



# TAMIL NADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION NO. 08/2018

DATED: 09.04.2018

Online applications are invited in the prescribed format for direct recruitment to the post of **Civil Judge** in the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service as per the provisions prescribed under the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules 2007 as amended [hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules'].

**Note:-**

- No other means/modes of application except through online will be entertained.
- Candidates are advised to read the rules, detailed notification, instructions issued for filling up of online application and guidelines for remitting of examination fee online, thoroughly, prior to filling of online application for the post, which are available on the official website of Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and ensure that they fulfil all the requirements of eligibility.
- Candidates must furnish all the relevant information required. Furnishing of false and/or incomplete information shall lead to rejection of application.

## 1. VACANCIES AND PAY SCALE

The vacancies have been arrived as **320 approximately**, by taking into account the guidelines given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Malik Mazhar Sultan vs. U.P. Public Service Commission **[2008(17) SCC 703]**, for the cadre of Civil Judges, in the Pay Scale of Rs. 27,700 – 770 – 33,090 – 920 – 40,450 – 1080 – 44,770 + Allowances, as admissible under the Rules.

| Name of the post                | Name of the service                                              | No. of vacancies                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Scale of pay                                               |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Civil Judge<br>Post Code. 2089) | Tamil Nadu State<br>Judicial Service<br>(Service<br>Code No.060) | Total vacancies - 320<br>(including 4 <b><u>carried forward</u></b> vacancies,<br>consequential <b>vacancies</b><br><b>arising out of retirements,</b><br><b>promotion and creation of</b><br><b>new courts)</b> | Rs. 27,700-<br>770-33,090 -<br>920 - 40450-<br>1080- 44770 |

The category wise breakup details, in respect of the vacancies, are as follows:-

**(i) Carried forward vacancies :**

|                 |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|
| GT(G)(LV)       | - | 1 |
| BC(OBCM)(G)(HH) | - | 1 |
| MBC/DC(G)(HH)   | - | 1 |
| ST(G)           | - | 1 |

**(ii) Current vacancies - 316**

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| GT(G)                                | 51 |
| GT(G) PSTM                           | 14 |
| GT (G) (DAP) Hard of Hearing (HH)    | 2  |
| GT (G) (DAP) Low Vision (LV)         | 1  |
| GT(G) (DAP) (LD/LC/DF/AC)            | 1  |
| GT(W)                                | 23 |
| GT(W) PSTM                           | 5  |
| GT(W) (DAP) Hard of Hearing (HH)     | 1  |
| BC(G)                                | 44 |
| BC(G) PSTM                           | 12 |
| BC (G) (DAP) Hard of Hearing (HH)    | 1  |
| BC (G) (DAP) Low Vision (LV)         | 1  |
| BC (G) (DAP) (LD / LC / DF / AC)     | 1  |
| BC(W)                                | 19 |
| BC(W) PSTM                           | 5  |
| BC(W) (DAP) (LD / LC / DF / AC)      | 1  |
| BCM(G)                               | 6  |
| BCM(G) PSTM                          | 2  |
| BCM(W)                               | 2  |
| BCM(W) PSTM                          | 1  |
| MBC/DC (G)                           | 35 |
| MBC/DC (G) PSTM                      | 9  |
| MBC/DC (G) (DAP) (LD / LC / DF / AC) | 1  |
| MBC/DC(W)                            | 15 |
| MBC/DC(W) PSTM                       | 3  |
| MBC/DC (W) (DAP) Low Vision (LV)     | 1  |
| SC(G)                                | 25 |
| SC(G)PSTM                            | 7  |
| SC (G) (DAP) Low Vision (LV)         | 1  |
| SC(W)                                | 10 |
| SC(W) PSTM                           | 3  |
| SC(W) (DAP) (LD / LC / DF / AC)      | 1  |
| SC(A) (G)                            | 5  |
| SC(A) (G) PSTM                       | 2  |
| SC(A) (W)                            | 1  |
| SC(A) (W) PSTM                       | 1  |
| ST(G)                                | 1  |
| ST(G) PSTM                           | 1  |
| ST(W) PSTM                           | 1  |

**DAP : Differently Abled Person / LD : Locomotor Disability ( One Arm, One Leg and Both Legs) / LC : Leprosy Cured Person / DF : Dwarfism / AC : Acid Attack Victim**

For definition regarding disabilities, please refer to Schedule to Clause (ZC) of Section 2 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 ( 49 of 2016)

**NOTE:-**

The number of vacancies advertised is only approximate and is liable for modification including reduction with reference to vacancy position at any time before finalisation of selection.

## 2. QUALIFICATIONS

### (A) AGE LIMIT (as on 01.07.2018)

| Sl.No | Category of candidates                                              |                                                                               | Minimum Age (should have completed) | Maximum Age (should not have completed) |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1     | For Practising Advocates/ Pleaders and Assistant Public Prosecutors | For SCs, SC(A)s, STs, MBCs/DCs, BCs, BCMS and Destitute Widows of all castes. | 25 years                            | 40 years                                |
|       |                                                                     | Others                                                                        | 25 years                            | 35 years                                |
| 2     | For Fresh Law Graduates                                             | (For all Categories)                                                          | 22 years                            | 27 years                                |

**Note:-**

The age concession mentioned in paragraphs 5, 13 and 14 of the Commission's "Instructions to Applicants" will not apply to this recruitment.

### (B) ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS (As on 09.04.2018)

The Applicants should possess the following qualification:

|            |                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>I.</b>  | <b>For Practising Advocates/ Pleaders and Assistant Public Prosecutors:</b> | <p>(i) Must possess a Degree in Law of a University in India established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act or an Institution recognised by the University Grants Commission, or any other equivalent qualification and enrolled in the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu or in the Bar Council of any other State in India</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>and</b></p> <p>(ii)(a) Must be practising as an Advocate or Pleader in any Court on the date of Notification for recruitment to the post and must have so practised for a period of not less than 3 years on such date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(or)</b></p> <p>(b) Must be an Assistant Public Prosecutor having not less than 3 years of experience as an Advocate and / or Assistant Public Prosecutor.</p> |
| <b>II.</b> | <b>For Fresh Law Graduates</b>                                              | <p>(i) Must be a fresh Law Graduate possessing a degree in Law from a recognized University as mentioned in Clause-I (i) above,</p> <p>(ii) Must be eligible to be enrolled as an advocate.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

|  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  |  | <p>(iii) Must have secured an overall percentage of marks in acquiring the Bachelor's Degree of Law as below:-</p> <p>(a) 45% Marks in case of Reserved Categories (i.e SCs, SC(A)s, STs, MBCs/DCs, BCs(OBCMs) and BCMs).</p> <p>(b) 50% Marks in case of Open Category (i.e Others).</p> <p>(iv) Must have obtained the Bachelor's Degree of Law within a period of three years prior to the date of notification.</p> |
|--|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Explanation:

Applicants who have enrolled as Advocates, but do not possess three years of practice at the Bar would be eligible to appear in the recruitment for the post of Civil Judge, under the category of Fresh Law Graduates, provided they satisfy the other requisite eligibility criteria.

**Note:-**

- (i) The educational qualification prescribed for the post should have been obtained by acquiring the required and recognised qualification in the order of study, viz., 10<sup>th</sup> / SSLC + HSC or its equivalent + Bachelor's Degree as required under Section 25 of Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016. (Results of the examination should have been declared prior to issuance of this notification)
- (ii) *In case of candidate applying under the category of practising Advocate, he / she must be practicing as an Advocate in Courts of Civil and/ or Criminal Jurisdiction on the date of notification and continued to be a practicing advocate till the date of selection and appointment.*
- (iii) Candidates, who have passed the Degree in Law from the academic year 2009-2010 and thereafter, must have also passed the All India Bar Examination, conducted by the Bar Council of India, in order to be considered as eligible for being termed as a Practising Advocate. However, the said condition is not applicable to the candidates applying under the category of 'Fresh Law Graduates'.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

#### **i. A CANDIDATE FOR DIRECT RECRUITMENT TO THE SERVICE:**

- a) must be a citizen of India;

- b) must hold a degree of Bachelor of Law of any University established by Law in India and recognized as such under the Advocates Act, 1961;
- c) must have proficiency in Tamil to read, write and speak.

**ii. CHARACTER AND CONDUCT:**

- a) The character of a candidate must be such as to make him suitable in all respects for appointment to the Service. He must produce a certificate of character and conduct given after the date of notification from three responsible persons not related to the applicant in the format prescribed in Annexure-A.
- b) No person shall be appointed as a member of the Service unless he is in good mental and bodily health and free from any physical defect, except a person who is claiming reservation under Rule 10 of the Rules, which is likely to interfere in the efficient performance of his duties as a member of the Service. Before appointment, a candidate with disability shall be required to appear before a Medical Board which will examine him /her and certify whether he/she is fit for appointment to the service.

**iii. Must satisfy such other conditions prescribed for appointment to the post of Civil Judge.**

**4. DISQUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT**

No person shall be qualified for appointment to the Service or being in Service:-

- (i) If more than one spouse living;
- (ii) If dismissed or removed from the services by Central Government or by State Government or Statutory or Local authority or under any employment or if a candidate after being selected as a Judicial Officer has been discharged from service during probation period or convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude or any such offence or who is or has been permanently debarred or disqualified by the High Court or the Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Service Commission from appearing for examinations/interview or selections conducted by it or has been removed from its roll by any Bar Council. If any penalty or punishment has been imposed by the Bar Council or any Disciplinary authority, which is in the opinion of the Recruiting Authority, renders him unsuitable for appointment in Judicial Service, he / she shall not be eligible for appointment.

- (iii) If, being an Advocate, was found guilty of professional misconduct under the provisions of Advocates Act, 1961 (Central Act 25 of 1961) or orders of the court or Judicial forum.
- (iv) If, the candidates who do not fulfil the provisions of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial (Cadre & Recruitment) Rules, 2007; or (ii)if, he or she takes or attempts to take any favour in any form at any stage of Examination; or (iii)impersonation by or for the candidate/applicant; or (iv)making or submitting any forged document in support of his or her candidature; or (v)if he or she conceals any material information or provides any false information at any stage of selection process, or (vi) if he or she uses or attempts to use, improper or illegal means, either for purpose of being permitted to appear in examination or at any stage of examination in examination room/hall, or (vii) if he or she, during written examination harasses or threatens or using un-parliamentary words or causes physical injury to or misbehaves with, any Officer or employee engaged there; or (viii). If he or she, disobeys any directions relating to examination including oral directions by the invigilator or observer or any other officer or employee engaged for conducting examination. Moreover, canvassing in any form will also be a disqualification. Similarly, any attempts on the part of a candidate to enlist support for his / her candidature or selection/ appointment, through persons of influence or officers of Government/High Court/TNPSC will also disqualify him/her for appointment.

**5. PRACTICE /EXPERIENCE CERTIFICATE / SERVICE CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED IN ORIGINAL WHEN CALLED FOR –**

- (a) In the case of a member of the Bar, besides submitting the Degree Certificate, Enrolment Certificate issued by the Bar Council, Bar experience certificate in the format prescribed in Annexure-B, obtained from the authorities specified below, shall also be submitted:
  - (i) In case of applicants practising as advocates in the High Court of Madras, such certificate of practice should be obtained from the Registrar (Judicial) at the Principal Seat or at the Madurai Bench of the High Court, as the case may be.

(ii) In case of applicants practising as advocates in the High Courts of other States and the Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, such certificate should be obtained from the Registrar, who is in charge of the Judicial side of respective High Court or the Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, as the case may be.

(iii) In case of advocates, practising in subordinate Courts, such Certificate should be obtained from the Presiding Officer of the Court in which the candidate is / has been practising.

- (b) In case of an Assistant Public Prosecutor or a Government Pleader, the appointment order as Assistant Public Prosecutor or Government Pleader and a service certificate from the Head of Department specifying the number of years of qualifying service.

The Assistant Public Prosecutor / Government Pleader who have 3 years of experience as Advocates and Assistant Public Prosecutor may also produce the practicing certificate issued by the Director / Deputy Director of Prosecution or the Presiding Officer of the Court in which he/ she is practising.

## **6. CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS**

Applicants selected for appointment to the post will be required to produce a certificate of physical fitness in the form prescribed below:

| <b>Name of the post</b> | <b>Standard of Vision</b> | <b>Form of Certificate of Physical Fitness</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Civil Judge             | Standard-III or better    | For posts other than Executive and Ministerial |

Applicants with defective vision should produce eye fitness certificate from a qualified eye specialist before appointment.

## 7. IMPORTANT DATES

|                                                                               |            |                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Date of notification                                                          |            | 09.04.2018                |
| Last date for submission of application                                       |            | 07.05.2018                |
| Last date for payment of fee through Bank(State Bank of India or Indian Bank) |            | 09.05.2018                |
| Date of Written Examination                                                   |            |                           |
| Preliminary Examination                                                       | 09.06.2018 | 10.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon. |
| Main Examination                                                              | 11.08.2018 | 09.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon. |
|                                                                               | 11.08.2018 | 02.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.  |
|                                                                               | 12.08.2018 | 09.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon. |
|                                                                               | 12.08.2018 | 02.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.  |

## 8. FEES

|    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |          |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| a) | <b><u>Registration Fee</u></b><br>For One Time Online Registration (Revised with effect from 01.03.2017 vide G.O.(Ms).No.32, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (M) Department, dated 01.03.2017).<br><br><b><u>Note</u></b><br>Applicants who have already registered in One Time Online Registration system and are within the validity period of five years are exempted from payment of registration fee. | Rs.150/- |
| b) | <b><u>EXAMINATION FEE:-</u></b><br><b><u>Note:</u></b><br>If offline payment is preferred, the examination fee should be paid by the applicants within two days from the date of submission of online application for this recruitment if they are not eligible for the concession noted below                                                                                                                  | Rs.500/- |

## EXAMINATION FEE CONCESSION

| Sl. No. | Category                                                                         | Concession      | Condition                                                                      |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (i)     | Scheduled Castes/<br>Scheduled Caste<br>(Arunthathiyars) and<br>Scheduled Tribes | Total Exemption | --                                                                             |
| (ii)    | Differently Abled Persons,<br>Destitute Widow of all<br>communities              | Total Exemption | (i) For Differently Abled Persons, the disability should be not less than 40%. |



|       |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|       |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                        | (ii) For DWs, the DW certificate should have been obtained from the RDO / Sub Collector / Assistant Collector.                                                                                 |
| (iii) | Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities, Backward Classes (Other than Muslims), Backward Class (Muslim) | Those who have not availed three free chances so far in the previous recruitments may avail exemption from payment of examination fee. | Should not have availed three free chances in the previous recruitments.                                                                                                                       |
| (iv)  | Ex-Servicemen                                                                                                  | Those who have not availed two free chances so far in the previous recruitments may avail exemption from payment of examination fee.   | (i) Should not have availed two free chances in the previous recruitments.<br>(ii) Fee concession will not apply to those who have already been recruited to any class or service or category. |

**Note:-**

- (i) The three / two free chances referred to above are not for EACH POST but for ANY THREE / TWO APPLICATIONS ONLY. The claim for exemption from payment of examination fee made in any application which has been rejected/admitted or withdrawn will be counted as a free chance availed.
- (ii) Failure to pay the prescribed fee along with the application in-time will result in the rejection of application.
- (iii) The number of free chances availed by the applicant means, the total number of free chances hitherto availed by the applicant in his/her earlier application submitted to the Commission for any post/recruitment.
- (iv) If the examination fee concession claimed in the application is found to exceed the admissible limits, as mentioned above, the application will be rejected at any stage of selection. The number of free chances availed by the applicants will be counted from all

previous applications submitted through One Time Registration and / or submitted directly without One Time Registration.

(For further details regarding examination fee concession, refer to [para 12 of “Instructions to Applicants”](#)).

## **9. FEES AND MODE OF PAYMENT**

1. Examination fee of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred Only) is payable online through Net Banking/Credit card/Debit card or it can be paid offline at State Bank of India / Indian Bank within 2 days from the date of submission of online application by choosing the option in the online application.
2. Applicants have to register their basic particulars through One -Time Registration which is mandatory on payment of Rs.150/- (Rupees One Hundred and Fifty only) towards registration fee and then should apply online for this recruitment. The One-Time Registration will be valid for five years from the date of registration. Thereafter, the registration should be renewed by paying the prescribed fee. Applicants who have already registered in one time Registration system by paying Rs.150/- before 01.03.2017 and having validity and those who have registered for One-Time Registration system are exempted from paying the registration fee for this recruitment.
3. Applicants have also to pay the service charges levied, if any, by the State Bank of India / Indian Bank.
4. Applicants can avail exemption from paying examination fee as per eligibility criteria.
5. Offline mode of payment in the form of Demand Draft / Postal Order etc. will not be accepted and the applications forwarded with such modes of payment will be summarily rejected.
6. Those who have registered in the One-Time Registration system and paid the registration fee Rs.150/- and received the registration ID need not pay the Registration fee i.e., Rs.150/- and it is enough to pay the examination fee alone.
7. Applicants who have made One-Time Registration must pay the prescribed examination fee for this recruitment. (One–Time Registration is only to avail exemption for Registration

fee for a period of five years from the date of registration and it will not be considered as prescribed examination fee for this recruitment).

(For further details regarding the examination fee concession, refer [“Instructions to Applicants”](#)).

## **10. CONCESSIONS**

- (i) Concessions in the matter of fees allowed to SCs, SC(A)s, STs, MBCs/DCs, BC(OBCM)s, BCMs, Destitute Widows, Differently Abled Persons, Ex-servicemen, other categories of persons etc., are given in [para. 12 of the 'Instructions to Applicants'](#).
- (ii) Persons claiming concessions referred to above and other claims made in the application have to produce evidence for such claim as and when evidence is called for, otherwise his/her application will be liable to be rejected.

### **Note:-**

In all cases, an ex-serviceman once recruited to a post in any class or service or category, cannot claim the concession under ex-serviceman category for his further recruitment (Section 3(j) of Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016).

## **11. SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS**

The selection will be made in three successive stages viz., (i) Preliminary Examination for selection of applicants for admission to the Main Examination, (ii) Main Examination and (iii) Viva–Voce Test.

The candidates for admission to Main Examination will be shortlisted as decided by the Commission at a ratio not exceeding 10 times of the number of vacancies following the rule of reservation. Candidates for Viva Voce Test will be shortlisted in the ratio of 1:2 or 1:3 with reference to the number of vacancies as specified in “Instructions to Applicants” under the heading “Procedure of Selection”.

**(A) PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (OBJECTIVE TYPE)(OMR METHOD)**

| Subject                                  | Duration | Maximum Marks | Minimum Marks for a pass |                              |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Preliminary Examination (Objective Type) |          |               | SCs, SC(A)s and STs      | MBCs/DCs, BC(OBCM)s and BCMs | Others   |
|                                          | 2 hours  | 100           | 30 Marks                 | 35 Marks                     | 40 Marks |

**Note:-**

- (i) No candidate who has secured less than the minimum marks specified for the Preliminary Examination shall be eligible for Main Examination.
- (ii) The preliminary examination will consist of one paper of objective type based on the syllabus given below containing 100 multiple choice questions (both in Tamil and English), each carrying one mark. Maximum marks will be 100 and '1/2' (half) mark will be deducted for each incorrect answer. The duration of the Preliminary examination will be two hours. The preliminary examination is conducted for the purpose of short listing the candidates and the marks obtained in the preliminary examination shall not be counted for determining the final order of merit of the candidates.

**SYLLABUS FOR THE PRELIMIARY EXAMINATION****PART-A**

The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908

The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1981

The Transfer of Property Act, 1882

The Indian Contract Act, 1872

The Specific Relief Act, 1963

The Constitution of India

The Tamil Nadu Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1960      Tamil Nadu Regulation of Rights and Responsibilities of Landlords and Tenants Act, 2017 (Tamil Nadu Act 42 of 2017)

**PART-B**

The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

The Indian Penal Code, 1860

The Indian Evidence Act, 1872

**The following Criminal Law Amendment Acts/Ordinances and Minor Acts:-**

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1908

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1932

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1938

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 1944

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 1946

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1952

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1961

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Amending Act, 1966

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1972

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1983

The Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 1983

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1993

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2005

The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013

The Criminal Minor Acts (including Information Technology Act, 2000; The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012).

**PART-C**

General Knowledge – Test of Reasoning and Mental ability.

**(B) MAIN EXAMINATION (DESCRIPTIVE TYPE):-**

| Subject                       | Duration | Maximum Marks | Minimum Marks for a pass in each Paper |                                    |        |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| WRITTEN<br>(Descriptive Type) |          |               | SCs,<br>SC(A)s<br>and STs              | MBCs/DCs,<br>BC(OBCM)s<br>and BCMs | Others |
| 1.Translation Paper           | 3 hours  | 100           | 30%                                    | 35%                                | 40%    |
| 2.Law Paper-I                 | 3 hours  | 100           |                                        |                                    |        |
| 3.Law Paper-II                | 3 hours  | 100           |                                        |                                    |        |
| 4.Law Paper-III               | 3 hours  | 100           |                                        |                                    |        |
| VIVA-VOCE TEST                | -        | 60            | 18 (for all categories of candidates)  |                                    |        |

**SYLLABUS FOR THE MAIN WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

- (i) Translation Paper: Translation of passages from English to Tamil and from Tamil to English. The passages will be from Pleadings, Depositions, Orders, Judgments and Documents.
- (ii) Law Paper – I: The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872; Principles of pleading and the Constitution of India (as Amended).
- (iii) Law Paper – II: Framing of Issues and Writing of Judgments in Civil Cases.
- (iv) Law Paper –III: Framing of charges and Writing of Judgments in Criminal Cases.

**Note:-**

- (i) The question papers on Law Papers I, II and III will be set both in Tamil and in English. The candidates are given the option of answering the papers either in Tamil or in English.
- (ii) The appearance in all the papers in the Main Written Examination and for the Viva Voce Test is compulsory.
- (iii) Refer to para 22 of “Instructions to Applicants” for Instructions to be followed while appearing for Preliminary/Main Examinations conducted by the Commission.
- (iv) Provided that no candidate who has secured less than the minimum marks specified for the Main Examination shall be eligible for Viva Voce Test and candidates who have secured less than the minimum marks prescribed for Viva Voce Test are not eligible for selection.

**(C) VIVA-VOCE TEST**

Viva-voce test shall be for sixty (60) marks

1. The object of viva-voce test is to assess the suitability of the candidate for the cadre by judging the mental alertness, general knowledge, knowledge of law, grasp of procedural laws and principles of law, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgment, skills, attitude, ethics, power of assimilation, power of communication, character, suitability and intellectual depth, the like of the candidate, his/her tact and ability to handle various situations in the Court.

2. Candidates of all categories who have obtained a minimum of 18 marks in the viva-voce test alone are eligible for inclusion in the Select List.
3. The marks secured by a candidate in the Viva Voce Test shall be added to the total marks secured by him/her in the Main examination.

## **12. TRAINING, TEST, CONFIRMATION AND PROBATION**

### **Training:**

Every person appointed to the category of Civil Judge shall undergo training for a minimum period of twelve months.

### **Tests:**

Every person appointed to the category of Civil Judge by direct recruitment shall, within the period of probation, pass the Account Test for Executive officers.

### **Confirmation:**

An officiating Civil Judge shall be confirmed by the High Court to be a full member of the Service in the category concerned at the earliest possible opportunity in any substantive vacancy which may exist or arise in the category in which he/she is officiating according to his/her seniority in that category concerned.

### **Probation:**

Every person appointed shall be on probation for a total period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years from the date on which he/she joins duty.

## **13. CENTRE FOR EXAMINATION**

### **(A) CENTRES FOR PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION:-**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Centre | Centre Code | Sl. No. | Name of the Centre | Centre Code | Sl. No. | Name of the Centre | Centre Code |
|---------|--------------------|-------------|---------|--------------------|-------------|---------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1.      | Chennai            | 0100        | 4.      | Tiruchirappalli    | 2500        | 7.      | Thanjavur          | 1900        |
| 2.      | Madurai            | 1000        | 5.      | Tirunelveli        | 2600        | 8.      | Vellore            | 2700        |
| 3.      | Coimbatore         | 0200        | 6.      | Salem              | 1700        | 9.      | Villupuram         | 2800        |

**(B) CENTRE FOR MAIN EXAMINATION:-**

Main Written Examination will be held at Chennai only.

**Note:-**

- (i) Request for change of venue will not be entertained (For further details refer [“Instructions to Applicants”](#)).
- (ii) The Commission reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of examination centres and to re-allot the applicants accordingly.
- (iii) Applicants should appear for the Preliminary/Main examination / Certificate Verification/ Viva Voce Test at their own expenses.

**14. NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE / INFORMATION TO THE EMPLOYER**

No Objection Certificate obtained from appropriate authority shall be produced at the time of Certificate Verification. Failure to produce the certificate will lead to rejection of application.

For details refer to [para 15 \(g\) of ‘Instructions to Applicants’](#). Any violation of this instruction will result in rejection of application and forfeiture of his/her candidature.

**15. INFORMATION / INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES**

- A. The Rule of reservation and the distribution of vacancies for BC/BCM/MBC OR DC/SC/SCA/ST/PSTM/DAP (Persons with Disabilities) candidates will apply in accordance with the Policy/Rules/Instructions issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu from time to time. The benefit of reservation is admissible only to bona fide domiciles/residents of the State of Tamil Nadu.
- B. If any column is not applicable, choose option - “not applicable” against that column. Do not fill such columns with dots or dashes or leave any column blank.
- C. Success in the examination does not confer any right to appointment unless the Commission in consultation with the High Court of Madras is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment.



- D. The category of reservation and all other information once filled in the application form, shall not be allowed to be changed.
- E. In G.O.(Ms.) No.145, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (S) Department, dated 30.09.2010, and G.O.(Ms.)No.40 Personnel and Administrative Reforms(S) Department dated 30.04.2014, the Government have issued orders to fill 20% of all vacancies in direct recruitment on preferential basis to persons who studied the **prescribed qualifications in Tamil Medium. The 20% reservation of vacancies on preferential allotment to Persons Studied in Tamil Medium (PSTM) will apply to this recruitment.** Applicants claiming this reservation must have studied the prescribed qualifications for the post in Tamil Medium and should have the certificate for the same. **Having written the University Examinations or Competitive Examinations in Tamil language alone will not qualify the candidate for claiming this reservation.** If the Applicants with PSTM Certificate are not available for selection for appointment against reserved turn, such turn shall be filled by Non-PSTM Applicants but belonging to the respective communal category. The PSTM certificate shall be produced by the applicant in prescribed format / proforma available in the Commission's website at [www.tnpsc.gov.in](http://www.tnpsc.gov.in) which shall be obtained from the Head of the Institution and to be submitted when called for by the Commission.  
**(For further details refer para 27 (XIX) of ["Instructions to Applicants"](#))**
- F. As per Sections 26 and 27(c) of Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016, reservation of appointment to "Destitute Widows" and "Ex-Servicemen" **will not apply** to this recruitment.
- G. The post of Civil Judge has been identified as suitable for **LV/HH/OA/OL/BL/LC/DF/AC** (without the assistance of the scribe and with the assistive device) categories of Differently Abled Persons **as per Rules. [LV-Low Vision, HH-Hard of Hearing, OA-One Arm, OL-One Leg, BL-Both Legs, LC-Leprosy cured, DF-Dwarfism, AC-Acid Attack Victims]**

Provided the candidates who are able to perform the following physical activities alone are eligible as per Rule 10 of Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2007, as amended in G.O.(Ms) No.234, Home (Courts-I) Department, dated 03.04.2018;

- (a) Work performed by Sitting - S
- (b) Work performed by Standing - ST
- (c) Work performed by Walking - W
- (d) Work performed by Seeing - SE
- (e) Work performed by Hearing - H
- (f) Work performed by Reading and Writing -RW
- (g) Communicating (Communicating would also include verbal or non-verbal communication) - C

- H. The candidates claiming reservation under the Differently Abled Category in terms of Rule of Reservation provided in the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Service (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 2007, shall produce a certificate of physical fitness from the Medical Board to the effect that his/her disability will not affect the effective functioning of the duties of the post of Civil Judge and also satisfy the High Court that his/her disability will not affect the effective functioning of the duties of the post of Civil Judge.
- I. Differently Abled candidates shall attend the Preliminary/Main Examination and Viva Voce Test on their own without any assistance of scribe.
- J. If no qualified and suitable woman applicants are available for selection against the vacancies reserved for them, those vacancies will be filled by other eligible applicants belonging to the respective communal categories.
- K. Wherever vacancies are reserved for Arunthathiyars on preferential basis, even after filling the vacancies reserved for SC (Arunthathiyars) on preferential basis, if more number of qualified Arunthathiyars are available, they shall be entitled to compete with the Scheduled Castes other than Arunthathiyars in the inter-se-merit among them and if any posts reserved for Arunthathiyars remain unfilled for want of adequate number of qualified applicants, it shall be filled by Scheduled Castes other than Arunthathiyars.
- L. Any subsequent claim made after the submission of online application will not be entertained. Evidence for all claims made in the online application should be uploaded / submitted, in time when the documents are called for. Failure to upload/submit the documents within the stipulated time limit will entail rejection of application.

- M. Correct and true information regarding arrest, charges, convictions, named or described but name not specifically named in FIR, Accused in private complaints, dropped from charges or quashed by any Court of law / debarment / disqualification by any recruiting agency, criminal or any disciplinary proceedings initiated / pending or finalised, participation in agitation or any Political Organisation, candidature in election for Parliament / State Legislature / Local Bodies etc/Trade Union, if any, should also be furnished to the Commission at the time of application i.e. the details thereof, originals of the judgement, order/ or G.O. dropping further action in departmental proceedings or any document that may prove the suitability of such applicants for a Government appointment in such cases must be produced at the stage / time of certificate verification without fail. All such events, that relate to the suitability of the applicants for the appointment, that occur after the submission of application and till the date of his / her selection and appointment shall be reported to the Commission in writing.
- N. Incomplete applications and applications containing wrong claims or incorrect particulars relating to category of reservation / other basic qualifications / eligibility / age / communal categories / educational qualification / PSTM / physical qualification and other basic eligibility criteria will be liable for rejection.
- O. One Time Registration is not an application for any Post / Recruitment. Though the details / particulars were furnished in the one Time Registration by the applicants, the details / particulars furnished in the online application for this recruitment alone will be taken into consideration. Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission will not be responsible for any consequences arising out of furnishing of incorrect and incomplete details in the application or omission to provide the required details in the application for this recruitment.

## **16. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- a) The applicants applying for the examination should go through all instructions carefully and should ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for admission to the Examination . Their admission at all the stages of examination for which they are admitted by the Commission viz., Preliminary Examination, Main Written Examination and Viva voce Test will be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If, on verification at any time before or after Written Examination, Certificate Verification and Oral Test, it is found that they do not fulfil any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for the

examination will be liable for rejection / cancellation by the Commission. Mere issue of memo. of admission to the applicants will not imply that his/her candidature has been fully accepted by the Commission (For further details refer “Instructions to Applicants”)

- b) The decision of the Commission in consultation with the High Court of Madras as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the Preliminary Examination, Main Examination or Viva Voce Test shall be final. No candidate, to whom the respective Hall Ticket has not been issued by the Commission, shall be admitted in to the Examination Hall.
- c) The **Hall Tickets** for eligible applicants will be made available in the Commission’s Website [www.tnpsc.gov.in](http://www.tnpsc.gov.in) or [www.tnpscexams.net](http://www.tnpscexams.net) or [www.tnpscexams.in](http://www.tnpscexams.in) for downloading by applicants. No Hall Tickets will be sent by post. So the applicants should watch TNPSC website before the scheduled date of examination.
- d) No candidate is permitted to peruse/obtain copies of the answer sheets (Preliminary and Main Examination) till the finalization of the recruitment process.
- e) Information sought with regard to details of marks (raw and scaled) awarded to the Candidates in each and every stage viz., Preliminary Examination, Main Examination and Viva Voce Test, cannot be furnished till the finalization of the recruitment process.
- f) Request for Re-valuation and Re-totalling of answer sheets of the Preliminary Examination & Main Examination will not be entertained.
- g) If any dispute or question arises relating to disqualification/suitability of the Candidates or interpretations of the Rules, the decision of the Hon’ble Chief Justice, High Court of Madras, shall be final.
- h) **Grievance Redressal Cell for guidance of applicants:** In case of any guidance /information / clarification regarding applications, candidature, etc., applicants can contact Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission’s office in person or over Telephone No. 044-25332833 / 25332855 or the Commission’s office Toll-Free No. 1800 425 1002 on all working days between 10.00 a.m. and 05.45 p.m. or through e-mail : [contacttnpsc@gmail.com](mailto:contacttnpsc@gmail.com)

### **i) Communication to Applicants**

Individual communication regarding the date and time of certificate verification, Viva Voce Test and counselling will not be sent to the applicants by post. The details will be made available on the Commission's website. Applicants will be informed of the above fact only through SMS and e-mail and they should watch Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission's website in this regard.

### **j) Mobile Phones and other Articles Banned**

- i. Applicants are not allowed to bring cellular phone, calculators, watches and rings with Inbuilt Memory Notes etc., or any other electronic devices and non-electronic devices such as P&G Design Data Book, books, notes, hand bags and recording devices either as separate piece or part of something used by the applicant such as watch or ring etc., to the examination hall / room on the date of examination.
- ii. Applicants are not allowed to bring into the examination hall any article such as books, notes, loose sheets, electronic or any other type of calculators, mathematical and drawing instruments, log tables, stencils of maps, slide rules, text books, rough sheets etc., except the permitted writing material (i.e. pen).
- iii. If they are found to be in possession of any such thing or instrument they will not be allowed to write the examination further, besides invalidation of answer paper and / or debarment. If it is considered necessary they will be subjected to thorough physical search including frisking on the spot ([For further details refer "Instructions to Applicants"](#)).
- iv. Applicants are advised, in their own interest not to bring any of the banned items including mobile phones to the venue of the examination, as arrangements for safekeeping cannot be assured.

- k)** Unless specific instruction is given, applicants are not required to submit along with their application any certificate (in support of their claims regarding age, educational qualifications, professional qualification, community, physical disability etc.,) which should be submitted as and when called for by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

- l) On verification, if the information so furnished by the applicant in the application is found to be false, then his/her candidature is liable for rejection and also suitable penal action such as criminal prosecution and debarment etc.
- m) **Unfair means strictly prohibited:** No applicant shall copy from the papers of any other applicant or permit his / her papers to be copied or give or attempt to give or obtain or attempt to obtain irregular assistance of any description. (For further details refer [“Instructions to Applicants”](#))
- n) For violation of “Instructions to Applicants” in any manner, suitable penalty will be imposed as per the “Instructions to Applicants” or as deemed fit by the Commission.

## **17. HOW TO APPLY**

1. Applicants should apply only through online mode in the Commission’s Websites [www.tnpsc.gov.in](http://www.tnpsc.gov.in) / [www.tnpscexams.net](http://www.tnpscexams.net) / [www.tnpscexams.in](http://www.tnpscexams.in)
2. One Time Registration (OTR) and applicant Dashboard are mandatory before applying for any post. Applicant should register only once in the One Time Registration by paying Rs.150/- as registration fee. Successfully registered One Time Registration is valid for 5 years from the date of Registration. All the applications should be submitted using the One Time Registration ID and password registered by the applicant.
3. For applying in One Time Registration, the applicants should have scanned image of their photograph wherever insisted and signature in CD/DVD/Pen Drive to upload the photo and signature, as per the specifications given in the Guidelines for Scanning and Upload of Photograph and Signature.
4. Applicants who have already registered in One Time Registration on or before 29.09.2015 shall use their existing user ID and Password to create applicants Dashboard in the new One Time Registration system. No applicant is permitted to create more than one registration ID in One Time Registration.
5. Applicants should enter the Unique ID and password to view the already available information and update them.

6. One Time Registration will not be considered as an application for any post. It is just collection of information from the applicants and giving a separate dashboard to each applicant to facilitate them to maintain their own profile. Applicants who wish to apply for this recruitment shall click [“Apply”](#) against the recruitment notified in the Commission’s Website using the same USER ID and PASSWORD given for ONE TIME REGISTRATION.
7. Applicants should select the name of the post or service for which the applicant wishes to apply.
8. An Online application uploaded without the photograph and signature will be rejected.
9. All the particulars mentioned in the online application including name of the applicant, post applied, educational qualifications, communal category, date of birth, address, e-mail ID, centre of examination etc. will be considered as final and no modifications will be allowed after the last date specified for applying online. Since certain fields are firm and fixed and cannot be edited, applicants are requested to fill the online application form with utmost care and caution as no correspondence regarding change of details will be entertained.
10. Print Option
  - a) After submitting the application, applicants can save their application in PDF format/take print out of the application.
  - b) On entering User ID and password, applicants can download their application and may take print out, if required.
  - c) Applicants need not send the printout of the online application or any other supporting documents to the Commission. The application and all the required certificates will be verified only when the applicants come up for certificate verification.

## **18. UPLOAD/SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENT**

Applicants should upload/submit their testimonials and all other relevant certificates for proof in respect of claims made in the application with reference to this notification as and when called for. If the required certificate is not uploaded or submitted by the applicant his/her application will be rejected.

**19. LAST DATE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION**

The online application can be submitted upto 07.05.2018 till 11.59 p.m., after which the link will be disabled.

*(For detailed information, applicants may refer to Commission's 'Instructions to Applicants' at the Commission's website [www.tnpsc.gov.in](http://www.tnpsc.gov.in))*

**Secretary**



**DISCLAIMER**

“ Government orders relating to equivalence of qualification have been hosted on the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission’s website. However, while applying for the examination, applicants should furnish the details of equivalence of qualification in the form of government orders issued prior to the date of this notification and produce a copy of the same when called for by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, failing which their application will be **rejected**. The government orders regarding equivalence of qualification issued after the date of this notification will not be considered for this recruitment.”

**Secretary**

**ANNEXURE - A**  
(Either in English or Tamil)  
**CHARACTER AND CONDUCT CERTIFICATE (model)**

This is to certify that Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, Son/Daughter/Wife of \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_, who is applying for Civil Judge Recruitment 2018, is well known to me for the past \_\_\_\_\_ years and his/her character and conduct are good.

Date : XX/YY/ZZZZ

Signature of the responsible  
person

Place: XXXXXXXX

**Details of the Responsible Person**

**Name:**

**Address**

**Mobile/Land Line (with STD Code)No.**

**நன்னடத்தைச் சான்றிதழ்**

திரு/திருமதி/செல்வி. \_\_\_\_\_ த.பெ./க.பெ. \_\_\_\_\_  
என்பவர் \_\_\_\_\_ எனும்  
முகவரியில் வசித்து வருகிறார். அவரை எனக்கு கடந்த \_\_\_\_\_  
ஆண்டுகளாக நன்கு தெரியும். உரிமையியல் நீதிபதிகளுக்கான 2018-ஆம்  
ஆண்டின் போட்டித் தேர்விற்கு விண்ணப்பிக்கும் அவர் நற்பண்புகளும்,  
நன்னடத்தையும் கொண்டவர் எனச் சான்றளிக்கிறேன்.

நாள்:

கையொப்பம்:

இடம்:

சான்றளிப்பவர் விவரம்

பெயர்: \_\_\_\_\_

முகவரி:

கைபேசி/தொலைபேசி எண் :

**ANNEXURE - B****CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that Mr./Mrs./Ms.(mention name), son/daughter/wife of (mention name), Address and designation/Advocate (as may be applicable)), has been working / practising, as Advocate since (mention date). As such he / she has completed (mention no of years) years in service as APP (as Regular / temporary employee) / **practice as on 09-04-2018 (date of Notification).**

This Certificate is issued after verifying the records available with the office of the undersigned.

Date:

**Name and Signature of the competent authority**  
**Seal of the Court/HOD.**

Note:(i) In case of Advocates practicing independently, he/she has to attach the details of cases, conducted by him/her independently, preferably for the last three years to fortify his/her claim of having been in active practice as provided in **Annexure-C.**

(ii) In case of Advocates who have not filed Vakalat independently and assisted their Senior Advocate, the details of cases he/she assisted shall be specified in order to verify whether he/she is in active practice.

(iii) In case of Assistant Public Prosecutor (APP), who is having qualifying service shall furnish the service certificate from the competent authority for APP Service. The authority concerned shall certify in detail, about the individual's period of service as APP is regular or temporary.

(iv) The certificate issuing authority shall verify the details furnished by the candidate in **Annexure-C** from the records available with him / her and issue certificate, accordingly.

## ANNEXURE -C

**DETAILS OF CASES APPEARED INDEPENDENTLY / ASSISTED THEIR  
SENIOR ADVOCATE**

| <b>Sl.<br/>No.</b> | <b>Case No.</b> | <b>Parties' name on<br/>whose behalf<br/>appeared</b> | <b>On the file of</b> | <b>Date of<br/>Judgment</b> | <b>Remarks</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>1</b>           |                 |                                                       |                       |                             |                |
| <b>2</b>           |                 |                                                       |                       |                             |                |
| <b>3</b>           |                 |                                                       |                       |                             |                |
| <b>4</b>           |                 |                                                       |                       |                             |                |
| <b>5</b>           |                 |                                                       |                       |                             |                |
| <b>6</b>           |                 |                                                       |                       |                             |                |
| <b>7</b>           |                 |                                                       |                       |                             |                |
| <b>8</b>           |                 |                                                       |                       |                             |                |
| <b>9</b>           |                 |                                                       |                       |                             |                |
| <b>10</b>          |                 |                                                       |                       |                             |                |

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT****COUNTER SIGNATURE OF  
CERTIFYING AUTHORITY**