

**PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**  
**HIGH COURT OF DELHI : NEW DELHI**  
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**DELHI JUDICIAL SERVICE EXAMINATION – 2023**  
(As Per The Delhi Judicial Service Rules, 1970 As Amended Up To 26.09.2023)

HIGH COURT OF DELHI invites online applications from eligible candidates for filling up 53 **vacancies** (44 existing & 09 anticipated) in Delhi Judicial Service by holding Delhi Judicial Service Examination in two successive stages:-

- (i) Delhi Judicial Service Preliminary Examination (Objective type with 25% negative marking) for selection for the Mains Examination (Written), and
- (ii) Delhi Judicial Service Mains Examination (Written) for selection of candidates for calling for Viva-Voce.

The Delhi Judicial Service Preliminary Examination (Objective type) referred to above, will be held on **Sunday, the 10th December, 2023 (11 AM to 1:30 PM)**.

The scale of the pay of members of Delhi Judicial Service is Rs.77840-136520.

A candidate shall be eligible to appear at the examination, if he is:-

- a) a citizen of India;
- b) a person practising as an Advocate in India or a person qualified to be admitted as an Advocate under the Advocates Act, 1961; and
- c) not more than 32 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of the year in which the applications for appointment are invited, i.e., 01.01.2023.

In the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes / Tribes, the upper age limit is relaxable by 5 years. The upper age limit is also relaxable maximum by 5 years in the case of Ex-Servicemen and Commissioned Officers including Emergency Commissioned Officers or Short Service Commissioned Officers who have rendered at least five years military service and have been released on completion of assignment (including those whose assignment is due to be completed within one year) otherwise than by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency or on account of physical disability attributable to military service or on invalidment.

The upper age limit for **Persons with Disabilities (Identified Disabilities) [in short “PwD”]** shall be relaxable by 10 years. General

category PwD (Identified Disabilities) candidates would, thus, be eligible for age relaxation up to 10 years and SC/ST category PwD (Identified Disabilities) candidates would, thus, be eligible for age relaxation up to 15 years.

The candidates shall submit their applications online only in the prescribed format through the official website of High Court of Delhi i.e. [www.delhihighcourt.nic.in](http://www.delhihighcourt.nic.in) as per schedule of dates given below:

Date and Time of Commencement for creation of New Log In and filling Online Application Form	07.11.2023 at 1000 hours
Last Date and Time for filling Online Application Form and/or making payment through Debit Card/Internet Banking	22.11.2023 at 1730 hours

The **fees (non-refundable)** in the sum of Rs.1500/- for General Category candidates and Rs.400/- for reserved category [Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe / Person with Disabilities (identified disabilities) of 40% or more] candidates should be paid through Debit Card/ Credit Card/Internet Banking/UPI.

The candidates can take printout of application form and keep it for future reference. **They should not send the printout of the online application form to the High Court of Delhi.**

The category wise break up of vacancies to be filled is as under:-

Category	Break up of Vacancies		Total No. of vacancies
	Existing	Anticipated (till 31.10.2024)	
General	28	06	34
SC	02	03	05
ST	14	00	14
TOTAL	44	09	53

Note 1: Out of the aforesaid 53 vacancies, the reservation for PwD candidates (who have identified disabilities of 40% or more) shall be as follows:

Category	Vacancies
PwD (Blindness, Low Vision)	03
PwD (one arm, one leg, both legs, leprosy cured, dwarfism and acid attack victims)	03

PwD (Specific Learning Disability) and PwD (Multiple Disabilities involving blindness and low vision, one arm, one leg, both legs, leprosy cured, dwarfism and acid attack and specific learning)	03
Total	09

Note 2: The categorywise bifurcation of anticipated vacancies may undergo a change as the same would depend upon the category of the officers of Delhi Judicial Service to be promoted and would be finalized only after the officers are actually promoted.

Note 3: Number of vacancies is subject to change.

The candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission at all the stages of examination for which they are admitted by this Court viz. Preliminary Examination (Objective type), Mains Examination (Written) and the Viva-Voce shall be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. The question of eligibility would be thoroughly examined at the subsequent stage. If on verification at any time before or after the Preliminary Examination (Objective Type), Mains Examination (Written) and the Viva-Voce, it is found that they do not fulfill any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for the examination shall stand cancelled without any notice or further reference.

Details regarding Preliminary Examination (Objective type), Mains Examination (Written), Viva-Voce, eligibility, relaxation in marks and other general terms and conditions applicable to the candidates are given in the Instructions available on the online portal, link for which would be available on the website of High Court of Delhi i.e. [www.delhihighcourt.nic.in](http://www.delhihighcourt.nic.in). Candidates are advised to go through the Instructions as well as the Delhi Judicial Service Rules, 1970 (as amended up to 26.09.2023) before filling up the application form.

**Sd/-**  
**(Kanwal Jeet Arora)**  
**Registrar General**  
**06.11.2023**

# DELHI JUDICIAL SERVICE EXAMINATION - 2023

## Instructions

### PART-I

1. Candidates must fill up the online application form in English language only.
2. Candidates must download the Admit Card from the website of High Court of Delhi ([www.delhihighcourt.nic.in](http://www.delhihighcourt.nic.in)) and appear at the respective examination centre with original and valid photo identity document such as Voter Identity Card, Passport, Identity Card issued by the Bar Association or a Government Authority, Aadhaar Card or PAN Card. No candidate without original and valid photo identity shall be allowed to enter the examination centre. Proof of identity in the form of image in mobile phone shall not be permitted.
3. The decision of the High Court of Delhi regarding eligibility of a candidate for admission to the examination shall be final.
4. A candidate in Government Service or working in a Public Sector Undertaking or in a Bank, whether in a permanent or temporary capacity, must inform his/her parent office that he/she has applied for Delhi Judicial Service Examination 2023. Such candidate, if selected for Viva- Voce, shall be required to produce 'No Objection Certificate' (in original) from his/her employer at the time of Viva-Voce. Such candidates **SHOULD NOT** send/forward a copy of their application form to High Court of Delhi.
5. Candidate will be required to answer all questions in English, except to the extent otherwise indicated in the syllabus. Candidate should bring his/her own pencil/pen and ink but not any other articles such as notes, loose sheets etc. into the examination hall.

### **6. Special instructions for Persons with Disabilities candidates**

- (i) The following categories of disabilities have been identified as suitable for the post of Judicial Officer in Delhi Judicial Service (Refer to Gazette Notification dated 04.01.2021):
  - (a) Blindness, Low Vision;
  - (b) One Arm, One Leg, Both Legs, Leprosy Cured, Dwarfism, Acid Attack Victims.
  - (c) Specific Learning Disability;
  - (d) Multiple Disabilities involving Blindness, Low Vision; One Arm, One Leg, Both Legs, Leprosy Cured, Dwarfism, Acid Attack

### Victims; Specific Learning Disability.

The candidates who belong to any of the aforesaid category are required to apply in the PwD category.

- (ii) All the candidates belonging to any of the aforesaid identified disabilities are eligible for reservation during this examination, provided that the extent of disability is 40% or more.
- (iii) Candidates for whom reservation is available in this examination, the minimum qualifying marks for the Preliminary Examination, Mains Examination (Written) and Viva-voce are as follows:

Preliminary Examination	55 % Marks
Mains Examination (Written)	35% Marks in each Paper and 45% Marks in aggregate
Viva voce	45% Marks

No further relaxation in marks would be considered or admissible in favour of such candidate on account of belonging to any other reserved category.

For all other candidates, the minimum qualifying marks will be the marks applicable to their respective category, i.e. General, SC or ST.

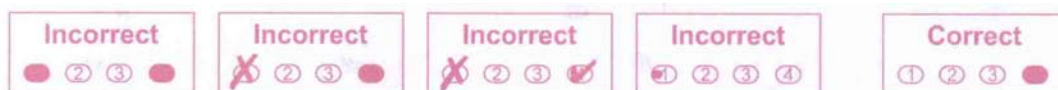
- (iv) Concession in examination fees will be provided to all PwD candidates who have identified disabilities [i.e. categories (a), (b), (c) and (d) above] provided the extent of disability is 40% or more.
- (v) All PwD candidates who have identified disabilities, [i.e. categories (a), (b), (c) and (d) above], irrespective of category and extent of disability and have limitation in writing, may opt for the facility of scribe (either to be provided by Delhi High Court or own scribe) and/or compensatory time subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) The candidate shall be required to furnish a certificate in original in the prescribed format (**Annexure 'A'**) regarding physical limitation of the examinee to write, which shall be given by the Specialist of the relevant stream/disability and duly countersigned by CMO/Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of a Government Healthcare Institution.

- (b) The candidates shall be required to furnish duly notarized affidavit on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.10/- in the prescribed format (**Annexure 'B'**).
- (vi) The candidates who are eligible for compensatory time and avail of the same will be granted compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of the duration of the examination in addition to the prescribed time for the Preliminary Examination and the Mains Examination (Written) of DJSE-2023.
- (vii) The PwD candidates who have limitation in writing must submit the Certificate of Limitation in Writing (in original) and the Affidavit in the prescribed format in the office of Joint Registrar (Examinations – DHJS & DJS), High Court of Delhi, in advance at least three days prior to the date of examinations (Preliminary as well as Mains) otherwise they will not be allowed to avail the facility of scribe and/or Compensatory Time.
- (viii) Candidates, who avail the facility of scribe in the Preliminary Examination and/or Mains Examination (Written), should note that they shall not be allowed to read the Question Paper or mark answers and only the scribe shall be allowed to read out the questions and mark/write the answers in the answer sheet as per the instructions given by the candidate.
7. Before declaring the result of the Preliminary Examination, Model Answer Keys would be uploaded and objections will be invited from the candidates.
8. A candidate, if declared successful in the Mains Examination (Written), must send **one set of self attested copies** of the following documents to the Joint Registrar (Examinations – DHJS & DJS), High Court of Delhi, within five days of the declaration of the result accompanied by a covering letter indicating his/her Roll Number and Application Number:
- (i) Proof of age (Certificate of Matriculation or other equivalent examination).
  - (ii) Marksheet & Pass Certificates in respect of Xth and XIIth Class.
  - (iii) LL.B. degree or other equivalent law degree.
  - (iv) Semesterwise/Consolidated Marksheet(s), Certificates and degrees of all courses passed or attended.

- (v) Advocate's licence if practicing/Proof of enrolment/Enrolment Certificate, if enrolled with Bar.
  - (vi) Pass Certificate in respect of All India Bar Examination, if qualified.
  - (vii) In case of a candidate who claims to belong to one of the Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe categories, a Certificate issued by a Sub-Divisional Officer/Additional District Magistrate/Revenue Assistant or any other Officer who has been designated by the State Government concerned as competent to issue such a certificate.
  - (viii) In case of a candidate belonging to Persons with Disabilities category (identified disabilities), Disability Certificate issued by a Government Hospital/Medical Board in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in support of his/her claim.
  - (ix) In case of a candidate claiming relaxation in age on account of his/her being Ex-Serviceman, Emergency Commissioned Officer or Short Service Commissioned Officer, documentary evidence in this regard.
9. A candidate, who claims to belong to Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe or Persons with Disability categories (identified disabilities), if declared successful in the Mains Examination (Written), must submit the original Caste and/or Disability Certificate (as the case may be) to the Joint Registrar (Examinations – DHJS & DJS), Delhi High Court within five days of the declaration of the result.
10. The High Court reserves its right to seek for any other document(s) that it may deem fit and appropriate for determining the eligibility of any candidate at any stage, i.e., before or after the Preliminary Examination/Mains Examination (Written)/Viva Voce.
11. Canvassing or use of unfair means in any form shall be considered a disqualification.

**Important Instructions for filling up the OMR Answer Sheet in the Preliminary Examination**

- i. Please darken the complete oval. USE ONLY BLUE/BLACK BALL POINT PEN to darken the appropriate oval.
- ii. Darken ONLY ONE OVAL for each Question as shown below:



- iii. Use of any other mark or darkening of multiple ovals shall render the answer incorrect resulting in negative marking of 0.25 Marks.
- iv. Answer once marked cannot be changed. Any change by any method including use of eraser/ white fluid in the oval is not permitted and will lead to negative marking of 0.25 Marks.
- v. Please do not make any stray marks on the OMR Answer Sheet. Rough work must not be done on the OMR Answer Sheet.
- vi. There will be 25% negative marking for every wrong answer, i.e. 0.25 Marks.
- vii. The candidate is NOT allowed to carry the OMR Answer Sheet with him/her on conclusion of the examination.

The candidates are required to follow the aforesaid instructions for answering the questions in the OMR Answer Sheet. It is hereby clarified that incorrect filling/darkening of ovals shall result in deduction of 0.25 marks for each such attempt.

Few examples of incorrect marking/darkening of oval are shown below, which will be treated as wrong answers and 0.25 marks will be deducted while preparing the final result:

Images	Q. No.	Remarks
	3	Darkening of one oval completely and a dot in the other oval.
	13	Darkening of one oval completely and a line in the other oval.
	97	Use of fluid/whitener/eraser is not permitted.
	141	Darkening of two ovals is multiple marking.
	146	Darkening of one oval completely and outlining the other oval.
	3	Darkening of one oval completely and outlining the other oval.
	131	Outlining the oval



## **PART-II**

### **SYLLABUS AND SCHEME FOR CONDUCT OF THE EXAMINATION**

Delhi Judicial Service Examination will be held in two successive stages:-

- (i) Delhi Judicial Service Preliminary Examination (Objective type with 25% negative marking) for selection for the Mains Examination (Written), and
- (ii) Delhi Judicial Service Mains Examination (Written) for selection of candidates for calling for Viva-Voce.

#### **A. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**

1. The Preliminary Examination will be a screening test of qualifying nature and will consist of one paper of multiple choice questions carrying maximum of 200 marks. In the preliminary examination questions on general legal knowledge and aptitude of the candidate, candidate's power of expression, flair in English, knowledge of objective type legal problems and their solutions covering The Constitution of India; The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973; The Indian Penal Code; The Indian Contract Act, 1872; The Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008; The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872; The Specific Relief Act, 1963; The Limitation Act, 1963; The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and The Commercial Courts Act, 2015 will be included.
2. Minimum qualifying marks in the preliminary examination shall be 60% for general category and 55% for reserved categories, i.e., Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and eligible categories of Persons with Disabilities as specified for this Service. However, the number of candidates to be admitted to the Mains Examination (Written) will not be more than ten times the total number of vacancies of each category advertised.

Provided that in case a candidate(s) secures marks equal to the marks secured by the last candidate shortlisted for Mains Examination (Written), then all such candidate(s) who have secured marks equal to the marks secured by the last candidate shortlisted for Mains Examination (Written), shall also be shortlisted for the Mains Examination (Written) irrespective of the fact that by including such candidate(s), the number of candidates shortlisted for Mains Examination (Written) exceeds the prescribed limit of ten times the

number of vacancies in each category advertised.

3. The marks obtained in the preliminary examination by the candidates who are declared qualified for admission to the Mains Examination (Written) will not be counted for determining their final order of merit.
4. The duration of the Examination shall be (2½) two and a half hours.

**B. Mains Examination (Written)**

The Mains Examination (Written) will include the following subjects (each subject to carry the number of marks shown against it):

Sl.No.	Subjects	Max. Marks
1.	General Legal Knowledge & Language	250
2.	Civil Law I	200
3.	Civil Law II	200
4.	Criminal Law	200

**1. GENERAL LEGAL KNOWLEDGE AND LANGUAGE**

This paper shall comprise of two Sections:-

**Section I:** General Legal Knowledge:- This is to test the candidate's knowledge of current legal affairs etc.

**(100 Marks)**

**Section II: Language (Essay, Translation and Precis Writing):-** This is to test the candidate's knowledge and power of expression in English. Credit will be given both for substance and expression. Conversely deduction will be made for bad expression, faults of grammar and misuse of words etc. There will be two passages for translations, one in English which will be required to be translated into Hindi (in Devnagri Script) and the second passage in Hindi (in Devnagri Script) shall be required to be translated into English.

**(150 Marks)**

**2. Civil Law-I**

The Indian Contract Act, 1872; The Sale of Goods Act, 1930; The Transfer of Property Act, 1882; The Specific Relief Act, 1963; Hindu Law; Mohammedan Law; The Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958; Law of Torts; The New Delhi Municipal Council Act, 1994; The Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 and The Commercial Courts Act, 2015.

**(200 Marks)**

### **3. Civil Law-II**

The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872; The Limitation Act, 1963; The Registration Act, 1908; The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996; The Trade Marks Act, 1999 and The Copyright Act, 1957.

**(200 Marks)**

### **4. Criminal Law**

The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973; The Indian Penal Code; The Indian Evidence Act, 1872; The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005; The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881; The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

**(200 Marks)**

The duration of Papers I, II, III and IV shall be 3 hours each.

### **C. VIVA-VOCE**

1. Viva-Voce will carry 150 marks. Candidates of general category must secure minimum 40% marks in each written paper and 50% marks in the aggregate and candidates of reserved categories, i.e., Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and eligible categories of Persons with Disabilities as specified for this Service must secure minimum 35% marks in each written paper and 45% marks in the aggregate in Mains Examination (Written) to be eligible for being called for Viva Voce.

Provided that the candidates shortlisted for viva voce shall not exceed three times the number of vacancies in each category advertised. In case there is a candidate(s) who has/have secured marks equal to the marks secured by the last candidate shortlisted for viva voce, then all such candidate(s) who have secured marks equal to the marks secured by the last candidate shortlisted for viva voce, shall also be shortlisted for the viva voce irrespective of the fact that by including such candidate(s), the number of candidates shortlisted for viva voce exceeds the prescribed limit of three times the number of vacancies in each category advertised.

2. Candidates of general category must secure minimum 50% marks and candidates of reserved categories, i.e., Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and eligible categories of Persons with Disabilities as specified for this Service must secure minimum 45% marks in viva-voce to be

eligible for being recommended for appointment to the service.

3. The marks obtained in the viva voce will be added to the marks obtained in the Mains Examination (Written) and the candidate's position will depend on the aggregate of both.

Sd/-  
**(KANWAL JEET ARORA)**  
**REGISTRAR GENERAL**

## ANNEXURE – A

### FORMAT FOR CERTIFICATE TO BE FURNISHED BY THE PWD CANDIDATES WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM IDENTIFIED DISABILITY AND HAVE PHYSICAL LIMITATION IN WRITING

This is to certify that, I have examined Mr./Ms./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of the candidate), S/o/D/o \_\_\_\_\_,  
a resident of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Village/District/State), who is a persons with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Nature and Percentage of Disability as  
Mentioned in the Certificate of Disability), belonging to \_\_\_\_\_  
[Category of Disability : (i) Blindness and Low  
Vision; (ii) One arm, one leg, both legs, leprosy cured, dwarfism and acid attack  
victims, (iii) Specific Learning Disability, (iv) Multiple Disabilities involving  
disabilities mentioned in (i) to (iii)] and to state that he/she has physical limitation  
which hampers his/her writing capabilities owing to his/her disability.

#### **Signature**

Specialist of the Relevant  
Stream/Disability of a Government  
health institution  
Name & Designation.  
Name of Government Hospital/Health  
Care Centre with Seal

#### **Signature**

Chief Medical Officer/Civil  
Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of a  
Government health institution  
Name & Designation.  
Name of Government Hospital/Health  
Care Centre with Seal

Place:

Date:

#### **Note:**

Certificate should be given by a **Specialist of the relevant stream/disability** (e.g.:  
Visual impairment – Ophthalmologist, Locomotor disability – Orthopaedic  
specialist/PMR, etc.) duly countersigned by CMO/Civil Surgeon/Medical  
Superintendent of a Government health care Institution.

**ANNEXURE – B**

**SPECIMEN OF AFFIDAVIT TO BE FURNISHED BY THE CANDIDATES BELONGING TO PWD CATEGORY (TO BE SUBMITTED ON A NON-JUDICIAL STAMP PAPER OF RS.10/- DULY ATTESTED BY NOTARY)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Son/Daughter of \_\_\_\_\_, resident of \_\_\_\_\_, a candidate with \_\_\_\_\_ (name and extent of the disability) appearing for Delhi Judicial Service Examination – 2023 vide Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare as under:

1. That my qualification is \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOOSE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM 2 OR 3 OR 4:-**

2. That I do not wish to avail the facility of scribe but require Compensatory Time.

**OR**

3. That I wish to avail the facility of scribe to be provided by Delhi High Court.

**OR**

4. That I wish to bring my own scribe, the particulars of whom are given as below:

- |       |                            |   |
|-------|----------------------------|---|
| (i)   | Name of the Scribe         | : |
| (ii)  | Father's Name              | : |
| (iii) | Residential Address        | : |
| (iv)  | Educational Qualifications | : |
| (v)   | Mobile No. of the scribe   | : |

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I do hereby undertake that his/her qualification is \_\_\_\_\_. In case, subsequently, at any stage, it is found that his/her qualification is not as declared by the undersigned and is beyond my qualification or is otherwise as disclosed, I shall forfeit my candidature and claims relating thereto.

That I further state that the scribe whose assistance I would be taking during Delhi Judicial Service Preliminary Examination – 2023 is neither a Graduate in Law nor pursuing any course in Law.

5. That I further understand that my scribe would read out the questions and the answer options to me and the option chosen by me shall be marked by him in the answer sheet.
6. That I undertake that after the distribution of question paper, I will not be allowed to forego the facility of scribe (own/provided by Delhi High Court).
7. That I understand that in case of any malpractice adopted by me or my scribe, I shall be fully responsible for that and such act would render my candidature cancelled for the aforesaid examination besides attracting appropriate legal action against me.

**DEPONENT**

**Verification:**

Verified on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 that the contents of above affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**DEPONENT**