6. QUALIFICATIONS & AGE LIMIT:

Only those candidates who possess the qualifications and eligibility prescribed under Telangana State Judicial (Service and Cadre) Rules 2023 shall be eligible to apply.

A) DIRECT RECRUITMENT:

As per Rule 2(f) of the Telangana State Judicial (Service and Cadre) Rules 2023, "Direct Recruitment" means appointment of a person; who is not in the service of the Government of India or the Government of the State; to any category in the service through the process of inviting applications directly from all eligible and qualified persons.

A person to be appointed to the category of Civil Judge (Junior Division) -

(I) Shall posses a Degree in Law of a University in India established or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act or an Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission and enrolled in the Bar Council as an Advocate.

(and)

Must have been practicing as an Advocate or Pleader in the High Court for the State of Talangana or Courts working under the control of the High Court for the Sate of Talangana for a period of not less than 3 years as on the date of Notification for recruitment to the post i.e. 10.04.2024. Candidate shall produce certificate of practice obtained from the concerned Bar Association as proof.

(and)

Must have attained the age of 23 years and must not have attained the age of 35 years in the case of open category and 40 years in the case of persons belonging to EWS, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes as on the date of Notification for recruitment to the post is made i.e. 10.04.2024.

(or)

(II)(a) Must be a Law Graduate possessing a Degree in Law from a recognized University as mentioned in Clause (I) above, who is eligible to be enrolled as an Advocate and who has secured an overall 60% marks in acquiring such a Law Degree in case of open categories and 55% marks in respect of other reserved categories (SC/ST/BCs) and has not enrolled as

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an Advocate. To fall into this category, candidate must have obtained Degree of Law within a period of three years prior to the date of Notification.

(and)

(b) Must have attained the age of 23 years and must not have completed the age of 26 years as on the date of notification for selection to the post is issued i.e. 10.04.2024. The upper age limit is relaxable by 5 years in case of persons belonging to EWS, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes.

(or)

- (III) Shall be a person who has enrolled as an Advocate, in the Bar Association/s of the Telangana State, but do not possess three years practice at the Bar would be eligible to appear in the recruitment for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division), under the category of fresh Law Graduates, provided they satisfy the other requisite eligibility criteria. Candidate shall produce certificate of practice obtained from the concerned Bar Association as proof.
- 1) Candidate must have good character and is free from any disability which renders him/her unfit for such appointment.
 - 2) No person is eligible for appointment to the category if he/she:
 - I) is not a citizen of India;
 - II) is dismissed from service by any High Court, Government and Statutory or Local Authority;
 - III) is convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude as defined in Conduct Rules:
 - IV) is or has been permanently debarred or disqualified by the High Court or Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Service Commission or any other Recruiting Authority from appearing for examinations or selections conducted by it;
 - V) directly or indirectly influences the Recruitment Authority by any means for his/her candidature;
 - VI) has more than one living spouse and marries knowingly a person having a spouse.

All the candidates applying for the posts of Civil Judge (Junior Division) under Direct Recruitment, must be able to read, speak and write the Telugu language fluently and shall pass test as may be prescribed by the High Court.

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B) RECRUITMENT BY TRANSFER:

A person to be appointed to the category of Civil Judge (Junior Division) by recruitment by transfer:

- Must hold a Degree in Law awarded by any University established by Law in India, or incorporated by or under a Central Act or a State Act or an Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission, and which is valid for enrollment as an Advocate as per the Rules of the Bar Council of India and,
- 2) has not completed forty eight (48) years of age as on the date of Notification for selection to the post is made i.e., 10.04.2024.
- 3) A person to be appointed in this category must maintain good character and conduct in the entire service.
- 4) The recruitment to the transfer category shall be on the basis of written examination and viva-voce as prescribed by the High Court.

Provided that a staff member who is facing disciplinary proceedings or Criminal proceedings or has undergone or is undergoing punishment for any misconduct in discharge of his/her duties is not eligible during the pendency of disciplinary proceedings / Criminal proceedings or during the currency of such punishment, for recruitment to the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division).

Eligible categories to apply under Recruitment by Transfer who must be an confirmed members of Service or an approved probationers in the following categories of posts:

- i) Section Officers, Court Officers, Scrutiny Officers, Accounts Officer, Court Masters, Personal Secretaries to Hon'ble Judges, Personal Secretaries to Registrars, Translators and Deputy Section Officers, Overseer, Assistant Section Officers, Computer Operators, Assistant Librarians, U.D.Stenos, Assistants, Examiners, Typists and Copyists working in the High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
- ii) Chief Administrative Officers, Senior Superintendents, Superintendents, Stenographers Grade-I, II & III, Senior Assistants, Junior Assistants and Typists of the Telangana Judicial Ministerial and Subordinate Service;
- iii) Assistant Public Prosecutors, Senior Assistant Public Prosecutors, Additional Public Prosecutors Grade-II of Telangana State Prosecution Services;
- iv) Section Officers in the Law Department of Secretariat of the State of Telangana;

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- v) Section Officers in the Legislature Department of the State of Telangana; and
- vi) Managers of the Offices of the Advocate General; Government Pleader; Public Prosecutor of the State of Telangana.

All the candidates applying for the posts of Civil Judge (Junior Division) under Recruitment by Transfer, must be able to read, speak and write the Telugu language fluently and shall pass test as may be prescribed by the High Court.

7. RELAXATION OF AGE LIMIT IN RESPECT OF CANDIDATES BELONGING TO DIFFIRENTLY-ABLED CATEGORY AND EX-SERVICEMEN OF DEFENSE SERVICES:

The upper age limit of 35 years is relaxable by 10 years in respect of differently-abled persons.

In case of an applicant who served in the defence services of the Indian Union and who is otherwise qualified and suitable, the period of service rendered by him/her in the defense service, shall be excluded in computing the upper age limit, for appointment by direct recruitment.

8. METHOD OF RECRUITMENT, MINIMUM MARKS AND SYLLABUS:

The process of selection:

a) For the purpose of shortlisting the candidates, the High Court will conduct Screening Test (Computer Based Test) for 100 marks comprising of 100 multiple choice objective type Questions. The duration of examination will be two (2) hours. The Venue and Time of the test will be mentioned in the Hall Ticket to be downloaded by the applicant at appropriate point of time.

The candidates who secure 40% and above marks in the screening test will be short listed in the ratio of 1:10 of the available vacancies, for calling for a written examination.

The marks obtained in the screening test shall not be added to the marks obtained in the written examination and they shall not be counted for determining final order of merit of the candidates, as the screening test is conducted for the purpose of short listing the candidates.

- b) Written Examinations consisting of the following three (3) papers will be held.
 - i) Civil Laws,
 - ii) Criminal Laws and,

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