



ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Recruitment to the posts of Geologists in Group - A of Odisha Ground Water Geologist Service under Department of Water Resources for the year 2021.

WEBSITE - <http://opsc.gov.in>

Online applications are invited from the prospective candidates through the Proforma application to be made available on the Website of the Commission (<http://www.opsc.gov.in>). The link for registration/ re-registration and payment of examination fee shall be available from 15.09.2021 to 22.10.2021 (Note 29.10.2021 is the last date for submission of Registered Online Application) for recruitment to 36 (Thirty-Six) posts of Geologist in Group – A (JB) of Odisha Ground Water Geologist Service under Department of Water Resource in the Scale of Pay of Rs. 56,100/- in Level 12, Cell-1 of Pay Matrix under ORSP Rules, 2017 with usual Dearness and other Allowances as may be sanctioned by the Government of Odisha from time to time.

2. VACANCY POSITION:

As per requisition filed by the Water Resources Department, Government of Odisha, the vacancy position along with reservation thereof is given below: -

Sl. No.	Category	Vacancy
1	2	3
1	UR	18 (06-w)
2	SEBC	04 (01-w)
3	SC	06 (02-w)
4	ST	08 (03-w)
Total		36 (12-w)

Out of the total 36 number of vacancies mentioned above, **one (01)** post is reserved for **PWD candidates** who are **Hearing Impaired (with suitable aid)**. Candidates belonging to the category of **Persons with Disabilities (whose permanent disability is 40% & more)** shall be adjusted against the categories to which they belong.

Sub-Category	No. of Post
Persons with Disabilities Hearing Impairment(with suitable hearing aid)	01

NOTE:

- (a) In the event of non-availability or availability of insufficient number of eligible/suitable women candidate(s) belonging to any particular category, the vacancies or the remaining vacancies, reserved for women candidates of that category, shall be filled up by eligible/suitable male candidate(s) of the same category.

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- (b) Exchange of reservation between Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe will not be considered.
- (c) The Physical requirement and Functional Classification of Persons with Disabilities (having permanent disability 40% and more) for the post of Geologist are as follows: -

Physical Requirements	Functional Classification
S - Work performed by sitting (on bench or chair) ST - Work performed by standing SE - Work performed by seeing H - Work performed by hearing / speaking MF - Work performed by manipulating (with fingers) RW - Work performed by reading & writing	HI (with suitable aid) – Partially deaf

3. AGE :

A candidate must have attained the age of **21 (Twenty one)** years and must not be above the age of **32 (Thirty two)** years as on the **1st day of January 2021** i.e. he/she must have been born **not earlier than 2nd January, 1989** and **not later than 1st January, 2000**.

Provided that the upper age limit prescribed above shall be relaxable by 5 (five) years for candidates belonging to the categories of Scheduled Caste (S.C.), Scheduled Tribe (S.T.), Socially & Educationally Backward Classes (S.E.B.C.), Women, Ex-Servicemen and by ten (10) years for Persons with Disabilities whose **permanent disability is Forty percent (40%) and more**.

Persons with Disabilities belonging to SC/ ST/ SEBC categories are eligible for age relaxation benefit of 15 years.

Provided that a candidate who comes under more than one category he/she will be eligible for only one age relaxation benefit which shall be considered most beneficial to him/her.

SAVE AS PROVIDED ABOVE THE AGE LIMIT PRESCRIBED CAN IN NO CASE BE RELAXED.

Date of birth entered in the High School Certificate or equivalent Certificate issued by the concerned Board/Council will only be accepted by the Commission.

4. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION :

A candidate must hold at least a Second Class Master's Degree in Geology or Applied Geology or Earth Science from any recognized University in India.

5. EXAMINATION FEE :

A candidate is required to pay a non-refundable and non-adjustable fee of **Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) only**. Candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe of Odisha and Persons with Disabilities (whose permanent disability is 40% and more) are exempted from payment of this fee.

The candidates are required to make Online payment of applicable Examination Fee(s) through OPSC portal using Debit Card/ Credit Card/ Net Banking facilities and other financial instruments enlisted in the Payment Page/ Gateway of the Odisha Government Treasury Portal. The fee(s) paid shall neither be refunded under any circumstances nor can be adjusted or held in reserve for any other examination or recruitment.

6. METHOD OF SELECTION:

The selection of candidates for recruitment to the posts of Geologists will be made on the basis of **Written Examination and Viva Voce Test**. The Commission will shortlist the candidates to be called for Viva Voce Test to a reasonable number taking into consideration the marks secured in the written examination above the cut-off point to be fixed by the Commission.

The broad outlines of the pattern and syllabus for the said examination are appended in the **Annexure** of this Advertisement.

The written examination will be held at Cuttack.

7. OTHER ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:

- (i) The candidate must be a citizen of India;
- (ii) The candidate must be able to speak, read and write Odia and must have –
 - (a) passed Middle School Examination with Odia as a language subject, or
 - (b) passed Matriculation or equivalent examination with Odia as medium of examination in non-language subject, or
 - (c) passed Odia as language subject in the final examination of Class VII from a School or Educational institution recognised by the Government of Odisha or the Central Government, or
 - (d) passed a test in Odia in Middle English School Standard conducted by the School and Mass Education Department.
- (iii) A candidate, who has more than one spouse living, will not be eligible for appointment unless the State Government has exempted his/her case from operation of this limitation for any good and sufficient reasons;
- (iv) Government servants, whether temporary or permanent, are eligible to apply provided that they possess the requisite qualification and are within the prescribed age-limit as provided under Para - 3 & 4 of the Advertisement. They must inform their respective Heads of Offices / Departments in writing regarding submission of their applications for this recruitment and submit “No Objection Certificate” during document verification.

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- (v) If a candidate has at any time, been debarred for a certain period/chance(s) by the Odisha Public Service Commission or other State Public Service Commission or U.P.S.C. from appearing at any examination/Viva Voce Test, he/she will not be eligible for such recruitment for that specified period/chance(s);
- (vi) A candidate who claims change in his/her name after having passed the High School Certificate Examination or equivalent examination, is required to furnish copy of publication of the changed name in local leading daily newspaper as well as copy of notification in the Gazette in support of his/her change of name.
- (vii) **Only those candidates, who fulfil the requisite qualification and are within the prescribed age limit etc. by the closing date of submission of online application, will be considered eligible;**
- (viii) Every candidate selected for appointment shall be examined by the Medical Board as prescribed by the Government. A candidate who fails to satisfy the Medical Board, shall not be appointed;

8. IMPORTANT POINTS:

- (i) **Online applications submitted to OPSC if found to be incomplete in any respect are liable to rejection without entertaining any correspondence with the applicants on that score;**
- (ii) **Admission to written examination / Viva Voce Test will be provisional. If on verification at any stage before or after the Written Examination / Viva Voce Test, it is found that a candidate does not fulfil all the eligibility conditions or has furnished incorrect information / data, his/her candidature will be liable to rejection. Decision of the Commission in regard to eligibility or otherwise of candidate shall be final;**
- (iii) This advertisement should not be construed as binding on the Government to make appointment;
- (iv) Concessions meant for S.E.B.C., S.C. and S.T. Categories **by Birth** are admissible to the Socially Educationally Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of Odisha only;
- (v) Any misrepresentation or suppression of information by the candidate in online application, will result in cancellation of his/her candidature or penalty, as decided by the Commission be imposed on the candidate;
- (vi) Mere inclusion of the name of a candidate in the list of successful candidates confers no right to appointment unless the Government are satisfied, after such enquiry as may be deemed necessary, that the candidate having regard to his/her character and antecedents, is suitable in all respects for appointment to the Post/Service.

9. CERTIFICATES/DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED:

Candidates those who are called for the Viva Voce Test will be required to bring with them the printout hard copy of online application form along with copies of the following certificates, mark sheets etc. and originals of the same for verification prior to the date of Viva Voce Test which will be notified later on in due course, **failing which he/she shall not be allowed to appear at the Viva Voce Test.** **The candidates are required to mention on each copy of document “Submitted by me” and put their full signature and date on the same. They must not attach the original certificates to their applications.**

- (i) H.S.C. or equivalent Certificate in support of declaration of age issued by the concerned Board /Council;
- (ii) Master’s Degree Certificate in Geology or Applied Geology or Earth Science from any recognized University in India.
- (iii) Mark-sheets in support of (H.S.C. and Master’s Degree) examination passed.
- (iv) Two recent passport size photographs (unsigned & unattested) which has been uploaded with Online Application Form.
- (v) Caste Certificate **by birth** in support of claim as S.C. /S.T./S.E.B.C.; wherever applicable **(Please see Note-1);**
- (vi) Any proof of identity.
- (vii) Required Odia Pass Certificate from the Competent Authority, wherever applicable;
- (viii) Disability Certificate (indicating percentage of permanent disability) issued by the concerned Medical Board, wherever applicable;
- (ix) Discharge Certificates issued by the Commanding Officer of the Unit last served. Ex-Servicemen must submit an affidavit undertaking that he has not been appointed against any civil post after retirement from military service; wherever applicable:
- (x) “No Objection Certificate” from the Head of Office/Head of Department in case of Government Service.

NOTE 1:

Candidates claiming and belonging to S.T. /S.C. / S.E.B.C Category by birth are required to submit copy of the relevant Caste Certificate as mentioned in their online application form and issued by the Competent Authority in the prescribed form. Candidates of SEBC category (other than Creamy Layer) must submit copy of Caste Certificate issued by the Competent Authority within the last three years by the closing date for submission of online application form in the prescribed format. The SEBC Certificate which is more than three years old by the closing date of submission of online application form is liable for rejection.

- (i) **Women candidates belonging to S.C. /S.T. /S.E.B.C Categories are required to submit Caste Certificates by birth showing “daughter of”. Caste Certificates by virtue of marriage (i.e. showing “wife of”) are not acceptable and liable for rejection.**

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- (ii) O.B.C. CERTIFICATES WILL **NOT BE ACCEPTED** IN LIEU OF S.E.B.C. CERTIFICATES AND CANDIDATES SUBMITTING OBC CERTIFICATES ARE LIABLE FOR REJECTION.
- (iii) CANDIDATE WHO SUBMITS S.E.B.C CERTIFICATE WHICH IS MORE THAN THREE YEARS OLD BY THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORM ARE LIABLE FOR REJECTION.
- (iv) Community (Caste Status) once mentioned by the candidates shall not be changed under any Circumstances.

The competent authorities to issue Caste Certificates are: - District Magistrate Collector or Additional District Magistrate or Sub-divisional Magistrate/Sub-Collectors or Executive Magistrates or Revenue Officers, not below the rank of Tahasildar /Additional Tahasildar of Government of Odisha;

NOTE 2: Master's Degree Certificate, Caste Certificate, Odia Test Pass Certificate, Discharge certificate of Ex-servicemen and Disability Certificate of Persons with Disabilities (indicating % of permanent disability) must have been issued by the Competent Authority within the last date fixed for submission of online application form.

10. GROUNDS OF REJECTION OF APPLICATION: -

Applications of candidates will be rejected by the Commission on any of the following grounds:-

- (a) In-complete online application form.
- (b) Non-submission of hard copy of online application form at the time of verification of original documents.
- (c) Declaration not signed (full signature) by the candidate in the hard copy of online application form.
- (d) Age limit of candidate not coming under Para - 3 of Advertisement
- (e) No required educational qualification as provided under Para - 4 of Advertisement.
- (f) Not furnished copies of certificates/documents as provided under Para - 9 of Advertisement.
- (g) Odia Test (M.E. standard) not passed / Odia Test pass evidence not furnished as required under Para 7 (ii) of the Advertisement.
- (h) Non-payment of examination fee, (wherever applicable), as provided under Para - 5 of Advertisement.
- (i) Submission of wrong information / false information about qualification / Age / O.T. Pass evidence / Category Status (SEBC/ST/ S.C. /PWD /Women/Ex-Servicemen etc).
- (j) Suppression of facts / information about eligibility, if any.
- (k) Any other ground as per the decision of the Commission.

N.B:- APPLICATION / CANDIDATURE OF A CANDIDATE SHALL BE REJECTED AT ANY STAGE OF RECRUITMENT PROCESS, WHEN DISCREPANCY IS NOTICED /DETECTED.

11. HOW TO APPLY:

- (a) Candidates must go through the details of this Advertisement available in the Website of OPSC before filling up online application form.
- (b) Candidates must apply online through the concerned Website of the OPSC <http://opsc.gov.in>. Applications received through **any other mode** would not be accepted and summarily rejected.
- (c) **Before filling up the online application form, the candidates must go through detailed instructions available at OPSC portal.**
- (d) The online application form is automated and system driven and will guide the candidate seamlessly in filling the application. The requisite options shall be enabled and information shall be asked as per data furnished by the candidate. Before filling up the information, ensure that accurate information is fed, for edit option is limited & on confirmation there is no scope for further edit even if wrongful entry has been made while filling up application.
- (e) Candidates are requested to upload the scanned image of latest passport size photograph along with scanned image of his/her full signature and scanned image of Left-hand Thumb Impression (LTI) in the online application form. Uploaded photograph, Specimen (full) signature and LTI must be clearly identifiable / visible, otherwise the application of the candidate is liable to be rejected by the Commission and no representation from the candidate will be entertained.
- (f) Candidates should keep at least two copies of latest passport size photograph which is uploaded to the online application form for future use.
- (g) *On successful submission of the online Registration, a unique "Permanent Public Service Account Number (PPSAN)" will be assigned to the applicant. Candidates are required to take a printout of the finally submitted online Registration/Re-registration and finally submitted Online Application forms and put his/ her signature under the declaration for submission to OPSC along with copies of requisite certificate & documents as and when asked.*
- (h) The candidates are advised to submit the Online Application Form well in advance without waiting for the closing date to avoid last hour rush.
- (i) Certificate of Admission to the written examination to the eligible candidates will be uploaded in the Website of the OPSC prior to the date of written examination which will be published in the Website of the Commission and Newspapers. The candidates are required to download their Admission Certificate from the Website of the Commission and produce the same at the Examination centre for admission to the written examination. No separate correspondence will be made on this score.
- (j) "Intimation letters" to candidates for document verification & interview and "Attestation form" & "Bio-data form" shall be uploaded in the website of OPSC prior to the date of Document Verification/ Interview.

(k) Any complaint on the conduct of examination must be sent to the Grievance Wing of the Commission by e-Mail (opsc@nic.in) within 03 (Three) days of completion of the examination.

12. FACILITATION COUNTER:

To resolve any Technical problem faced in filling up of online Registration/Re-registration and Application forms. The candidates may contact OPSC Technical Support **over Telephone No. 0671-2304707** between **10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. & 2.00 P.M. to 5.30 P.M.** on any Odisha Government working days.

In case of any guidance/information on this advertisement and recruitment, candidates may go through the **FAQ** available in the website of the Commission or contact the O.P.S.C. Facilitation Counter over Telephone No. **0671-2304141/2305611 & Extn.- 205** on any working day between **10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. & 2.00 P.M. to 5.30 P.M.**

The candidates are required to visit the Website of the Commission at <http://opsc.gov.in> for detailed information about important notices, rejection of applications, the date & time of written examination / interview and also keep track of publication of various notices to the effect in the leading local daily newspapers for information.

CLOSING DATES

(A) ONLINE REGISTRATION/RE-REGISTRATION AND ONLINE PAYMENT OF EXAMINATION FEES SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN THE WEBSITE FROM 15.09.2021 TO TILL 22.10.2021 (11:59 P.M).

(B) SUBMISSION OF ONLINE REGISTERED APPLICATIONS CAN BE DONE IN THE WEBSITE FROM 15.09.2021 TO TILL 29.10.2021 (11.59 P.M).

NB: - THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORMS IF FOUND DEFECTIVE IN ANY RESPECT ARE LIABLE TO BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.

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DATE – 08.09.2021


SECRETARY

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Annexure

Syllabus for recruitment to the post of Geologists

The **Written Examination** will consist of **02 (Two) papers** with **450 marks (Paper-I - 150 marks and Paper-II - 300 marks)**. All question papers will be set in English and the same should be answered in English only.

1. Paper – I – General Studies & Awareness Test.

Paper	Pattern	No of Questions	Total Marks	Duration
1	2	3	4	5
General Studies & Awareness	Objective Type /Multiple Choice Questions	75	150	90 Minutes

2. Paper – II – Specialization Paper.

Subject	Pattern	No of Questions	Total Marks	Duration
1	2	3	4	5
Geology	Objective Type /Multiple Choice Questions	150	300	180 Minutes

3. Viva Voce Test: 50 Marks

NOTE:

- (i) All questions shall be of multiple type and will carry equal marks i.e. **02**.
- (ii) For each wrong answer **0.5 marks** shall be deducted from the marks awarded for correct answers.
- (iii) Only those candidates, who have been shortlisted after written test shall be called for viva voce test by the Commission.
- (iv) Marks secured in all subjects **including viva voce test**, shall be taken into consideration for preparation of **final select list**.

Broad Outlines of Paper – I – General Studies & Awareness Test.

The paper in General Studies & Awareness will include Knowledge of Current Affairs, Sports, History, Geography, General Science, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Astrophysics, Space Science etc. as may be expected of a Graduate person.

Broad Outlines of Paper – II - Specialization Paper(Geology).

- (a) Geomorphology
 - (b) Remote Sensing
 - (c) Structural Geology
 - (d) Geodynamics
 - (e) Stratigraphy
 - (f) Palaeontology
 - (g) Igneous Petrology
 - (h) Sedimentology
 - (i) Metamorphic Petrology
 - (j) Rock Mechanics
 - (k) Geographical Information System
 - (l) Ground Water Hydrology
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