



**ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**ADVERTISEMENT NO. 03 OF 2018/19**

**Special Recruitment Drive (for ST candidates only) to the post of Assistant Horticulture Officer in class-II of Group-B service under Agriculture & Farmer's Empowerment Department.**

WEBSITE: <http://opsonline.gov.in> and <http://opsc.gov.in>

- WARNING: (1) **ONLINE APPLICATION FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE TILL 30.6.2018 BY 11:59 P.M.**
- (2) **LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF PRINT OUT/HARD COPY OF ONLINE APPLICATION ALONGWITH COPY OF SPECIFIED CERTIFICATES / DOCUMENTS IS 07.7.2018 BY 5.00 P.M.**

Applications are invited Online through the proforma application from ST candidates only to be made available on the WEBSITE (<http://opsonline.gov.in>) from **01.6.2018 to 30.6.2018** for recruitment to the posts of Assistant Horticulture Officer in Class-II, Group-B of Odisha Horticulture Service (Method of Recruitment & Conditions of Service) Rules-2014 under Agriculture & Farmer's Empowerment Department, in the pay scale of Rs.9,300-34,800/- carrying Grade pay of Rs.4600/- with usual Dearness and other Allowances as may be sanctioned by the Government of Odisha from time to time. The posts are temporary but likely to be made permanent.

The online application must be followed by submission of hard copy of the same along with copies of certificates by the last date i.e. **07.7.2018**.

2. **VACANCY POSITION:** As per requisition filed by the Agriculture & Farmer's Empowerment Department, Government of Odisha, the category-wise vacancy position along with reservation thereof is given below:-

Sl. No.	Category	No. of vacancies
1.	Scheduled Tribe	16 (05-w)

NB: Out of the vacancies mentioned above no post is reserved for Ex-serviceman, PH & Sports persons.

- (a) In case of non-availability or availability of insufficient number of eligible/suitable women candidates belonging to the respective category the unfilled vacancies or the remaining vacancies reserved for women candidates shall be filled up by male candidates of the same category.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Main Job chart..... Duties assigned to AHOs.
- (d) Exchange of reservation between Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe will not be considered.

3. **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:** A candidate must hold a Bachelor of Science Degree in Horticulture / Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from any of the recognized Universities or Institutions.

4. **AGE:** A candidate must be under 32 (thirty-two) years and above 21 (twenty-one) years of age as on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2018. i.e. he/she must have been born not earlier than 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1986 and not later than 1<sup>st</sup> January 1997. Age relaxation shall be as per government rules prescribed for the purpose.

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.

5. **APPLICATION FEE:**

Candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribe (ST) category of Odisha are exempted from payment of this fee.

6. **METHOD OF SELECTION:**

The selection of candidates for recruitment to the posts will be made on the basis of career marks/grades and interview. Before conducting the interview, the Commission at their discretion may short-list the candidates to a reasonable number by making a preliminary selection on the basis of evaluation of their academic career taking into account the requisite minimum educational qualification.

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- (i) The career weightage will be 25% for H.S.C., 25% for +2/Higher Secondary & 50% for B.Sc. Agriculture/ B.Sc. Horticulture.
  - (ii) The number of candidates to be called for interview may be twice the number of vacancies against each category provided that where the number of vacancies is upto 02 (Two), the number of candidates to be called for interview will be 5 (five).

7. **OTHER ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:**

- (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 must be able to read, write and speak Odia; and 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 in Odia as language subject in the final examination of Class-VII from a school or educational institution recognized by the Government of Odisha or the Central Government; or
  - (d) Passed a test in Odia in Middle School Standard conducted by the School & Mass Education Department of Government of Odisha/Board of Secondary Education, Odisha.



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- (iv) 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;
- (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 as provided under Para 3 and 4 of this advertisement. **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 any 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/chance(s);
- (vii) **Only those candidates, who possess the requisite qualification, are within the prescribed age limit and fulfil other eligibility conditions etc. by the closing date of online applications, will be considered eligible;**

8. **IMPORTANT POINTS TO BE NOTED:**

- (i) 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;
- (ii) The provisions of the Odisha Conduct of Examination Act, 1988 (Odisha Act-2 of 1988) are applicable to the examinations conducted by the Odisha Public Service Commission;
- (iii) **Applications submitted to the OPSC, if found to be incomplete in any respect are liable to rejection without entertaining any correspondence with the applicants on that score;**
- (iv) Admission to the Viva Voce test will be provisional. If on verification at any stage before or after Viva Voce test, it is found that a candidate does not fulfil any of the eligibility conditions, his/her candidature will be liable to rejection. Decision of the Commission in regard to eligibility or otherwise of a candidate shall be final;
- (v) This advertisement should not be construed as binding on the government to make appointment.
- (vi) **Concession meant for S.Ts by birth are admissible to the Scheduled Tribes candidates of Odisha only;**
- (vii) Candidates are required to take due care to annex with the copy of the printout/hard copy of online application, the copies of certificates and other requisite documents as stated under Para-9 of this advertisement.
- (viii) All persons appointed under the Government of Odisha on or after 1st 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 Contribution Pension Scheme in accordance with the Odisha Civil Services (Pension) Amendment Rules, 2005;



- (ix) No one will be admitted to the examination unless he/she holds a Certificate of admission. The eligible candidates are required to download their Admission Certificate from the website of the Commission and produce the same before the Centre Supervisor for admission to the examination. No separate Admission Certificate will be sent to the candidates.
- (x) Any misrepresentation or suppression of information by the candidate in the Application Form, will result in cancellation of his/her candidature or penalty, as may be decided by the Commission, be imposed on the candidate.
- (xi) 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.
- (xii) 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 the local leading daily news paper as well as copy of notification in the Odisha gazette in support of his /her change of name.
- (xiii) The number of vacancies to be filled up on the basis of this recruitment is subject to change by the government without notice, depending upon the exigencies of public service at the discretion of the government.
- (xiv) If one candidate furnishes more than one online application the Commission will consider the information/ data of latest application having higher ID No.

#### 9. CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED:

Candidates are required to submit alongwith the printout/hard copy of online application, true copies of the following certificates and documents, duly attested by the candidate failing which their application will liable to be rejected without any correspondence.

The candidates are also required to mention, on each document "submitted by me" and put their full signature with date on the same. They must not attach original certificates to their applications. Only those who are called for the interview will be required to bring with them the original certificates, mark-sheets etc. of the attested copies for verification before commencement of the interview.

Further if a candidate fails to furnish any of the original documents in respect of the attested copies submitted with the application form for verification on the date of interview, before the interview starts, he/she shall not be allowed to appear at the interview and his/her candidature will be rejected.

- (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) Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture/Agriculture Certificate issued by the recognized university or institution;
- (iv) Mark-sheets in support of all the aforesaid examinations (i.e. H.S.C. to B.Sc. Horticulture/B.Sc. Agriculture) passed including fail marks, if any, issued by the concerned Board/Council/ University or Institution.

**NOTE** – (a) Candidates who have not been awarded percentage of marks, but only "GRADES", should, alongwith 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 relevant box of the online application form, the candidate has to mention details of marks secured (excepting marks secured in the extra optional/fourth optional subject) in each examination passed (i.e. H.S.C. to B.Sc. Agriculture/B.Sc. Horticulture)

(v) Certificates required as mentioned in Para 7 (iii).

(vi) Relevant Caste Certificate.

**NOTE-1:** Candidates claiming to be belonging to S.T. category of Odisha by birth are required to submit copy of the relevant Caste Certificate issued by the competent authority in the prescribed form.

(i) Women candidates belonging to S.T. are required to submit Caste Certificate by birth showing "daughter of ....." Caste Certificates by virtue of marriage (i.e. showing "wife of.....") are not acceptable.

(ii) The competent authorities to issue caste certificates are: - District Magistrate/Collector or Additional District Magistrate or Sub-divisional Magistrate/Sub-Collector or Executive Magistrate or Revenue officer, not below the rank of Tahasildar/Additional Tahasildar of Government of Odisha;

**NOTE-2:** Degree Certificate, Caste Certificate, Odia Test pass certificate, Discharge certificate of Ex-Servicemen and Disability Certificate (indicating % of disability) of Physically Handicapped Persons, Sports Persons must have been issued by the competent authority before the last date fixed for receipt of applications as indicated above.

(vii) Discharge Certificate issued by the Commanding Officer of the Unit last served, where applicable.

(viii) Disability Certificate (indicating percentage of disability) issued by the concerned Medical Board where applicable.

(ix) Two recent passport size photographs (unsigned and unattested) which has been uploaded in the online application form.

(x) 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;

#### 10. "GROUNDS OF REJECTION OF APPLICATION"

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

(i) Late receipt of hard copy of the online Application.

(ii) Non-receipt of hard copy of online application.

(iii) Over age. (Overage relaxation shall not be allowed to PWD candidates with less than 40% disabilities/temporary disability).

(iv) Under age.

(v) Odia Test (M.E. standard) not passed. Odia Test Pass evidence not furnished.

(vi) No required qualification/experience (if any).

(vii) Submission of wrong information /false information about qualification/experience (if any)/age/O.T. pass evidence/category status (SC/ST/SEBC/PH/Sports Person/Ex-serviceman/Woman etc)

(viii) Non-submission of copies of Certificate/Mark sheets as per requirement in the Advertisement.

(ix) Suppression of facts/ information about eligibility, if any.

(x) Any other grounds as per decision of the Commission.

(xi) Application submitted by the candidate to OPSC, if found to be incomplete in any respect and at any stage.

- (xii) If a candidate fails to furnish any of the original certificates and documents for verification on the date fixed by the Commission.
- (xiii) Application received through any other mode (except online through the proforma Application to be made available on **WEBSITE of OPSC**)

**N.B:- Application/candidature of a candidate rejected at any stage of recruitment process, when discrepancy is noticed /detected.**

**11. HOW TO APPLY:**

- a. Candidates must go through details of the long advertisement available in the Website of OPSC before filling up the online application form.
- b. **Candidates must apply online through the concerned website of the OPSC <http://opsconline.gov.in>. Application received through any other mode would not be accepted and summarily be rejected.**
- c. **Before filling up the online application form, the candidate must go through the following documents available at OPSC portal.**
  - i) **Instructions to fill up online application.**
  - ii) **Guidelines for scanning and Uploading of Photograph, Full Signature & Left Thumb Impression.**
- d. Candidates are required to upload the scanned image of latest passport size photograph along with scanned image of his/her full signature and scanned image of Left 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.
- e. Candidates should keep at least two copies of latest passport size photograph which is uploaded to the online application form for future use.
- f. On successful submission of the online application form, a Unique Registration ID will be displayed on the screen as well as on the top of the application form. Candidates are required to note down the Unique Registration ID and use it in future correspondence.
- g. Candidates are required to send the printout/hard copy of the filled in online application form duly signed under the declaration alongwith required documents and certificates etc. (as provided under para-9 of this detailed long advertisement) by Registered Post/Speed Post/Courier Service to the Special Secretary, Odisha Public Service Commission, 19, Dr. P.K. Parija Road, Cuttack-753001 so as to reach the same in the OPSC on or before **07.7.2018**.

The envelope containing the application must be superscribed "Application for the post of (**ASSISTANT HORTICULTURE OFFICER** for ST category)". Application received after the closing date shall not be entertained. The Commission will not take any responsibility if the application is not received in time.

- i. **The candidates are advised to submit the online application well in advance without waiting for the closing date to avoid last hour rush.**



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- j. Intimation letter for the interview to the eligible candidates will be uploaded in the website of the O.P.S.C. prior to the date of interview which will be published in the website and news-paper. The candidates are required to download their Intimation letter from the website of the Commission. No separate correspondence will be made on this score.

**11. FACILITATION COUNTER:**

During filling up the online application form, the candidate may contact facilitation counter of OCAC over toll free telephone number 18003456770 or 155335 in any working day between 10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. & 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M.

In case of any guidance/information on advertisement & recruitment, candidates may contact the OPSC facilitation counter over telephone No.0671-2304141/2305611 & Extn-207 or 223 in any working day between 10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. & 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M.

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

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DATED-29.5.2018

  
SPECIAL SECRETARY,  
ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,  
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**CLOSING DATES**

(A) ONLINE APPLICATIONS SHALL AVAILABLE IN THE WEBSITE FROM 01.6.2018 TO 30.6.2018 TILL 11.59 P.M.

(B) LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF HARD COPY/PRINT COPY OF APPLICATION ALONG WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENT IS 07.7.2018 BY 5.00 P.M.

NB: THE ONLINE APPLICATIONS, IF FOUND DEFFECTIVE IN ANY RESPECT, ARE LIABLE TO BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.

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