



ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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**Recruitment to the Post of Assistant Agriculture Officer in Class-II, Group-B
under Agriculture Department.**

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

- WARNING:**
- (1) **ONLINE APPLICATION FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE TILL 17.08.2015 BY 11:59 P.M.**
 - (2) **LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION FEE AT ANY BRANCH OF STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI) IS 19.08.2015.**
 - (3) **LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF PRINT OUT/HARD COPY OF ONLINE APPLICATION ALONGWITH COPY OF SPECIFIED CERTIFICATES / DOCUMENTS IS 26.08.2015 BY 5.00 P.M.**

Applications are invited Online through the proforma Application Form to be made available on the WEBSITE (<http://opsconline.gov.in>) from 25.07.2015 to 17.08.2015 (Note; 19.08.2015 is the last date for payment of application fee) for recruitment to the posts of Assistant Agriculture Officer in Class-II, Group-B under Agriculture 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 Online Application must be followed by submission of Hard Copy of the same along with copies of certificates by the last date i.e. 26.08.2015.

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

Sl. No.	Category	No. of vacancies
1.	Un-reserved	75 (25-w)
2.	S.E.B.C.	17 (06-w)
3.	Scheduled Caste	24 (08-w)
4.	Scheduled Tribe	34 (11-w)
	Total	150 (50-w)

NB: Vacancies reserved for SC/ST/SEBCs candidates are only meant for SC/ST/SEBCs candidates belonging to Odisha.

Out of the total 150 number of vacancies mentioned above 05 (five) posts are reserved for Ex-Servicemen, 05 (five) posts are reserved for Physically Handicapped and, 02 (two) post is reserved for Sports Persons.

Out of five posts reserved for P.H. persons, 03(01-W) posts are reserved for One Leg affected (MNR) category and 02 (01-W) posts are reserved for PD (with suitable aid) category and in case of non-availability in a particular category, these post shall be filled up by other category.

Further it is clarified that the persons with disability of one leg affected (Right leg or Left) and Partially Deaf (PD) and being physically fit to perform work by standing, walking, speaking/hearing and seeing are required for the post of Assistant Agriculture Officer.

Candidates belonging to Ex-Servicemen, P.H. (Physically Handicapped) & Sports Persons shall be adjusted against the categories to which they belong.

- (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) Exchange of reservation between Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe will not be considered.
- (c) 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. **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:** A candidate must have possessed a 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 1st day of January 2015. i.e. he/she must have been born not earlier than 2nd January 1983 and not later than 1st January 1994.

The upper age-limit prescribed above is relaxable by 5 (five) years for candidates belonging to the categories of Schedule Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (S.T.), Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC), Women, Ex-Servicemen & by 10 (ten) years for candidates belonging to P.H. [Physically Handicapped] category whose disability should not be less than 40%.

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:**

A candidate is required to pay a non-refundable and non-adjustable fee of Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two Hundred) only. Candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe of Odisha and Physically Handicapped candidate whose disability is not less than 40 % (forty Percent), 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 and Viva Voce Test. Before conducting the Viva Voce Test, 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.

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 shall 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 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 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/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. OTHER CONDITIONS:

- (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 SCs, S.Ts & SEBCs by birth are admissible to the Schedule Caste, Scheduled Tribes & Socially and Educationally Backward Classes of Odisha only;**
- (vii) The period of probation is two years with effect from the date he/she actually joins the post;
- (viii) 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.
- (ix) 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;
- (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.

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 Viva Voce Test will be required to bring with them the original certificates, mark-sheets etc. of the attested copies for verification before commencement of the Viva Voce Test.

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 Agriculture Certificate issued by the recognized University;
- (iv) Mark-sheets in support of all the aforesaid Examinations (i.e. H.S.C. to Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture) passed 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 "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 Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture.)

(v) Required pass certificate issued by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha before the closing date, 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; if not passed Odia as a subject in the High school Certificate Examination or equivalent Examination.

NOTE-1: [Candidates calming to be belonging to S.C. / S.T. / SEBC category of Odisha by birth are required to submit copy of the relevant Caste Certificate issued by the competent authority in the prescribed form.] Candidates of SEBC Category (other than Creamy Layer) must submit copy of caste certificate issued by the competent authority within the last three years from the date of issue of the advertisement in the prescribed form.

- (i) Women candidates belonging to S.C/S.T./SEBC 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) OBC CERTIFICATE **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** IN LIEU OF SEBC CERTIFICATES AND CANDIADTES SUBMITTING OBC CERTIFICATES WILL BE TERATED AS UN-RESERVED CANDIADTES.
- (iii) Candidates if submits S.E.B.C certificate which is more than three years old as on the date of issue of the advertisement, will be treated as U.R. category.
- (iv) Community (Caste status) once mentioned by the candidates shall not be changed under any circumstances.

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.

- (v) Discharge Certificate issued by the Commanding Officer of the Unit last served, where applicable.
- (vi) Disability Certificate (indicating percentage of disability) issued by the concerned Medical Board where applicable.
- (vii) Two recent passport size photographs (unsigned and unattested) which has been uploaded in the Online Application Form.
- (viii) 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. 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://opsonline.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. Thereafter the candidates who are required to pay the fee shall take a printout of online challan (pay-in-slip) for payment of requisite fee of Rs. 200/- (two hundred) only at any branch of State Bank of India (SBI). The Fee paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be adjusted or held in reserve for any other examination or recruitment.
- h. 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 **26.08.2015**.
- The envelope containing the application must be superscribed "Application for the post of **ASSISTANT AGRICULTURE OFFICER**". 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.**
- 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 viva voce test/ 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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