



Public Service Commission, West Bengal
161A, S. P. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata-700026
Advertisement No. 03/2023

Online applications are hereby invited from Indian Citizens and others declared eligible by Government of India for recruitment to the under mentioned post which is temporary but likely to be permanent.

N.B.: ABILITY TO READ, WRITE AND SPEAK IN BENGALI IS AN ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT BUT SUCH KNOWLEDGE IS NOT MANDATORY FOR CANDIDATES WHOSE MOTHER TONGUE IS NEPALI, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED. SUCH ABILITY WILL BE TESTED AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW.

NAME OF THE POST	DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE
SERVICE / CADRE	--
DIRECTORATE	DIRECTORATE OF HORTICULTURE
DEPARTMENT	DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES & HORTICULTURE, GOVT. OF WEST BENGAL
PAY	PAY LEVEL- 21 OF Rs. 1,23,100/--- Rs. 1,91,800/-AS PER WBS (ROPA) RULES, 2019
VACANCIES	1 (One)- (Unreserved)
QUALIFICATIONS	i) A first class post-graduate Degree or second class post graduate degree with a first class bachelor degree in Horticulture from a recognized University; ii) Adequate administrative experience in Horticulture with proven management and administrative ability; iii) Knowledge of Bengali spoken and written.
AGE	Not more than 55 years as on 01.01.2023.

FEE: Rs. 210/- (Rupees two hundred ten) only

Candidates may in addition have to bear the following charges:

For online payment through debit/credit cards:	Convenience fee @ 1% of the examination fee subject to a minimum of Rs. 5/- (Rupees Five) only plus 18% G.S.T. on such convenience fee.
For online payment using net banking facility:	Convenience fee of Rs. 5/- (Rupees Five) only plus 18% G.S.T. on such convenience fee.
For offline payment through Bank Counter:	Service Charge of Rs. 20/- (Rupees Twenty) only.

S.C./S.T. candidates of West Bengal and Persons with disabilities (P.W.D.) having physical disability of 40% and above are not required to pay any fee. OBC candidates of West Bengal are, however, required to pay usual fee as aforesaid. NO EXEMPTION OF FEE IS AVAILABLE TO S.C./S.T. 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.

Online applications are to be submitted at <http://wbpsc.gov.in> according to the following schedule:

Commencement of online applications	: The 25 th May, 2023
Closing date for receipt of online application	: The 15 th June, 2023 (upto 3 p.m.)
Last date of payment of fees	: The 15 th June, 2023 (upto 3 p.m.)
Last date for payment of fees Offline in Branches of PNB	: The 16 th June, 2023
Last date for Generation of Payment Challans by Branches of PNB	: The 15 th June, 2023

Edit Window: From the 22nd June, 2023 to the 28th June, 2023.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING EDITING

(a) EDITING OF PROFILE

(i) Applicants are allowed to edit the general information provided in their relevant Profile Section except their name round the year.

(ii) Applicants willing to change their general information (except "Applicant's Name") in the Application Form of this Examination may first change the same in Profile Section and then use the Edit Option for

making changes in Application Form. However, any change in the Profile Section after the closing date of “Edit Window” for this examination will not reflect in the Application Form of this examination.

(b) EDITING OF APPLICATION FORM FOR THIS EXAMINATION

(i) The applicants would be allowed to edit the fields in the Application Form.

(ii) The Edit Window may be accessed by the applicants by logging into their individual accounts at <https://wbpsc.gov.in>

(iii) All applicants are advised to verify the details provided in the online application very carefully and applicants are particularly advised to obtain a printout of the form to identify the discrepancies, if any.

(iv) The Edit option can be availed during the aforesaid period as and when required. **No request for any change would be entertained after the above mentioned period.**

(v) In case of change of category in the Edit Window and thereby making the applicant liable for payment of fee, the applicant will be allowed to make the payment through the Payment Window from **22nd June, 2023 to 28th June, 2023**. If such payment of fee is not made within the aforesaid period, the application will not be considered for the examination.

INFORMATION

1. SUBMISSION OF MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR THE POST BY THE SAME CANDIDATE IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN AND SUCH APPLICATIONS ARE LIABLE TO CANCELLATION.

2. The qualifications prescribed in the advertisement are as per the notified recruitment rules issued by Government.

3. All the degrees/diplomas/certificates mentioned in the advertisement must have been obtained from Universities/Institutions, duly recognized by competent authority.

4. The prescribed qualifications are the bare minimum and mere possession of the same does not entitle applicants to be called for the interview. If the number of applications received in response to the advertisement is large and it is not conveniently possible for the Commission to interview all the applicants, the Commission may restrict the number of candidates to be called for interview to a reasonable limit on the basis of either higher qualifications/ higher marks/grade obtained in the essential qualifications or experience in relevant field higher than the minimum prescribed in the advertisement or on the basis of a **Screening Test**.

Note I: Commission has fixed the following qualifying marks in Interview and candidates unable to secure such qualifying marks would not be considered for the post, irrespective of their academic qualification and/ or marks obtained in Screening Test.

Category of vacancies	Qualifying Marks
UR	50%

Note II: Marks obtained in Screening Test will not be considered for preparation of Merit List for recommendation. Marks obtained in the Screening Test will only be considered for selection of candidates for interview for the purpose of restricting the number of candidates to be called for interview to a reasonable limit.

Note III: After display of Model Answers (MCQ Type) in the PSC website, objections by the candidates need to be filed strictly within the specific time limit, beyond which no objections shall be entertained.

Provisions regarding PWD candidates:

In case of Screening Test, Candidates having Benchmark Disabilities with limitation in writing including that of speed may be allowed the help of Scribe, if required. For convenience, P.W.D. candidates are requested to bring their own Scribe (wherever applicable). The Scribe should possess educational qualification one step below the qualification of the candidate taking examination. The person with Benchmark Disabilities opting for own scribe should submit details of the own scribe as per Proforma supplied by the Commission at the time of examination. In case of category of persons with Benchmark disabilities, the provisions of scribe can be allowed on production of a certificate to the effect that the person concerned has physical limitation to write, and scribe is essential to write examination on his behalf, from the Chief Medical Officer/Medical Superintendent of a Government health care institution as per Proforma at APPENDIX-I (Available at the end of this advertisement). The facility of Scribe would be allowed to any person with Benchmark Disability as defined under section 2(r) of the RPwD Act, 2016 and has limitation in writing including that of speed. In case persons with Benchmark Disabilities in

the category of Blindness, Locomotor Disability (both arms affected— BA) and cerebral palsy, the facility of scribe shall be given, if so desired by the person. Engagement of scribe shall not be accepted after submission of the application (i.e. after closing date for Edit Window).

Candidates with benchmark disabilities having limitation in writing including that of speed and producing valid Appendix-I, will be allowed compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour.

5. In cases where no Division/Class is awarded and only grading is done, exact percentage of marks and conversion formula adopted are to be mentioned with documentary evidence, if required.
6. Where experience of a number of years is prescribed as an item of qualification this would mean only experience/research experience gained in full time employment/research in the relevant field within the closing date of receipt of applications.

[Certificate(s) from the Head(s) of the Organization(s)/Department(s) or Competent Authority for the entire experience claimed, clearly mentioning the duration of employment (date, month and year) and field of experience indicating basic pay and consolidated pay must be obtained. The certificate(s) should also mention the nature of duties performed/experience obtained in the post(s) with duration(s)].

7. Besides pay, the posts carry allowances as admissible.
8. The benefit of upper age concession up to 5 years are admissible only to S.C. and S.T. candidates of West Bengal and up to 3 years to O.B.C. (category 'A' & 'B') (non creamy layer) candidates of West Bengal. S.C., S.T. and O.B.C. candidates of other States may apply for the unreserved vacancy as general candidates. Upper age limit for recruitment of Physically challenged persons to State Government Services and Posts or otherwise shall be 45 years provided they are otherwise suitable and possess the qualifications and capacity to perform duties and responsibilities attached to the posts concerned, read with Finance (Audit) Department G.O. No. 10517-F dated 02.12.1980— vide Notification No. 746-SW/1A-02/2011 dated 28.02.2011, issued by the Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare.

As the upper age limit for the post of Director of Horticulture is 55 years, Persons with Benchmark Disabilities having crossed the age of 45 years but within the age-limit of 55 years will automatically be eligible for the post, provided they are otherwise suitable in terms of qualifications etc.

(a) A candidate claiming to be S.C., S.T., O.B.C. (non creamy layer) or persons with disabilities (40% and above) must have a certificate in support of his/her claim from a competent authority of West Bengal as specified below:

For S.C., S.T. and O.B.C. (non creamy layer) 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 behalf and the District Welfare Officer, Kolkata and Ex-officio Joint Director, Backward Classes Welfare. [vide the W.B.S.Cs. & S.T.s. (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-BCW/MR-84/10 dated 24.9.2010 and No. BCW/MR-61/2012 (Pt.) dated 12.7.2013.]

For Persons with Disabilities:

Medical Board constituted at Government Medical College Hospitals in Kolkata, District Hospitals and Sub-Divisional Hospitals as per extant provisions laid down in RPWD Acts and rules.

(b) The Public Service Commission may require such further proof of particulars from the candidates as it may consider necessary and may make enquiries about their character and other particulars regarding suitability and eligibility. In case a candidate is unable to produce the relevant valid certificate in support of the declaration/claim made by the candidate at time of document verification, his/her candidature will be summarily rejected.

(c) S.C., S.T., O.B.C. (NON CREAMY LAYER) OR PERSON WITH DISABILITY CERTIFICATE MUST BE OBTAINED WITHIN THE CLOSING DATE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AND NO CLAIM IN THIS REGARD WILL BE ENTERTAINED AFTERWARDS.

(d) O.B.C. (Non Creamy Layer) candidates must submit their renewed / revalidated O.B.C. (Non Creamy Layer) certificate prior to interview and at the time of appointment.

9. Candidates must fulfil the essential qualifications by the closing date.

10. All requisite certificates regarding educational qualifications, proof of age, other relevant experience certificates and other requisite documents must be furnished as and when required by the Commission.
11. If at any stage even after issue of a letter of recommendation for appointment a candidate is found ineligible in terms of the advertisement his/her candidature will be cancelled without further reference to him/her.
12. CANVASSING IN ANY FORM WILL DISQUALIFY THE CANDIDATURE.
13. ALL INFORMATION REGARDING RECRUITMENT TO THE POST WILL BE AVAILABLE, FROM TIME TO TIME, IN THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE AT <https://wbpsc.gov.in>
14. Date of Examination/Interview will be notified later in the Commission's website at <https://wbpsc.gov.in>

N.B.: Mobile Phones, Bluetooth, Smart Watch or any other communication device are not allowed inside the premises where the examination is being conducted. Any infringement of this instruction shall entail disciplinary action including ban from the examination related to this advertisement as well as from future examinations.

Place: Kolkata

Date: 26.04.2023

Certificate regarding physical limitation in an examinee to write

This is to certify that, I have examined Mr/Ms/Mrs _____ (name of the candidate with _____ disability), a person with _____ (nature and percentage of disability as mentioned in the certificate of disability), S/o/D/o _____, a resident of _____ (Village/District/State) and to state that he/she has physical limitation which hampers his/her writing capabilities owing to his/her disability.

Signature

Chief Medical Officer/Medical Superintendent of a Government health care 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).