. :
9. Email Address :
10. If enrolled as Advocate give  
enrollment No. :

11. If you have ever worked as Counselor in Family Court: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Provide details of Family Court & Year and attach a copy of order by which you were appointed)

12. (i) Whether any Criminal prosecution is pending against you?  
(ii) Have you ever been convicted by Criminal Court?  
(if yes, then give details)

13. Whether any case of your concerned is pending in this Family Court?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and Signature of the Applicant)

#### Declaration

I hereby declare that all information made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In the event of my information being found false or incorrect or the ineligibility being detected, action can be taken against me.

Date:

Place : \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and Signature of the Applicant)