

Date of Advertisement : 04/07/2024

**Last date of receiving
Application Form : 01/08/2024**

ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited by Speed Post duly addressed to **the Registrar General, High Court, Bombay-400 032** from eligible candidates who fulfill the eligibility criteria on the date of publication of this advertisement, for preparing **Select List of 25 candidates** and **Wait List of 06 candidates for the post of Marriage Counsellor**, to be appointed in various Family Courts in the State of Maharashtra, in the Pay Level of **S-20 (56100-177500)** as per 7th Pay Commission.

*** Eligibility Criteria :-**

1. Qualification :- A candidate for being eligible
 - (a) Must have a **Master's Degree in Social Work** and possess adequate knowledge of Marathi.
 - (b) Must have experience of at **least 2 years of Family Counselling** gained after acquiring a Master's Degree in Social Work.
 - (c) Must possess a **Computer Certificate** about proficiency in the operation of word processor in Windows and Linux in addition to M.S. Office, M.S. Word, Wordstar-7 and Open Office Org. obtained from any of the following Institutes :
 - i) Statutory Universities in the State of Maharashtra or Goa, as the case may be.
 - ii) Maharashtra or Goa State Board of Technical Education, as the case may be.
 - iii) NIC, DOEACC, APTECH, NIIT, C-DAC, DATAPRO, SSI, BOSTON, CEDIT, MS-CIT,
 - iv) Certificate regarding Qualification of computer knowledge issued by the Government of Maharashtra or Goa, as the case may be.
 2. Age Limit :- Not more than **40 years** as on the date of Advertisement (**45 years** of age in case of candidate belonging to the communities recognised as Backward by Government for the purpose of recruitment)
 3. Candidate should not have more than two living children born after 28.03.2006.
 4. Candidate shall not be eligible for appointment if he/she has been convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude or he/she is or has been permanently debarred or disqualified by the High Court/District Court or the Union Public Service Commission or any State Public Service Commission from appearing for examinations or selections conducted by it.
- * Note** :- i) Preference will be given to Law Graduates.
ii) A candidate who claims to belong to a Backward Class, must also produce a certificate from the prescribed authority to the effect that he/she belongs to a community recognised as Backward for the purpose of recruitment to service under the Government of Maharashtra.

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- iii) 4% posts for the persons with disabilities (PwD) are kept aside as per direction given in the Writ Petition (L) No. 1137 of 2018 with PIL No. 72 of 2018 filed for reservation for persons with disabilities. The posts for the persons with disabilities as may be notified after identification of the suitable categories of disability for this post, will be filled in near future as per the Notification of the High Court.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

1. The candidate shall submit the application (duly typed) by **Speed-Post only** in the prescribed format attached herewith on or before **01/08/2024** together with duly attested copies of Certificates i.e. copy of
 - (i) Certificate or proof of date of birth (Leaving/ Birth Certificate/ SSC Board Certificate)
 - (ii) Certificate of having passed the qualifying examination/degree.
 - (iii) Statement of marks obtained at the qualifying examination/degree.
 - (iv) Certificate of Character certifying that he/she bears good moral character from **two respectable persons** whose names are mentioned in the application form (issued on or after publication of this advertisement)
 - (v) A caste certificate from such authority as may be prescribed by the Government, wherever applicable.
 - (vi) Disability Certificate issued by the Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of concerned District Government Hospital, if applicable.
 - (vii) Declaration of Small Family as appended to the format of the application form, Form "A".
 - (viii) Candidate should disclose whether he/she has been arrested or detained or convicted for any offense, pendency of FIR/Criminal Complaint or decided criminal case against him/her or whether he/she is facing or has been held guilty in, disciplinary enquiry.

Note :- a) The applications received by Hand-Delivery will not be accepted.

b) The Envelope containing application should specifically mentioned on the top as **"APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF MARRIAGE COUNSELLOR"**

2. The candidate **shall not send any original documents/certificates** at the stage of submitting application.
3. No male candidate who has more than one wife living shall be eligible for appointment to service under the Government of Maharashtra unless Government, after being satisfied that there are special grounds for doing so, exempts any persons, subject to the provision of any law in force from the operation of this restriction.
4. No female candidate who has married a person having already a wife living shall be eligible for appointment to service under the Government of Maharashtra unless Government after being satisfied that there are special grounds for doing so, exempts her from the operation of this restriction.
5. Applications which are not in the prescribed format or containing incomplete information or not fulfilling the eligibility criteria will not be considered.

6. No complaint/grievance shall be entertained or heard by the High Court for non-receipt of Call Letters due to postal delay.
7. The prescribed format of application is available on the website of the High Court of Bombay i.e. <https://bombayhighcourt.nic.in>
8. The High Court reserves the right to adopt appropriate method of scrutiny, shortlisting the candidates at any stage.
9. The candidates if called for interview will have to appear before the interview Committee in the office of the High Court at Bombay for interview. No travelling allowance or any expenses shall be claimed by the candidate called for the interview. Appointment to the above posts of Counsellors will be initially on ad-hoc basis.
10. The eligible shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo for Interview.
11. The candidate, who is likely to be called for interview, must submit to the **Registrar (Inspection-I), High Court, Appellate Side, Bombay**, attested copies of the following certificates and originals thereof, at the time of interview :-
 - (i) Certificate or proof of date of birth (Leaving/Birth Certificate/SSC Board Certificate).
 - (ii) Certificate of having passed the qualifying examination/degree.
 - (iii) Statement of marks obtained at the qualifying examination/degree.
 - (iv) Certificate of Character certifying that he/she bears good moral character from two respectable persons whose names are mentioned in the application form (issued on or after publication of this advertisement).
 - (v) A caste certificate from such authority as may be prescribed by the Government, wherever applicable.
 - (vi) Disability certificate issued by the Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent of concerned District Government Hospital, if applicable.
 - (vii) Declaration of Small Family as appended to the format of the application form, Form 'A'.
12. The schedule of interview is subject to change on account of any unforeseen events beyond the control of the office. Such change would be published on the official website of the Bombay High Court from time to time but would not be communicated individually.
13. Any attempt direct or indirect, to influence the persons concerned with the selection of candidates will disqualify the candidates.
14. The selection/appointments will be made strictly in the order of merit on the basis of the marks secured by the candidates in oral interview.
15. The selected candidates will be placed by Government previous to their appointment, before a medical board and will not be appointed unless the board certifies them to be both mentally and physically fit for the service of Government.
16. The Select List shall be valid for period of two years from date of its publication. The list shall lapse thereafter, unless the period is extended by the Hon'ble the Chief Justice.
17. The Wait List shall be valid for period of two years from date of its publication. The list shall lapse thereafter, unless the period is extended by the Hon'ble the Chief Justice.
18. The Wait List shall be operated only for the purpose of vacancy caused by non-joining of candidate from Select List within the stipulated time allowed for joining the post or where a Select List candidate joins the post but resigns within the validity period of Select List.

19. The services of the Counsellors appointed in Family Courts are liable to be transferred in any of the Family Courts any where in Maharashtra.
20. The **Marriage Counsellors** so appointed in the Family Courts shall be **on probation for a period of 02 years** which may be extended by the High Court from time to time as it may deem fit. On the expiry of such period, he/she may be continued if-
 - (a) There is a permanent vacancy and
 - (b) his/her work is found satisfactory

During the period of probation and so long the appointment is temporary his or her services are liable to be terminated without notice and without assigning any reason. However, the appointed Counsellors to give one month notice or pay before leaving job.

By Order

Sd/-

**Registrar General
High Court of Bombay**

Date : 04th July, 2024.