

# ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## ADVERTISEMENT No. 07 OF 2011 -12

**Recruitment of Assistant Agriculture Officer in Class-II (Group-B) of Odisha Agriculture and Food Production Service under Agriculture Department.**

**WEBSITE** -<http://opsc.nic.in>

**THE LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION - 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 by 5.00 P.M.**

**WARNING:** Applications received incomplete in any respect are liable to be summarily rejected. No correspondence on that score will be entertained.

Applications in the prescribed form are invited from candidates for recruitment to 117 (one hundred and seventeen) posts of Assistant Agriculture Officer in Class-II (Group-B) of Odisha Agriculture and Food Production Service under Agriculture Department in the Pay Scale of Rs.9,300-34,800/- with Grade Pay of Rs. 4,600/- (PB-2) with usual Dearness Allowances as may be sanctioned by the Government of Odisha from time to time. The posts are temporary and likely to be made permanent.

**2.VACANCY POSITION:** As per requisition filed by the Agriculture Department, the vacancy position alongwith reservation thereof is given below:

Sl. No	Category	No of posts
1	Un-reserved	59 (19 - W)
2	Scheduled Tribe	26 (09 - W)
3	Scheduled Caste	19 (06 - W)
4	S.E.B.C.	13 (04 - W)
<b>Total</b>		<b>117 (38 - W)</b>

- Out of the vacancies mentioned above, 03(three) posts are reserved for Ex-Servicemen, 01 (one) post is reserved for Sports Persons and 03(three) posts are reserved for Physically Handicapped. [As per Section 2(t) of the Persons with Disabilities ( Equal Opportunities, Protection of rights & full participation) Act, 1995, a handicapped person is defined as “a person suffering from not less than 40% of any disability as certified by a medical authority” ]. However, **disability should not exceed 50%** and the candidate should be able to move without dependant. Candidates belonging to Ex-Servicemen, Sports Persons and P.H. (Physically Handicapped) shall be adjusted against the categories to which they belong.
- 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 candidate(s) shall be filled up by male candidate(s) of the same category.
- Exchange of reservation between Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe will **not** be considered.
- The number of vacancies to be filled up on the basis of this recruitment is subject to change by Government without notice, depending upon the exigencies of public service at the discretion of the State Government.

3. **AGE** : A candidate must be under 32 (thirty-two) years and above 21 (twenty one) years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2011, i.e. he/she must have been born not earlier than 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 1979 and not later than 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1990.

The upper age-limit prescribed above is relaxable:

- (i) By 5(five) years, for candidates belonging to the categories of Scheduled Caste (S.C.) , Scheduled Tribe (S.T.), Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (S.E.B.C.), Women and eligible Ex-Servicemen.
- (ii) By 10(ten) years for candidates belonging to P.H. (Physically Handicapped) category, whose disability should not be less than 40% and should not exceed 50%; and they should be able to move without dependant.

Provided that, a person who comes under more than one category mentioned above, shall be eligible for only one benefit of **upper age relaxation**, which shall be considered most beneficial to him/her.

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

The 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 a degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from any of the recognized University in India.

5. **METHOD OF SELECTION**:

The selection of candidates for recruitment to the posts will be made on the basis of career assessment and Viva Voce Test. The Commission at their discretion may short-list the candidates to a reasonable number, for conducting interview by making a preliminary selection either on the basis of evaluation of their academic career taking into account the requisite minimum educational qualification or by conducting a preliminary written test.

6. **EXAMINATION FEE**:

A candidate is required to pay a non-refundable and non-adjustable fee of ` .50/- (Rupees fifty) only either in shape of deposit of the amount in the Government Treasury under the Head "0051-P.S.C.-105-State P.S.C.- Examination Fee", or Account Payee Bank Draft/Pay Order drawn in favour of Special Secretary, Odisha Public Service Commission payable at any Scheduled Bank at Cuttack. Treasury Chalan with wrong mention of Head of Account or wrong mention of designation of the authority in the Bank Draft/Pay Order shall not be accepted. **The original Treasury Chalan/Bank Draft/Pay Order, as the case may be, must be sent to the Commission along with the application. Candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes of Odisha only are exempted from payment of this fee.** Neither claim for refund of fee will be entertained nor will the fee be held in reserve for any other recruitment/purpose. **Applications not accompanied by the prescribed fee shall be summarily rejected.**

7. **OTHER ELIGIBILITY CODITIONS :**

- (i) The candidate must be a citizen of India;
- (ii) The candidate must be of (a) good moral character, and (b) sound physical and mental health, good physique and active habits and free from organic defects or bodily infirmities (except Physically Handicapped) so as not to create an impairment in the due discharge of duties;
- (iii) The candidate should be able to speak, read and write Odia fluently and must have passed at least an examination in Odia language equivalent to that of Middle English School standard conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha; or the Education Department of Government of Odisha or any other Board or Council of Secondary Education approved by the Government of Odisha in support of passing of Odia Language Test (M.E. School Standard);
- (iv) A person, who has more than one spouse living or in case of a woman candidate, if married to a person having one spouse living, shall not be eligible for appearing at the examination/ interview:

Provided that the State Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the Personal Law applicable to such person or there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule;

- (v) Government servants, whether temporary or permanent, are eligible to apply provided that they possess the requisite qualification and are within the prescribed age-limit. **They must inform their respective Heads of Offices/Departments in writing regarding submission of their applications for this recruitment and obtain “No Objection Certificate”.**
- (vi) If a candidate has at any time, been debarred for 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/interview, he/she will not be eligible for such recruitment for that specified period(s)/chance(s);
- (vii) **Only those candidates, who possess the requisite qualification and fulfill other eligibility conditions etc. by the closing date of receipt of applications, will be considered eligible;**
- (viii) The period of probation is two years with effect from the date of appointment;
- (ix) Every candidate selected for appointment shall be examined by the Medical Board. A candidate, who fails to satisfy the Medical Board, shall not be appointed.

8. **OTHER CONDITIONS:**

- (i) (a) A candidate found guilty of seeking support for his/her candidature by offering illegal gratification or applying pressure on any person connected with the conduct of the recruitment process or found indulging in any type of malpractice in course of the selection or otherwise, shall, in addition to rendering himself/herself liable to criminal prosecution, be disqualified not only for the recruitment for which he/she is a candidate, but also may be debarred, either permanently or for a specified period, from any recruitment or selection to be conducted by the Commission;

- (b) The provisions of the Odisha Conduct of Examination Act 1988 (Odisha Act-2 of 1988) are applicable to the Examination conducted by the Odisha Public Service Commission.
- (ii) Applications found to be incomplete in any respect are liable to rejection without entertaining any correspondence with the applicants on that score;
- (iii) Admission to viva voce will be provisional. **If on verification at any stage before or after the viva voce, it is found that a candidate does not fulfil all the eligibility conditions, his/her candidature shall be liable to rejection.** Decision of the Commission in regard to eligibility or otherwise of candidate, shall be final;
- (iv) This advertisement should not be construed as binding on the Government to make appointment.
- (v) Concessions meant for S.Cs. S.Ts. and S.E.B.Cs. **by birth** are admissible to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Socially & Educationally Backward Classes **of Odisha only;**
- (vi) Candidates are required to take due care to annex with the applications, the copies of certificates and other documents as stated under Para-9 of the advertisement and mention the total number of the annexed documents at the appropriate place of Annexure -I of the application form ;
- (vii) Mere empanelment in the select list shall not confer any right for appointment unless the Government is satisfied after making such enquiry as may be deemed necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the service.
- (viii) All persons appointed under the Government of Odisha on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2005 shall not be eligible for pension as defined under sub-rule (1) of Rule-3 of the Odisha Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1992; but shall be covered by the defined Contributory Pension Scheme in accordance with the Odisha Civil Service (Pension) Amendment Rules, 2005.

**9. CERTIFICATES/ DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED:**

Candidates are required to submit along with their applications, true copies of the following documents duly **attested by Gazetted Officer or Notary Public or self certified**. **The candidates are also required to mention on each document “submitted by me” and put their full signature on the same.** They must not attach to their applications the original certificates. Only those who are called for the Viva Voce will be required to bring with them the original certificates, mark-sheets etc. of the attested copies, for verification at the time of Viva Voce.

**If a candidate fails to furnish any of the original documents in respect of the attested copies submitted with the application for verification on the date of interview before the interview starts, he/she shall not be allowed to appear at the interview.**

- (i) H.S.C. or equivalent certificate in support of declaration of age issued by the concerned Board/Council;
- (ii) Intermediate/+2 Examination Certificate issued by the concerned Board/Council;
- (iii) Degree in Agriculture Science Certificate issued by the recognized University;
- (iv) Mark-lists in support of all the aforesaid Examination passed (i.e. H.S.C. to Degree) including fail marks, if any, issued by the concerned Board/Council/ University;

- NOTE** – (a) Candidates who have not been awarded percentage of marks, but only “**GRADE MARKS**”, should, along with their applications, produce the conversion certificate from the concerned University indicating the actual equivalent percentage of marks and the conversion formula, failing which, their applications are liable to be rejected.
- (b) **While filling up the table under Sl. No.5 & 6 of column No.15 of the application form, the candidate has to mention details of marks secured in each Semester/Annual examination leading to award of Degree.**
- (v) Required pass certificate from the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha indicating Odia as a language subject equivalent to M.E. School Standard or a certificate from the Principal/Headmaster of the School indicating that the candidate has passed Odia in M.E.Standard;
- (vi) Candidates claiming to be belonging to S.C./S.T./S.E.B.C. category **BY BIRTH** are required to enclose with applications copies of the relevant Caste/Tribe Certificates issued by the competent authority in the prescribed form. Candidates of S.E.B.C. category (other than Cream Layer) must enclose Caste Certificates from the competent authority **issued within the last three years from the date of this Advertisement.**

The competent authorities 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-1: Women Candidates belonging to S.C/S.T./S.E.B.C. 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.**

**2 : O.B.C. CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF S.E.B.C. CERTIFICATES.**

**3 : Community (caste status) once mentioned by the candidates shall not be changed under any circumstance.**

- (vii) **Ex-Servicemen** are required to attach copy of Discharge Certificate issued by the Commanding Officer of the Unit last served. **Sports Persons** are required to attach copy of Identity Card issued by the Director of Sports, Odisha. **Physically Handicapped persons** are required to attach copy of their Identity Card issued by the District Social Welfare Officer along with the Disability Certificate (indicating percentage of disability) issued by the concerned Medical Board;
- (viii) Three recent passport size photographs **signed by the candidates** on the front of the photographs, one pasted at the right hand corner of the first page of the application and the other two stitched to the application;
- (ix) Certificates of character and conduct from the Principal/Proctor/Dean or Professor in charge of a Department of Teaching of the College or University in which he/she last studied;
- (x) Acknowledgement card (supplied by the O.P.S.C.) mentioning present postal address, Application Form No., Advertisement No. etc. and affixing postage stamp of Rs.6/-; (Self addressed Post Card with stamp of ` 6/- in case of candidates downloading the Application Form from the website of O.P.S.C.);
- (xi) One self-addressed envelope (Approximately 23 Cm. X 10 Cm.).

**10. HOW TO APPLY:**

(i) **Application Form** : Candidates are required to apply to the Special Secretary to the Commission in the prescribed form which, along with other particulars, is obtainable in person from the Office of the Odisha Public Service Commission, 19, Dr. P.K. Parija Road, Cuttack-753001 between 11.00 A.M. & 1.30 P.M. and 2.00 P.M. & 4.00 P.M. on any working day on cash payment of ` .30/- (Rupees thirty) only or by Speed Post/Registered Post on remittance of ` .70/- (Rupees seventy) only by Bank Draft/Pay Order drawn in favour of Special Secretary, Odisha Public Service Commission payable at any Scheduled Bank at Cuttack with a forwarding letter addressed to the Special Secretary, O.P.S.C., Cuttack mentioning full name & address of the candidate, advertisement number and name of the Post/Service advertised in **BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS**.

(ii) **If the letter along with Bank Draft/Pay Order from any candidate, for supply of prescribed application form, is received in the Office of the O.P.S.C. after the last date for receipt of applications, no application form will be supplied to such candidate.**

(iii) The candidates may also download the prescribed application form and copy of long advertisement from the Website of the O.P.S.C.; i.e. <http://opsc.nic.in>. The Un-reserved and S.E.B.C. candidates downloading the application form will be required to pay ` .80/- ( ` .30/- for prescribed application form + ` .50/- towards Examination Fee) only in shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Treasury Chalan as provided under Paragraph-6 of this Advertisement at the time of submission of application form. The S.C./S.T. candidates downloading the prescribed application form will be required to pay ` .30/- towards prescribed application form only in shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Treasury Chalan, as the case may be, at the time of submission of application form. The S.C./S.T. candidates are, however, exempted from paying the Examination Fee.

(iv) **Submission of applications:** Candidates are required to send their applications in prescribed form by Registered Post/Speed Post/Courier Service to the Special Secretary, Odisha Public Service Commission, 19, Dr. P.K. Parija Road, Cuttack-753001. **Application received after the closing date shall not be entertained. The Commission shall not take any responsibility if the application is not received in time.** The candidates may also submit their applications in closed covers in the Office of Odisha Public Service Commission directly/personally on or before the last date of receipt of applications at the Counter on working days from 10.30 A.M. to 1.30.P.M. and 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. The closed envelope containing the application must be superscribed "Application for Assistant Agriculture Officers". The candidates submitting their applications directly/personally at the Counter of Odisha Public Service Commission will be given proper acknowledgement receipt.

**11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPLICATIONS:**

On receipt of Application of a candidate, the Acknowledgement Card (Post Card in case of downloaded application form) submitted by him/her along with the Application, will be despatched to him/her by the Commission's Office. The mere fact that a candidate's application has been acknowledged by the Commission does not mean that his/her candidature for the recruitment has been accepted by the Commission.

**12. FACILITATION COUNTER:**

Candidates may contact the O.P.S.C. Facilitation Counter over Telephone No. 0671-2304141/2305611 & Extn.115 & 126 for any guidance/information regarding application or candidature etc., on working days between 10.30 A.M & 1.30 P.M and 2.00 P.M & 5.00 P.M.

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DATED : The 3rd December, 2011.

SPECIAL SECRETARY  
ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,  
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