

ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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Recruitment to the post of Assistant Agriculture Officer in Group-B of Odisha Agriculture and Food Production Service under Agriculture Department.

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

- WARNING: (1) ONLINE APPLICATION FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE TILL 18.10.2012 BY 11:59 P.M.**
- (2) LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION FEE AT ANY STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI) BRANCH IS 20.10.2012.**
- (3) LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF PRINT OUT/HARD COPY OF ONLINE APPLICATION ALONGWITH COPY OF SPECIFIED DOCUMENTS/ CERTIFICATES IS 31.10.2012 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 **19.09.2012 to 18.10.2012**. (Note; **20.10.2012 is the last date for payment of application fee**) for recruitment to the posts of Assistant Agriculture Officer in Group-B of Odisha Agriculture and Food Production Service 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.

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

Sl. No.	Category	No. of vacancies
1.	Un-reserved	155 (51-W)
2.	S.E.B.C.	35 (12-W)
3.	Scheduled Caste	51 (17-W)
4.	Scheduled Tribe	70 (23-W)
	Total	311 (103-W)

- (a) Out of the vacancies mentioned above, 09(nine) vacancies are reserved for Ex-Servicemen, 03(three) vacancies are reserved for Sports Persons and 09(nine) vacancies are reserved for Physically Handicapped i.e. Deaf-4 (1 woman) & Orthopedically Handicapped-5 (2 women). Further it is clarified that P.H. persons with disability of one leg affected (Right and/or Left) and partially Deaf (PD) and having physically fit to perform work by standing, walking, speaking/hearing and seeing are required for the post of Assistant Agriculture Officer. [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”.

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

- (b) In the event of non-availability or availability of insufficient number of eligible/suitable women candidates belonging to any particular category, the vacancies or the remaining vacancies reserved for women candidates shall be filled up by male candidates of the same category.
- (c) 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 Agriculture from any of the recognized Universities in India.

4. **AGE:** A candidate should be under 32(thirty-two) years and over 21(twenty- one) years of age on the 1st January 2012.

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 & 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%.

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 only are exempted from payment of this fee.**

candidates are required to take a printout of finally submitted online Application for future use and take printout of online challan (pay- in- slip) for payment of requisite fee at any branch of State Bank of India(SBI). The fee paid shall neither be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be adjusted or held in reserve for any other examination or recruitment.

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. The Commission at their discretion may short-list the candidates to a reasonable number for conducting viva voce test 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 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 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, within the prescribed age limit and fulfill other eligibility conditions etc. by the closing date of receipt of 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) **Online 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 Examination/Viva Voce test will be provisional. If on verification at any stage before or after the Examination/Viva Voce test, it is found that a candidate does not fulfil all 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.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;**
- (vii) The period of probation is two years with effect from the date of 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) **No one will be admitted to the examination unless he/she holds a certificate of admission uploaded in the website of the O.P.S.C. The eligible candidates may download their Admission Certificate from the Website of the Commission and produce the same before the centre supervisor for admission to the examination at the concerned centre. No separate admission certificate will be sent to the candidates.**
- (x) 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;
- (xi) Any misrepresentation or suppression of information by the candidate in the Online Application Form, will result in cancellation of his/her candidature or penalty, as may be decided by the Commission, be imposed on the candidate.

- (xii) 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.
- (xiii) 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.
- (xiv) 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.

9. CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED:

Candidates are required to submit along with the printout/hard copy of online application, true copies of the following certificates and documents, duly **attested by the candidate or a Gazetted Officer or Notary Public**. **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 Test will be required to bring with them the original certificates, mark-sheets etc.for verification before commencement of the Viva Voce Test.

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) B.Sc.(Agriculture) Degree Certificate issued by the recognized University;
- (iv) Mark-sheets in support of all the aforesaid Examinations passed (i.e. H.S.C. to B.Sc.(Ag.) 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 relevant box of the Online Application Form, the candidate has to mention the marks secured (excepting marks secured in the Extra Optional/Fourth Optional) in each examination passed (i.e. H.S.C. to B.Sc.(Ag.) 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; if not passed Odia as a subject in the High school Certificate or equivalent examination.

- (vi) Candidates claiming to be belonging to S.C./S.T./S.E.B.C. category **of Odisha BY BIRTH** are required to enclose with the application, copy of the relevant Caste/Tribe Certificate issued by the competent authority in the prescribed form, wherever applicable. Candidates of S.E.B.C. category (other than Creamy Layer) must enclose Caste Certificate **issued by the competent authority 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-Collector or Executive Magistrate or Revenue Officer, not below the rank of Tahasildar/Additional Tahasildar of Government of Odisha;

NOTE-1 (a): Women Candidates belonging to S.C/S.T./S.E.B.C. are required to submit Caste Certificate by birth showing “daughter of.....” . Caste Certificate by virtue of marriage (i.e. showing “wife of”) is not acceptable.

(b): O.B.C. CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF S.E.B.C. CERTIFICATES.

(c): Community (caste status) once mentioned by the candidate on the Online Application shall not be changed under any circumstance.

NOTE-2 - Degree Certificate, Caste Certificate, Odia pass certificate, Discharge certificate of Ex-Sericeman (wherever applicable), Sports Persons certificate(wherever applicable), and Disability Certificate of Physically Handicapped Persons (wherever applicable) must have been issued by the competent authority before the last date fixed for receipt of applications.

(vii) **Ex-Servicemen** are required to attach copy of Discharge Certificate issued by the Commanding Officer of the Unit last served, where applicable.

(viii) **Sports Persons** are required to attach copy of Identity Card issued by the Director of Sports, Odisha, where applicable.

(ix) **Physically Handicapped persons** are required to attach Disability Certificate (indicating percentage of disability issued by the concerned Medical Board, where applicable.

(x) Two recent passport size photographs (**unsigned and unattested**), which has been **uploaded in the Online Application Form.**

(xi) 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 this Detailed 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 form,**
 - ii) **Guidelines for scanning and Uploading of Photograph, Full Signature & Left Thumb Impression.**
- d. Candidates are requested 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, 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. The candidates are required to take a printout of the finally submitted Online Application Form for future use and take a printout of Online Challan (Pay-in-Slip) for payment of requisite fee 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.
- g. 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.
- h. Candidates are required to send the Printout/Hard copy of the Online Application Form along with specified documents and certificates etc. as provided under para-9 of this Detailed Long Advertisement along with OPSC copy of challan showing payment of application fee, 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 **31.10.2012**. The S.C. and S.T. candidates are not required to enclose the copy of challan showing payment of fee.
- 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. The candidates may also submit the copy of the print out/hard copy of Online Application along with copies of the certificates and requisite documents in the office of the Odisha Public Service Commission, directly/personally on or before the last date of receipt of applications, at the counter,
- 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. **Certificate of admission to the examination or 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 admission certificate from the website of the Commission. No separate correspondence will be made on this score.**

11. FACILITATION COUNTER:

For any type of query relating to submission of online application, the candidates may contact **Sanjog Helpline (Toll free No.18003456770 or 155335)** between 10.00A.M. to 5.00P.M.on any Odisha Government working day.

In case of any guidance/information on this advertisement and recruitment, candidates may contact the O.P.S.C. Facilitation Counter over Telephone No.0671-2304141/2305611 & Extn.- 207 or 223 on any working day between 10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. & 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M or may contact through email with id opsc@nic.in.

The candidates are required to visit the website of the Commission at <http://opsconline.gov.in> in OR <http://opsc.nic.in> for detail information about important notices, rejection of application the date and time of interview etc. and also keep track of publication of various notices to the effect in the leading local daily newspaper for information.

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DATED :

**SPECIAL SECRETARY,
ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION,
CUTTACK.**