



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, WEST BENGAL
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ADVERTISEMENT No.- 19/2023

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In terms of commitment before the Hon'ble High Court in Item No.1 MAT/483/2025, Item No.2 FMA/697/2025 & Item No.3 FMA/702/2025 on dated 08.08.2025 this detailed advertisement is issued by the Public Service Commission, West Bengal in continuation with earlier indicative advertisement no. 19/2023, dated 28/12/2023. The Commission will hold the **West Bengal Judicial Service Examination, 2023** in accordance with the existing rules for recruitment to the posts in West Bengal Judicial Service. The necessary 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 W.B.J.S. Examination, 2023 will be held in three successive stages, viz., (i) Preliminary Examination (MCQ Type), (ii) Final Examination (Conventional Type – Written) and (iii) Personality Test. A number of candidates to be selected on the results of the Preliminary Examination will be allowed admission to the Final Examination and a number of candidates to be selected on the results of the Final Examination will be called to appear at the Personality Test.

The Preliminary Examination will be held at Kolkata (Code – 11) and Darjeeling (Code – 12) tentatively in Dec.2025. Only candidates of Kalimpong District and three Hill Sub-divisions of Darjeeling, viz., Darjeeling Sadar, Mirik and Kurseong will be allowed to appear at Darjeeling Centre. The Final written Examination will be held at Kolkata tentatively in March, 2026 which will be notified by the Commission after the Preliminary Exam. Personality test will be held thereafter in the office of the Public Service Commission, West Bengal, in Kolkata.

NAME OF THE EXAMINATION	WEST BENGAL JUDICIAL SERVICE EXAMINATION, 2023
NAME OF THE SERVICE / POST	West Bengal Judicial Service [POST : Civil Judge (Jr. Divn.)]
PAY SCALE	Rs.27,700-770-33090-920-40450-1080-44770/- (Pre-revised)
VACANCIES	<u>Total Vacancy – 54</u> Unreserved –23, EWS- 05, Scheduled Caste –12, Scheduled Tribe -03, OBC (A) – 06, OBC (B) –03, PwBD- 02 (Blindness & Low Vision- 01, Specific Learning Disability/ Multiple Disabilities -01). Note-I: All the vacancies are shown above as forwarded by the department vide memo no. I/614906/2025/JD/V/1M-01/23 dated 7th March, 2025 read with letter no. I/467833/2023 dated 27.12.2023 & letter no. I/478268/2024, dated 29.01.2024. Note-II: Functional requirements of post reserved for PwBD candidates are Sitting(S), Reading & Writing(RW) and Communication(C) [Notification No. 1324-J dated 18.04.2024 of Judicial Department, Govt. of West Bengal]. Note-III: All appointments will initially be made on a temporary basis.
RESERVATION	The benefits of reservation of vacancies for S.C./S.T./O.B.C. (Non-Creamy Layer)/EWS candidates are admissible to S.C. /S.T. /O.B.C. (Non-Creamy Layer)/EWS candidates of West Bengal only. The S.C. /S.T. /O.B.C. candidates of other States shall be treated as general candidates. Reservation of vacancies are shown as reported by the Judicial Department. As per Notification No. 1324-J dated 18.04.2024 of Judicial Department, Govt. of West Bengal, <u>persons</u> suffering from Autism, Intellectual Disability and Mental Illness are unsuitable for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division/Judicial Magistrate).
QUALIFICATIONS	(i) A citizen of India or such a person of other nationality as declared eligible by Government of India; (ii) A degree in Law from any University or Institution affiliated to any University recognized by the State Government or the Central Government; (iii) Enrolment as an advocate in the roll of Bar Council of any State or Union Territory in India on the date of advertisement for the examination; (iv) Ability to read, write and speak in Bengali (not required for those candidates whose mother tongue is Nepali) – vide Finance Department's Notification No.1243-F(P) dated 02.03.2016. Such ability will be tested at the time of interview. Candidature of the candidates with poor performance in the knowledge of Bengali test shall be liable to be cancelled.

	IMPORTANT: As per Sec 49 of the Advocates Act, 1961 “an advocate shall not be a full time salaried employee of any person, Government, firm, corporation or concern, so long as he continues to practise and shall, on taking up any such employment, intimate the fact to the Bar Council on whose roll his name appears and shall thereupon cease to practise as an advocate so long as he continues in such employment”. “The ‘employment’ spoken of by Sec 49 does not cover the employment of an advocate who had been solely or in any case predominantly employed to act and/or plead on behalf of his client in Courts of Law”. [Dipak Agarwal – Vs – Keshab Koushik (2013) 5SCC277]
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AGE	Not less than 23 years and not more than 35 years on the date of advertisement for the examination on 28.12.2023 (i.e. born not earlier than 29.12.1988 and not later than 28.12.2000).
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CONCESSION IN AGE	(i) Upper age limit is relaxable by 5 years for SC and ST candidates of West Bengal, by 3 years for OBC (Non Creamy Layer) candidates of West Bengal and upto 45 years of age for Persons with Disabilities having physical disability of 40% and above and by 2 years for candidates who have been in Government service for at least two years. (ii) The claim of a candidate for relaxation of age as a Government employee should be proved by a certificate from the appointing authority showing the period of his/her continuous service under Government and the same should be produced on demand. (iii) Age as recorded only in Madhyamik or equivalent certificate will be accepted.
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CHANCE LIMIT	NO CANDIDATE OTHER THAN THE CANDIDATES BELONGING TO SC/ST/OBC (NON-CREAMY LAYER) OF WEST BENGAL SHALL BE ALLOWED TO APPEAR IN THE EXAMINATION FOR MORE THAN THREE TIMES. THE CANDIDATES BELONGING TO SC/ST/OBC (NON-CREAMY LAYER) OF WEST BENGAL SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO APPEAR IN THE EXAMINATION FOR MORE THAN FIVE TIMES.
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PROVISIONS REGARDING PwBD CANDIDATES	Candidates having Benchmark Disabilities with limitation in writing including that of speed may be allowed the help of Scribe, if required. For convenience, PwBD candidates are requested to bring their own scribes. The Scribe should possess educational qualification one step below the qualification of the candidates taking examination. The persons with Benchmark Disabilities opting for own scribe should submit details of the 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 u/s. 2(r) of the RPwD Act, 2016 and has limitation in writing including that of speed (except persons suffering from Autism, Intellectual disability and mental illness, as they are exempted from the purview of reservation for the post). In case persons with Benchmark Disabilities in the category of Locomotor Disability (both arms affected – BA), the facility of scribe shall be given, if so desired by the person. Engagement of scribe shall not be accepted after final submission of the application. A single scribe may be used as far as possible except for language papers.
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COMPENSATORY TIME	Candidates with Benchmark Disabilities having limitation in writing including that of speed (except persons suffering from Autism, Intellectual Disability & Mental Illness) and producing valid ‘APPENDIX-I’ will be allowed compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour at the examination.
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MODE OF APPLICATION	Applications can be submitted through online mode only. <u>SUBMISSION OF MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION BY THE SAME CANDIDATE IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN AND SUCH APPLICATIONS ARE LIABLE TO CANCELLATION.</u>
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OTHER REQUIREMENTS	(i) The candidate must be (a) A citizen of India (either natural or by registration), or (b) Such other nationals as declared eligible by the Govt. of India. Provided that a candidate belonging to category (b) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government. A candidate in whose case a certificate of eligibility is necessary may be admitted to the examination but the offer of appointment may be given only after the necessary eligibility certificate has been issued to him by the Government. (ii) The candidate must have good health and character and suitability in all respects for appointment to Government service.
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FEE	Rs.210/- (Rupees two hundred ten only) plus service charges wherever applicable through online mode only. <u>SC/ST candidates of West Bengal and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) having physical disability of 40% and above are not required to pay any fee.</u> OBC candidates are, however, required to pay usual fee as aforesaid. NO EXEMPTION OF FEE IS AVAILABLE TO SC & ST 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.
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PARTICULARS AND CERTIFICATES REQUIRED	1) A candidate claiming to be EWS, S.C., S.T., O.B.C. (Non Creamy Layer) or Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (40% and above) must have a certificate in support of his / her claim from a competent authority of West Bengal issued on or before the closing date of submission of application as specified below : (a) For S.C., S.T. & 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, in this behalf and the District Welfare Officer, Kolkata and Ex-officio Joint Director, Backward Classes Welfare. <u>[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 and relevant amendments there to]</u> (iii) OBC (Non Creamy Layer) candidates must submit their renewed/revalidated OBC (Non Creamy Layer) certificates prior to interview and at the time of appointment. The eligibility of a candidate for applying as Other Backward Classes (Category 'A' & 'B', shall be guided by the following Notifications and any other subsequent notifications if issued, by Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal, till the last date of submission of Online Application for this advertisement. 917-BCW/MR-33/2025, dated 8th May, 2025. 1056-BCW/MR-33/2025 (Pt.I), dated 27th May, 2025. 1057-BCW/MR-38/2025, dated 27th May, 2025. 1106-BCW/MR-33/2025, dated 3rd June, 2025. 1107-BCW/MR-38/2025, dated the 3rd June, 2025. 912/Secy/BCW, dated 13.06.2025. The operation of the above mentioned Notifications will be subject to outcome of pending legal proceedings in the competent Court of Law and the Commission shall abide by such order, if any, arising out of such legal proceedings. OBC Classification of OBC-A and OBC-B and the percentage of reservation for OBC shall be subject to the result of the pending litigations before The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and The Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta. (b) For Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) :- (i) A Medical Board constituted at Government Medical College Hospitals in Kolkata, District Hospitals and Sub-divisional Hospitals as per extent provisions laid down in RPwD Acts & Rules. (ii) Certificate regarding Physical Limitation in an Examinee to write (APPENDIX-I) (Required for only those candidates who opt for Scribe and/Compensatory Time) (c) For EWS Candidate The benefit of reservation under EWS can be availed upon production of an Income and Asset Certificate issued by any of the following authorities in prescribed format as given in Annexure C. (i) In the District, Additional District Magistrate in charge of development matters of the District Concerned. (i) District Welfare Officer, Kolkata and Ex-officio Joint Director, BCW&TD in respect of Kolkata covering the jurisdiction of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. [in terms of PAR Department memo no. 325-PAR(AR)/3P-1/2019 dated 09.07.2019, read with BCW Department Memo No. 959-BCW/MR-52/2019 dated 18.05.2023]. However, any EWS certificate issued in favour of a candidate by the erstwhile authorities as mentioned vide said P&AR Department memo will also be allowed if found valid (iii) EWS candidates must submit their renewed/revalidated certificates regarding EWS status prior to interview and at the time of appointment. (2) 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. N.B.: Candidates belonging to categories as stated at (a), (b) & (c) above must upload their caste/category certificate in pdf format (not more than 100kb) failing which application will not be accepted.
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NOTE:

The Judicial Department, Government of West Bengal issued a Notification bearing No.1324-J, dated 18th April, 2024 exempting the persons **suffering from Autism, Intellectual Disability and Mental Illness** from the purview of reservation in terms of proviso to section 33 of the Rights of Persons With Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016). **The said Notification dated 18th April, 2024 is reproduced here:**

NOTIFICATION

No.1324-J, dated 18th April, 2024 – WHEREAS a person holding the posts of Civil Judge (junior division)/Judicial Magistrate (hereinafter referred to as the said post) in the West Bengal Judicial Service under the Judicial Department, Government of West Bengal, is required to examine several documents and is also required to take into consideration the fact of the cases before making proper adjudication of the litigation after hearing the parties;

AND WHEREAS judicial mind is required to be applied by the judicial officers before any cases are disposed of by them.

AND WHEREAS any commission or omission on the part of the judicial officers, may hinder dispensation of justice to the litigant parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, considering above aspects of the functional domain of the said post and in exercise of the power conferred by section 33 of the Rights of Persons With Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Governor, in pursuance of the proceedings of the meeting of the Expert Committee held on the 4th day of March, 2024 is pleased hereby to identify the post in the Judicial Department, Government of West Bengal, as mentioned in column (3), to be reserved for the category of persons with benchmark disabilities under the said Act mentioned in column (5), of the Table below.

TABLE

Sl. No.	Group of Post	Designation of Post	Functional Requirements of Post	Suitable Category of Benchmark Disabilities	Nature of Work Performed
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	A	Civil Judge (Junior Division/ Judicial Magistrate)	S,RW,C	(a) B,LV (b) D,HH (c) OA,OL BA,BL OAL BLOA BLA,SD & SI,CP,LC, Dw,AAV, MDy, (d) SLD (e) MD Involving (a) to (d) above	As identified by Judicial Department, Govt. of West Bengal

Note 1.- It may be explained that abbreviations used for functional requirements of posts shall denote as follows:-

S – Sitting, RW = Reading & Writing, C = Communication.

Note 2. – it may further be explained that abbreviations used for Category of Benchmark Disabilities shall denote as follows:-

B=Blind, LV-Low Vision, D=Deaf, HH= Hard of Hearing, OA= One Arm, OL= One Leg, BA= Both Arms, BL= Both Leg, OAL= One Arm and One Leg, BLOA= Both Leg & One Arm, BLA=Both Legs Arms, Spinal Deformity (SD) and Spinal Injury (SI) without any associated neurological/limb dysfunction, CP=Cerebral Palsy, LC= Leprosy Cured, Dw= Dwarfism, AAV=Acid Attack Victims, MDy=Muscular Dystrophy, SLD=Specific Learning Disability, MD= Multiple Disabilities.

Note 3.- For removal of doubts, it may also be explained that persons with SD/SI with associated limb dysfunction shall be covered under the respective sub-category such as OA, OL, BA, BL, OAL, BLOA, BLA, as the case may be.

2. This notification shall be valid for a period of three (3) years in accordance with the provision of section 33(iii) of the said Act unless earlier reviewed for ascertaining identified post for persons with benchmark disabilities at a periodic interval.

By order of the Governor,

Sd/- S. Kanjilal

Principal Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal

CAUTION	i. Candidates are advised to read thoroughly and cautiously the "Advertisement" and "Scheme & Syllabus" ii. Application once submitted shall be treated as final. No request for change in application form and no claim for being a member of the EWS, SC, ST, OBC (Non- Creamy Layer) and PwBD community will be entertained after the final submission of application. iii. 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. iv. Answers should be given in chronological sequence for all Conventional type papers. v. 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. vi. 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. vii. The conditions prescribed cannot be relaxed in any case other than those mentioned in this <u>Advertisement</u>. viii. 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 for 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 an admit card. ix. Mobile Phones, Smart Watches, Bluetooth 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 examination. x. <u>There will be arrangements for frisking of the candidates at entry points of venues – separately for male and female candidates.</u> xi. 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.
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PENALTY	Penalty for disclosure of identity shall be imposed as per the decisions of the Full Commission, dated 14th January, 2021.
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LANGUAGE FOR ANSWERING IN THE MAIN EXAMINATION	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.
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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. i) If a candidate is declared unfit by the Medical Board and/or declared unsuitable to avail the benefit of concession as prescribed vide notification no. 4080-SW dated 27/09/1989 of erstwhile Relief and Social Welfare Department, his/her candidature will be cancelled. ii) If a PwBD candidate is found having benchmark disability less than 40% during medical examination, he/she will be exempted from the benefit of reservation for the post reserved for the PwBD candidates.
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VERIFICATION OF ANTECEDENT BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY	Candidates who will be selected for appointment are required to undergo verification of antecedent by the concerned Police authorities before offering appointment by the concerned appointing authority. Candidature will be cancelled for any adverse report on verification of antecedent received from the competent authority as per extant Govt. order.
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DEDUCTION OF MARKS	THERE SHALL BE NEGATIVE MARKING FOR EACH WRONG ANSWER TO MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (MCQ TYPE) WHICH WILL ALSO BE PRINTED ON THE TOP OF QUESTION BOOKLET.												
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.												
DISPLAY OF MODEL ANSWERS	After display of Model Answers (MCQ Type) in the Commission's website, objections by the candidates need to be filed strictly within the specified time limit, beyond which no objection will be entertained.												
TIE BREAKING PRINCIPLES	(i) Preference will be given to the candidate with higher marks in Personality Test; (ii) If there is still a tie, preference will be given to the candidate securing higher marks in compulsory aggregate; (iii) If there is still a tie, preference will be given to the higher aggregate marks in the best of three compulsory papers of each candidate and even if there is tie there after preference will be given to the higher aggregate marks in the best of two compulsory papers of each candidate and in case of a further tie only the marks of the best compulsory paper will be taken into consideration; (iv) If there is a still tie, preference will be given to the candidate higher in age.												
QUALIFYING STANDARD	The Commission has fixed the following category wise qualifying marks in aggregate. Aggregate marks will be comprised of the marks obtained in Written Examination and Personality Test taken together. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>UR</td><td>40%</td></tr> <tr> <td>EWS</td><td>40%</td></tr> <tr> <td>OBC (A & B)</td><td>38%</td></tr> <tr> <td>SC</td><td>35%</td></tr> <tr> <td>ST</td><td>30%</td></tr> <tr> <td>PwBD</td><td>30%</td></tr> </table> The Commission will, however, have the liberty of further relaxation qualifying marks, if sizeable no. of posts in Reserved Categories remain unfilled.	UR	40%	EWS	40%	OBC (A & B)	38%	SC	35%	ST	30%	PwBD	30%
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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 unsuitable, his / her candidature / allotment will be cancelled even after recommendation. The Preliminary Examination is meant to serve as a Screening test only for the purpose of selection of candidates for the Final Examination. The marks obtained by the candidates in the Preliminary Examination will not be counted for the purpose of determining the Final merit list. The Final merit list will be prepared on the basis of total marks obtained in the Final Examination and the Personality Test. There shall be no separate Qualifying marks for any individual paper or for the Personality Test. The Commission shall have discretion to fix qualifying marks in the aggregate.												

Commencement of submission of online application : **22/08/2025**
Closing date for submission of online application : **21/09/2025 (upto 3 p.m.)**
Closing date for submission of fees through online only: **21/09/2025 (upto 3 p.m.)**

Edit Window: 24/09/2025 to 30/09/2025 (upto 3:00 p.m.).

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTION REGARDING EDIT WINDOW

1. The applicant will be allowed to edit some of the fields, if required. This option can be availed only once.
2. The Edit Window may be accessed by the applicants by logging into their individual accounts at **<https://psc.wb.gov.in/>**
3. 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.
4. Applicants willing to change their address may first change the same in the Profile Section and then use the Edit option.
5. The Edit option can be availed only **once** during the aforesaid period. No request for any change would be entertained after the above mentioned period.

IF, AT ANY STAGE OF EXAMINATION, AN APPLICANT IS FOUND TO HAVE SUBMITTED FALSE INFORMATION REGARDING HIS/HER AGE, QUALIFICATIONS AND CASTE/CATEGORY, HE/SHE WILL ENTAIL PENAL ACTION AS DEEMED FIT BY THE COMMISSION AND HIS/HER CANDIDATURE IS LIABLE TO CANCELLATION.

For further details and assistance the candidates may contact on the following e-mail ID

Email-id :- pscwbit01@gmail.com

Place: Kolkata
Date: 13.08.2025

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).