

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, WEST BENGAL

WEST BENGAL FOREST SERVICE AND WEST BENGAL SUB-ORDINATE
FOREST SERVICE EXAMINATION, 2018

ADVERTISEMENT NO. 14/2018

INFORMATION TO CANDIDATES

The Public Service Commission, West Bengal will hold the West Bengal Forest Service and West Bengal Sub-ordinate Forest Service Examination, 2018 in accordance with the existing rules for recruitment to the posts in West Bengal Forest Service (WBFS) and West Bengal Sub-ordinate Forest Service (WBSFS). The rules of the examination and other particulars are stated in the following paragraphs. A candidate should verify from the notified rules that he/she is eligible for admission to the examination. The conditions prescribed cannot be relaxed.

The Examination will be held in two successive parts, viz., (i) Preliminary Examination (Objective-MCQ Type), (ii) Main Examination (Conventional Type-Written) and Personality Test. A number of candidates to be selected on the results of the Preliminary Examination will be allowed admission to the Main Examination and a number of candidates to be selected on the results of the Main Examination (Written) will be called to appear at the Personality Test.

The Preliminary Examination will be held at various centres in Kolkata and in certain other districts in West Bengal tentatively on the 5th August, 2018. Only candidates of Kalimpong District & the three hill sub-divisions of Darjeeling District namely Darjeeling Sadar, Mirik and Kurseong will be allowed to appear at Darjeeling centre. The Final Examination will be held in Kolkata in the later part of the same year. The Personality Test will be held thereafter in the office of the Public Service Commission, West Bengal, in Kolkata.

LIST OF PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION CENTRES WITH CODE NO. :

Kolkata(01), Burdwan (02), Berhampore (03), Siliguri(04) and Darjeeling (05)

Pay for W.B.F.S. : (PB-4A) Rs.15,600-42,000/- + Grade Pay of Rs.5,400/- besides D.A., M.A. and H.R.A. admissible as per rules.

Pay for W.B.S.F.S. : (PB-3) Rs.7,100-37,600/- + Grade Pay of Rs.3,900/- besides D.A., M.A. and H.R.A. admissible as per rules.

N.B. : The benefits of reservation of vacancies are admissible to:

1. S.C./S.T./B.C (Non Creamy Layer) candidates of West Bengal only. BC candidates should renew/revalidate their BC certificate in due time. The S.C./S.T./B.C. candidates of other States shall be treated as general candidates.
2. Meritorious Sportspersons in the area of International Competition, National Competition, Inter-University Tournament and National Sports/Games for School Education in the following list of Sports (See Page 3 of 4) :-
(i) Athletics (including Track and Field events), (ii) Badminton, (iii) Basket Ball, (iv) Cricket, (v) Football, (vi) Hockey, (vii) Swimming, (viii) Table Tennis, (ix) Volley Ball, (x) Tennis, (xi) Weightlifting, (xii) Wrestling, (xiii) Boxing, (xiv) Cycling, (xv) Gymnastics, (xvi) Judo, (xvii) Rifle Shooting, (xviii) Kabaddi and (xix) Kho-Kho. - vide Govt. of West Bengal, Labour Department Notification No. 49-EMP/1M-25/98 dated 1st March, 2011.

VACANCIES : For W.B.F.S. – 10 (Unreserved – 05, SC – 02, ST – 01, BC-A – 01 and BC-B – 01).

For W.B.S.F.S. – 172 (Unreserved – 80, SC – 45, ST – 09, BC-A – 23 and BC-B – 10 and Meritorious Sports Person- 05).

N.B. : i) All appointments will initially be made on a temporary basis.

- ii) In terms of notification bearing Nos.1229-For dated 12th March, 2008 and 1230-For dated 12th March, 2008 issued by the Forests Department, Govt. of West Bengal, the persons or class of persons suffering from blindness, low vision, leprosy– cured, hearing impairment, locomotor disability, cerebral palsy; mental retardation and mental illness are exempted from the purview of reservation as contemplated under section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (1 of 1996).

- QUALIFICATION :**
- i) A citizen of India as defined in Part-II of the Constitution of India
 - ii) (a) For WBFS :
Bachelor's Degree or its equivalent in Science or Engineering of any recognized University or Institute with at least one of the following subjects : Agriculture, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Application, Computer Science, Engineering (Agricultural, Chemical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical), Forestry, Geology, Horticulture, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, Veterinary Science, Zoology and Environmental Science.
 - (b) For WBSFS :
Bachelor's Degree in Science or Engineering of any recognized Indian University or Institute with at least one of the following subjects : Agriculture, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Application, Computer Science, Engineering (Agricultural, Chemical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical), Forestry, Geology, Horticulture, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, Veterinary Science, Zoology and Environmental Science.
 - iii) Ability to read, write and speak in Bengali [not required for those candidates whose mother tongue is Nepali vide Finance Department Notification No. 1243-F(P) dated 02/03/2016]
 - iv) **Physical Requirements** : A candidate must have the following minimum standard of physical fitness.

A) Minimum standard of height and chest girth for a candidate shall be as under :-

Sex of Candidate	Height (cm)	Chest Girth (Normal) (cm)	Girth Expansion (cm)
Male	163	84	05
Female	150	79	05

NOTE : The following minimum standard of height may be allowed to candidates belonging to the categories of Scheduled Tribes community and races such as Nepali, Garhwali, Gorkha.

Male candidates	152 cm
Female candidates	145 cm

B) Walking Test :- Male candidates shall be required to pass a physical fitness test covering a distance of 25 kilometres, within 4 hours on foot and the female candidates shall be required to cover a distance of 16 kilometres, within 4 hours on foot.

C) Health Certificate :- The candidates shall have to undergo the medical examination to be conducted by a Medical Board. The Medical Board shall issue a health certificate and shall also certify that such candidates are fit to undertake strenuous outdoor work in the Forest Department.

AGE : Not below 21 years but not more than 36 years on the 1.1.2018 for West Bengal Forest Service (i.e. born not earlier than the 2nd January, 1982 and not later than the 1st January, 1997) and not below 21 years but not more than 39 years on the 1.1.2018 for West Bengal Sub-ordinate Forest Service (i.e. born not earlier than the 2nd January, 1979 and not later than the 1st January, 1997). Upper age limit is relaxable by 5 years for SC & ST Candidates and by 3 years for BC candidates (Non Creamy Layer) of West Bengal.

SC, ST and BC candidates of other States may apply for unreserved vacancies as General candidates.

NOTE : Date of birth as recorded in the Madhyamik or equivalent certificate only will be acceptable . The age limits apply to all candidates whether in Government service or not.

FEE : Rs.210/- (Rupees two hundred ten) only + Service Charge 1% of Examination Fee subject to a minimum of Rs.5/- (Rupees Five) only for online payment through debit/credit card plus service charge /GST as applicable as Govt. Duty or Service Charge of Rs.5/- (Rupees Five) only for Net Banking or Service Charge of Rs.20/- (Rupees Twenty) only for payment through Bank Counter (off-line payment).

SC/ST candidates of West Bengal are not required to pay any fee. BC candidates of West Bengal are, however, required to pay usual fee as aforesaid. NO EXEMPTION OF FEE IS AVAILABLE TO SC/ST/BC CANDIDATES OF OTHER STATES. No claim for refund of the fee will be entertained nor will it be held in reserve for any other examination.

APPLICATION: Applications can be submitted by online mode only through www.pscwbapplication.in. Submission of more than one application by the same candidate is strictly forbidden and such applications are liable to cancellation.

Particulars and Certificates required :

- (a) A candidate claiming to be S.C., S.T., B.C.(Non Creamy Layer), must have a certificate issued on or before the date of advertisement in support of his / her claim from a competent authority of West Bengal as specified below :
For S.C., S.T. & B.C. Candidates :-
- i) In the district, the Sub-Divisional Officer of the Sub-Division concerned, and
 - ii) In Kolkata, the District Magistrate, South 24-Parganas or such Additional District Magistrate, South 24-Parganas, as may be authorized by the District Magistrate, South 24-Parganas, on his/ her behalf and the District Welfare Officer, Kolkata and Ex-officio Joint Director, Backward Classes Welfare.
[vide the W.B.S.Cs. & S.Ts. (Identification) Act, 1994 and S.C. & S.T. Welfare Deptt. Order No. 261-TW/EC/MR-103/94 dated 6.4.95 read with B.C.W. Deptt. Order No.6320-BCH/MR-84/10, dated 24.09.2010 and No.2420-BCW/MR-61/2012 (Pt.), dated 12.07.2013]

For Meritorious Sportspersons :-

Competent Authorities for issuing Certificates to Meritorious Sportspersons are as follows :

Area	Competent Authority
International Competition	Secretary of the National Federation/National Association of the Sports concerned.
National Competition	Secretary of the State Association of the Sports concerned.
Inter-University Tournament	Dean/Director of Sports or other Officer in overall charge of Sports of the University concerned.
National Sports / Games for School Education	Deputy Director in overall charge of Sports/Games for Schools in the Directorate of School Education, West Bengal.

- (b) The Public Service Commission may require such further proof or particulars from the candidates as it may consider necessary and may make enquiries about their character and other particulars regarding suitability and eligibility.

Caution :

- i. The candidates must abide by the instructions as may be given by Supervisors / Invigilators of the Examination. If the candidate fails to do so or indulges in disorderly or improper conduct, he / she will render himself / herself liable to expulsion from the Examination Hall and / or such other punishment as the Commission may deem fit to impose.
- ii. A candidate who has been reported against by the Supervisor of the Examination Centre for violating any of the instructions will be punished with cancellation of candidature and also debarment from future examinations and selections as may be decided by the Commission according to the circumstances of the case.
- iii. If at any stage even after issue of the letter of appointment, a candidate is found ineligible in terms of advertisement his / her candidature will be cancelled without further reference to him / her.
- iv. The conditions prescribed cannot be relaxed in any case other than those mentioned in this "Information to Candidates".
- v. A candidate should note that his / her admission to the examination will be deemed provisional subject to determination of his / her eligibility in all respects. If at any stage after issue of the admit card a candidate is found ineligible for admission to this examination, his / her candidature will be cancelled without further reference to him / her. No candidate shall be allowed to take the examination unless he / she holds a valid admit card.
- vi. The Public Service Commission, West Bengal, shall have discretion to fix qualifying marks in any paper or all papers of Written Examination or in the aggregate.
- vii. Final Merit List will be prepared on the basis of total marks obtained in the Final Examination and in the Personality Test.
- viii. Candidates are not allowed to carry mobile phones or any other gadget of communication inside the examination halls. This instruction must be strictly adhered to.
- ix. There will be arrangements for frisking of the candidates at entry points of venues – separately for male and female candidates so that candidates with mobile phones or any other gadget of communication may not enter the venue.

- x. Candidates allotted in a particular venue will in no case be admitted to a venue other than that indicated in the admit card issued by the Commission.
- xi. Deduction of Marks:
 - a) A deduction of 10% of full marks may be made from the total marks secured by a candidate in a particular paper if he/she discloses his/ her identity by writing his/ her name, Roll No. or by putting any identifying marks in the answer script of that paper.
 - b) There shall be negative marking for each wrong answer to multiple choice questions (MCQ Type).

xii. Answer in all the papers, compulsory and optional, except the language paper may be written either in English or in Bengali (unless otherwise directed in these rules or in the question papers).

NOTE : Candidate shall write their answers to all the questions in only one and the same language in any particular paper.

Medical Examination : Candidates who will be selected for appointment will be required to appear before a Medical Board for certificates of their fitness for Government service in the form prescribed for the purpose.

Canvassing : Any attempt on the part of a candidate to enlist support for his / her application through persons, officials of Government or agencies will disqualify him / her for appointment. Spontaneous recommendations from persons interested in the candidates or otherwise known to them, will be disregarded and will render the candidates ineligible.

Results of the Examination : The names of the candidates called to Personality Test and those recommended for appointment will be published provisionally subject to determination of eligibility of the candidates in all respects and verification of original certificates etc. If at any stage of such verification any candidate is found ineligible, his / her candidature / allotment will be cancelled.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING:

1. The candidates appointed on the basis of the results of the Main Examination, Personality Test and medical and / physical fitness shall be sent for compulsory in service training to any of the State Forest Service Colleges or Institutes of Government of India, as assigned by the Director of Forest Education , Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.

2. Special Condition

Selected candidates shall before being deputed for training, execute a bond undertaking to serve the Government of West Bengal for a period of five years. In the event of non- fulfillment of such condition, the candidates shall be required to refund the State Government all costs incurred by the State Government in connection with the training including salaries.

Commencement of submission of online application : The 11th June , 2018 from 11:00 a.m.

Closing date for submission of online application : The 2nd July, 2018 (12-00 midnight)

Closing date for submission of fees through online : The 2nd July, 2018 (12-00 midnight)

Closing date for submission of fees through offline : The 3rd July, 2018.

* However, the Challan must be generated by the 2nd July, 2018 positively.

For further details and assistance the candidates may contact the following numbers on any working day from 10-00 a.m. to 6-00 p.m.

(033) 2262-4181 [Related to Offline Payment]
 (033) 4003-5104 [Related to Online Payment]

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