



THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA

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NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from qualified Indian Citizens for appointment to the following post in the High Court of Kerala. Candidate shall apply **ONLINE** through the Recruitment Portal (www.hckrecruitment.nic.in) of the High Court. No other means/ modes of applications will be accepted.

1. **Recruitment Number** : 8/2023
2. **Name of the Post** : WATCHMAN
3. **Scale of Pay** : ₹24400-55200
4. **Number of vacancies and Validity of Ranked List** : 4 (Four)(anticipated vacancies)
(Vacancies that may arise during the period of validity of the ranked list shall also be filled up from the list. The ranked list prepared pursuant to this notification shall remain in force for a minimum period of one year from the date on which it is brought into force and shall continue to remain in force until the publication of a fresh list or till the expiry of two years, whichever is earlier.)
5. **Method of Appointment** : Direct Recruitment
6. **Qualification**: 1. Should have passed S.S.L.C or equivalent and should not have acquired graduation. 2. Good physique. 3. Willingness to work day and night as directed.
Note: Differently abled candidates are not eligible to apply.
7. **Age Limit** :
 - i) Candidates born between 02/01/1987 and 01/01/2005 (both days inclusive) are eligible to apply.
 - ii) Candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes born between 02/01/1982 and 01/01/2005 (both days inclusive) are eligible to apply.
 - iii) Candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes born between 02/01/1984 and 01/01/2005 (both days inclusive) are eligible to apply.
 - iv) A candidate who is an Ex-serviceman or Ex-general Reserve Engineer Force person or a disembodied Territorial Army person, in reckoning the age for his eligibility for appointment can exclude the period of his service in the defence forces or in the General Reserve Engineer Force or in the Territorial Army, as the case may be, and the period of unemployment on discharge up to a maximum of five years provided he has not completed the age of 50 years.
 - v) Age relaxation upto 5 years will be granted to widows subject to the condition that in no case upper age limit shall exceed 50 years.
8. **Mode of Selection** : i) Selection will be on the basis of Written Test and Interview. The written test will be of Objective Type. The Objective Test with 75 minutes duration to be answered in OMR Answer Sheet will have 4 topics (Total 100 marks) as follows : (a) General Knowledge & Current affairs – 50 marks, (b) Numerical ability – 20 marks, (c) Mental ability – 15 marks and (d) General English – 15 marks. Each question will carry 1 mark. For every incorrect answer, 1/4 mark will be deducted. The medium of the test will be bilingual in English & Malayalam.
 - ii) **Interview** : The interview is for 10 marks. The minimum marks for being included in the ranked list will be 35% in the interview.
 - iii) The number of candidates to be included in the Short List of candidates to be called for the interview will be decided by the High Court having regard to the number of vacancies notified and the chances of occurrence of vacancies.

9. **Application Fee** : ₹500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only). Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes candidates are exempted from payment of application fee. For payment of fee, candidates should either use system generated Fee Payment Challan or pay online through Debit Card/ Credit Card/Net Banking by following instructions on the screen. Bank Transaction charges for Payment of application fee, if applicable, will have to be borne by the candidate.
10. **Examination Centres** :Examination centres will be decided having regard to the number of candidates applied.
11. Documents in original to prove age, qualification, community, Non Creamy Layer status, EWS status etc. should be produced as and when called for, failure of which will entail cancellation of candidature. Candidates are required to submit a Medical Certificate at the time of interview to prove their good physique.(Format of Certificate will be available in the link '**Downloads**' in the recruitment portal)
12. Candidates who are in the service of the Government of India or any of the State Governments, while applying shall furnish the fact of his/her employment in the respective column of the application and shall produce a service certificate/NOC from the Head of office proving his/her employment at the time of certificate verification.
13. The candidate, while applying, should ensure that he/she fulfill the eligibility and other norms mentioned here. **The candidate should have acquired the prescribed qualification on or before the date fixed for closure of STEP-II process. The date for determining whether a candidate does possess the qualification shall be the date fixed for closure of STEP – II process. The candidate who is shortlisted for interview will have to submit an affidavit that he/she has not been in possession of graduation as on the date fixed for closure of STEP – II process.**
14. The candidate should ensure that the particulars furnished by him/her are correct in all respects. Anything not specifically claimed in the application against the appropriate field will not be considered at a later stage. In case it is detected at any stage of the recruitment that a candidate does not fulfill the eligibility norms and/or that he/she furnished any incorrect/false information or has suppressed any material facts, his/her candidature will stand cancelled. If suppression of material facts or furnishing of any incorrect/false information is detected even after appointment, his/her service is liable to be terminated.
15. Applications not submitted in accordance with the eligibility and other norms mentioned in this Notification as well as the instructions published in the Recruitment Portal of the High Court will be summarily rejected.
16. Canvassing in any form will entail cancellation of candidature.
17. Appointment from the Ranked List will be made in accordance with rules of reservation prescribed in the Rules 14 to 17 of Part II of the Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958 and in accordance with the rules made for the purpose from time to time.
18. **How to Apply:**
 - a) The online application process has two parts - **Step-I** and **Step-II**. 'Step-I/ New Applicant' is the first part for registration of the applicants. 'Step-II/ Registered Applicant' is the second part of the process for those applicants who had completed Step-I. **A candidate's online application is complete only if he/she completes both the steps which include the submission of application by clicking the 'FINAL SUBMISSION' option available in Step –II process and payment of application fee (if applicable).**
 - b) Candidates are advised to have a **valid Mobile Number / valid personal e-mail ID**. No request for change of Mobile Number/e-mail ID will be entertained. High Court will send various intimations relating to the recruitment as **SMS/e-mail** to this Mobile Number/e-mail ID.
 - c) In case a candidate does not have a valid personal e-mail ID, he/she may create an e-mail ID before applying online.
 - d) If the candidate does not mention his/her Mobile Number/e-mail ID, no intimation relating to the recruitment will be sent to the candidate. Such candidates will have to visit the recruitment portal frequently for getting information about the recruitment.

- e) Before applying online, a candidate will be required to have a **scanned (digital) image of his/her photograph and signature** (in a pen drive or CD) as per the following specifications;

| Sl. No. | Image | File size | Dimensions (should be the exact size) | |
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| | | | Height | Width |
| 1 | Photograph | 20 KB to 40 KB | 200 pixels | 150 pixels |
| 2 | Signature | 10 KB to 20 KB | 100 pixels | 150 pixels |

- f) For further details the candidates are advised to visit the link "**Guidelines for Photograph & Signature**" available on the main page. Candidates should take care to upload good quality photograph. Otherwise it would be difficult to identify the candidate from the photograph on the Admission Ticket. **If the candidate cannot be identified from the photograph printed on the Admission Ticket, he/she will not be allowed to write the examination.**
- g) The candidate should also keep the particulars of educational qualifications and other personal details ready before applying as these details are required to be entered in the online Application Form. The detailed requirements are given in the link "**Sample Application Form**" available in the main page.
- h) To start the application process, the candidates should click the link '**Step-I/ New Applicant**' in the web page or the '**Apply Online**' button available against the notification link. This will take the candidate to the next page where the options of '**POSTS**' are displayed. The candidate can access the **RECRUITMENT OF WATCHMAN main page** (hereafter called the main page) by clicking the option '**WATCHMAN**' available there. Before proceeding further, the candidate should read the detailed notification in the home page and How to Apply, Guidelines for Photograph & Signature, FAQ and Sample Application Form provided in the main page.
- i) In Step-I (Registration for New Applicants), the candidate has to fill in basic information about him/her. The information provided during Step-I process cannot be modified after submission with key number.
- j) Towards the end of Step-I process, the candidate will be asked to generate a **Key Number**. The Key Number should be **eight digit** long and it should contain at least one upper case letter (A,B,C,...), one lower case letter (a,b,c,...), one numerical digit (0,1,2,3,...) and one of the special characters (! @ # \$ % ^ * () _ + { } ; : < . >). The candidate is advised to **note down the Key Number and to keep it** securely till the selection process is over since it is required to be entered each time he/she log into the system. Under no circumstances, he/she should share/mention Key Number with/to any other person. **Before proceeding with the completion of the Step-I (Registration) process, the candidate should ensure that the reservation category, Religion and Caste of the candidate are shown correctly in the 'confirmation screen'.**
- k) On completion of Step-I, the candidate will be assigned an **Application Number** which will be displayed on the screen and intimated to the candidates through SMS/e-mail. Candidate can continue with the application filing process by clicking on the 'Proceed' button available in the above screen and complete the application filing process in one go, if he/she so desires, or exit the page.
- l) If the candidate opts to exit the page, he/she has to log into the system by clicking on the link "**Step-II / Registered Applicant**" and then entering the Application Number and Key Number. The candidate will then have access to the Step-II process.

- m) In Step-II/Registered Applicant, the link 'Upload Photograph and Signature' will be available. Only after completion of uploading of photograph and signature, the link – 'Application' will be visible. The details furnished by the candidates during Step-II process can be modified till the **Final Submission** of online applications. **However, the photograph and signature once uploaded cannot be changed.** Final Submission link will be available only if all the required details are furnished in the link 'Application' and its other dynamic sub links (Employment details, Service Particulars, Civil/Criminal cases etc.). The candidate should fill all the required information in these links.
- n) On satisfying that the information furnished are correct and complete, the candidate must finally submit the Application by clicking the link '**Final Submission**', and furnishing the details required therein. The process of online filing of application will be complete only on successful **Final Submission** of application as stated above. Once an online application is finally submitted, no further change can be made in Step-II. Therefore, the candidates are instructed to ensure the accuracy and correctness of details furnished before clicking the '**Final Submission**' button. Candidates may take note that the **application process will be complete only on payment of application fee, in applicable cases, after the 'Final Submission'**.
- o) **Payment of application fee is the last stage of the online application process.** After making '**Final Submission**' as indicated in clause (n) above, the candidate, if applicable, shall make the payment of application fee within the stipulated time. An application will be incomplete if applicable fee is not remitted and such applicants will not be considered for the selection process.
- p) **The application fee can be paid through online mode (Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking) or offline mode (Cash payment at the branches of the State Bank of India using the system generated fee payment challan).** Payment of fee by Demand Draft/Cheque/Money Orders/Postal Orders etc. will not be accepted. Fee once paid will not be refunded on any account nor can it be held in reserve for any other examination. The candidates are instructed to refer to the Terms & Conditions and policies with respect to payment, available in the payment page of the website. **Fee payment by either mode can be made only after the final submission of application as stated in clause (n) above.** The candidates should ensure that the web browser used by them is compatible with the same of Bank to make hassle free payment of application fee.
- i) *Online payment facility will be available from the date of commencement of Step I process. For making online payment of application fee, the candidate should click the link 'Fee Payment' available in the profile of the candidate and follow the instructions available on the screen.*
- ii) *Do not register again, in case, the amount has been already been debited from your account. Your payment may be in clearing and may take a few days to settle the amount. Once, the payment is successful, the 'Fee Payment' link will become inactive. The amount may be got refunded in some cases. Candidates are requested to check their bank account statement in such cases. In case, the online payment does not become success towards the last date for the offline payment, candidates have to pay the application fee through Offline mode by presenting the challan at any branch of the State Bank of India (SBI) on any day specifically mentioned in the notification for the said purpose. In case, two payments(online & offline payment) are made in respect of a single application, email shall be sent intimating the same upon which the extra payment made will be refunded.*

iii) *The challan for offline mode of fee payment can be downloaded from fee payment page available in the profile of the candidate till the date fixed for closure of Step II process. After that date, the same will be made available in the 'Application Status' link available in the Recruitment Portal. Payment through offline mode can be made only after the date for closure of Step II process.*

- q) Candidates who are exempted from fee payment and the candidates who wish to pay the fee through online mode (Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking) can complete the online application filing process in one go, if they desire so. In case the candidates do not intend to complete the online application filing process in one go, he/she can login to STEP-II link available in the Home Page by providing Application Number and Key Number and continue the process.
- r) The successful remittance of application fee marks the end of online application filing process.
- s) The candidates should take printout of Application and keep it for future reference. They need not send the printout of the online application or any other documents to the High Court.

20 **Admission Tickets/Call Letters for Written Test/ Interview:**

- i) The candidates should download the Admission Tickets/Call Letters from the link "STEP-II" from the recruitment portal www.hckrecruitment.nic.in.
- ii) The Admission Tickets for written test will be ready for download three weeks prior to the date of the written test and the Call Letters for Interview will be ready for download two weeks prior to the Interview and the candidate will be intimated through SMS/e-mail. The candidates who have found place in the Short List can download and take printout of the call letters for interview.
- iii) If a candidate is unable to download his Admission Ticket/Call Letter, he/she should contact the High Court at 0484-2562235. In case no communication is received in the office of the High Court from the candidate regarding non-receipt of his/her Admission Ticket/Call Letter at least one week before the Written Test/Interview, as the case may be, he/she will be solely responsible for non-receipt of his Admission Ticket/Call Letter. The candidates are also advised to visit the recruitment portal of the High Court (www.hckrecruitment.nic.in) at least once in a week to know about the schedule of the written test/ Interview.
- iv) The candidates should note that their admission to the written test/ interview will be purely provisional based on the information given by them in the Online Application Form. This will be subject to verification of all the eligibility conditions by the High Court.
- v) The mere fact that Admission Ticket/Call Letter has been issued to a candidate does not imply that his/her candidature has been finally cleared by the High Court or that entries made by the candidate in his/her application for the post of Watchman have been accepted by the High Court as true and correct. The High Court takes up the verification of eligibility conditions of a candidate, with reference to original documents, only after the candidate has qualified for the interview.

21. **Important Dates to be remembered with regard to the submission of application:**

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| Date of commencement of Step-I & Step-II processes and remittance of application fee through online mode | 04.10.2023 |
| Date of closure of Step-I process | 26.10.2023 |

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| Date of closure of Step-II process, and last date for remittance of application fee through online mode (Candidates who made online payments are requested to ensure that the 'Fee payment link has become inactive in order to confirm the payment, even if they have received message from their bank regarding successful payment of amount.) | 06.11.2023 |
| Commencement of remittance of application fee through offline mode at SBI branches. | 09.11.2023 |
| Last date for remittance of application fee through offline mode | 18.11.2023 |

22. In case of doubts, candidate may contact at 0484 - 2562235 (Recruitment & Examination Cell, High Court) on all working days between 10 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

(By Order)



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