

- iv) Section Officers in the Law Department of Secretariat of the State of Telangana;
- v) Section Officers in the Legislature Department of the State of Telangana; and
- vi) Managers of the Offices of the Advocate General; Government Pleaders and Public Prosecutors of the State of Telangana;

Provided further that no person shall be eligible for appointment to the category under direct recruitment or recruitment by transfer if:

1. is not a citizen of India;
2. is dismissed from service by any High Court, Government and Statutory or Local Authority;
3. convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude;
4. is or has been permanently debarred or disqualified by the High Court or Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Service Commission or any other recruiting authority from appearing for examinations or selections conducted by it;
5. directly or indirectly influences the recruitment authority by any means for his candidature;
6. has more than one living spouse;
7. marries knowingly a person having a spouse;
8. is arrested in connection with any crime involving moral turpitude.

All the candidates applying for the posts of Civil Judge under direct recruitment and recruitment by transfer, must be able to read and write the Telugu language.

#### **IV. RELAXATION OF AGE LIMIT IN RESPECT OF CANDIDATES BELONGING TO ORTHOPAEDICALLY HANDICAPPED CATEGORY AND DEFENCE SERVICES:**

The upper age limit of 35 years is relaxable by 10 years in respect of Physically Handicapped persons [Orthopaedically Handicapped (Lower portion of the body)] as per the Telangana State Judicial (Service & Cadre) Rules, 2017.

In case of an applicant who served in the defence services of the Indian Union and who is otherwise qualified and suitable, the period of service rendered by him/her in the defence service, shall be excluded in computing the age, for appointment by direct recruitment.

#### **V. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION, MINIMUM MARKS AND SYLLABUS:**

The process of selection shall comprise of,

- a) For the purpose of short-listing the candidates, the High Court will conduct Screening Test (Computer Based Test) for 100 marks comprising of 100 multiple choice objective type Questions. The duration of examination will be two (2) hours. The Venue and Time will be mentioned in the Hall Ticket to be downloaded by the applicant at appropriate point of time.

The candidates who secure 40% and above marks in the screening test will be short listed in the ratio of 1:10 of the available vacancies, for calling for a written examination.

The marks obtained in the screening test shall not be added to the marks obtained in the written examination and they shall not be counted for determining final order of merit of the candidates, as the screening test is conducted for the purpose of short listing the candidates.

b) Written Examination consisting of the following three (3) papers will be held.

- i) Civil Law,
- ii) Criminal Law and
- iii) English (Translation, Essay Writing and Grammar Vocabulary) test. (The translation test shall be for 30 marks and the essay writing shall be for 70 marks, and the essay writing test shall be on Legal subjects only. Translation has to be made from English language to either Hindi or Telugu language only. A candidate must qualify in Paper III (English) by securing 40% qualifying marks. The marks secured in Paper III are not counted to determine merit).

Each paper shall carry 100 marks. The duration of each paper is three (3) hours.

The Questions in the examinations shall be answered only in English (except translation test).

In the selection process (Screening test, Written Examination and Viva-Voce), the proficiency and knowledge of applicants will be tested in the following:

**Civil Laws:**

- 1) Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.
- 2) Indian Contract Act, 1872.
- 3) Hindu Marriage Act 1955.
- 4) Hindu Succession Act 1956.
- 5) Indian Easements Act 1882.
- 6) Specific Relief Act 1963.
- 7) Limitation Act 1963.
- 8) Transfer of Property Act 1882.
- 9) Civil Rules of Practice.
- 10) Registration Act 1908, and Indian Stamp Act 1899.
- 11) A.P.Land Encroachment Act, 1905.
- 12) Andhra Pradesh Buildings (Lease, Rent & Eviction) Control Act 1960, and
- 13) Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

**CRIMINAL LAWS:**

- 1) Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.
- 2) Indian Penal Code, 1860.
- 3) Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

- 4) Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.
- 5) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.
- 6) Criminal Rules of Practice.
- 7) A.P. Excise Act, 1968.
- 8) A.P. Gaming Act, 1974.
- 9) Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act.

**VI. Minimum Marks to be secured in the Written Examination to qualify for Viva-Voce:**

The candidate applying for being appointed under direct recruitment or by transfer who secures not less than 60% of marks in Papers I and II each in the written examination shall be eligible for viva voce carrying 50 marks.

The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates who secure not less than 50% marks in Papers I and II each in the written examination shall be eligible for the viva-voce carrying 50 marks.

From among the candidates qualified and eligible, the High Court shall call the candidates for viva-voce in the ratio of 1:3 proportionate to the vacancies notified.

Further if more than one candidate secures same cut off marks, all such candidates shall be called upon to appear for viva-voce.

The final selection of the candidates is based on the aggregate marks obtained in written examination and viva-voce.

**VII. Viva-Voce:**

Viva-Voce, shall carry 50 marks. Any candidate who remains absent for the Viva-Voce shall be deemed to have been disqualified for selection. (The object of Viva-Voce is to assess the suitability of the candidate for the cadre by judging the mental alertness, knowledge of law, clear and logical exposition, balance of judgment, skills, attitude, ethics, power of assimilation, power of communication, character and intellectual depth and the like of the candidate.)

**VIII. MERIT LIST:**

After result of written examination is announced, qualified candidates in the ratio of 1:3 proportionate to the vacancies notified in the respective categories shall be called for Viva-Voce.

Provided that if there are more than one candidate who have secured same cut off marks, for maintaining the ratio of 1:3, all such candidates shall be called upon to appear for Viva-Voce.

No TA and DA will be paid to any of the candidates appearing for Screening Test/Written Examination/Viva-Voce.

**IX. a) Application Processing fee/Examination fee:**

**The applicants who belong to OC/BC categories have to pay an amount of Rs.1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) towards Online Application processing fee/Examination fee, whereas the applicants belonging to SC/ST categories have to pay Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only) towards Online Application processing fee/Examination fee.**

**Applicants belonging to SCs/STs, hailing from other than the State of Telangana have to pay Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) instead of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only) towards Online Application processing fee/Examination fee, unless the caste to which they belong, is recognized as Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, as the case may be, by the Government of Telangana.**

**b)** The procedure for submission of Online Application (User Guide), mode of payment of Application processing fee/Examination fee and Instructions to the candidates will be made available in the Official Website of the High Court.

A computer based "Mock Test" will be made available in the official website of the High Court "[tshc.gov.in](http://tshc.gov.in)", for the sake of practice purpose to the candidates.

**X. EXAMINATION CENTRES :**

Computer Based Test (Screening Test) will be held in the following Centres and candidates have to opt for any three (3) centres in the order of preference for their allotment. However, the High Court reserves the right to allot candidates to any centre other than the centre chosen by the applicant or to abolish/create a new centre for administrative reasons. Request for change of the centre will not be entertained.

- i) Hyderabad
- ii) Warangal
- iii) Karimnagar
- iv) Khammam