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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB, SERVICES, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION

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No. SOR.III-2-16/85. In exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 23 of the Punjab Civil Servants Act, 1974 (VIII of 1974), the Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-

THE PUNJAB CIVIL JUDGES DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION RULES, 1991.

1. **Short title and commencement:-** (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Civil Judges Departmental Examination Rules, 1991.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions:-** (1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:-

(a) "**Chief Justice**" means the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court.
(b) "**Competent Authority**" means Government of the Punjab.
(c) "**Court**" means the Lahore High Court, Lahore.
(d) "**Committee**" means the Committee constituted under Rules 4 for conducting the examination.
(e) "**Examination**" means a departmental examination conducted under these rules.
(f) "**Probationer**" means a person appointed to a post in accordance with the provisions of the West Pakistan Civil Service (Judicial Branch) Rules, 1962 in their application to the province of the Punjab.
(g) "**Schedule**" means the schedule appended to these Rules, and
(h) "**Subject**" means a subject specified in the schedule.

(2) Words and expressions used but not defined in these rules unless the context otherwise requires shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Punjab Civil Servants Act, 1974, the Punjab Civil Servants (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 1974 and the West Pakistan Civil Service (Judicial Branch) Rules, 1962.

3. **Confirmation of Probationers:-** No Civil Judge shall be confirmed in the service unless he has passed the examination in the subjects specified in Schedule-I in accordance with these Rules.

4. **Committee to conduct examination:-** (1) For the purpose of conducting examination under these Rules, the Chief Justice shall constitute a Committee of three Judges of the Court.

(2) The Registrar of the Court or any officer nominated by the Committee shall act as Secretary of the Committee.

(3) The Committee shall hold, conduct and supervise the examination in accordance with the syllabus mentioned in Appendix II and the instructions issued by the Chief Justice or the Administration Committee of the Court.

5. **Schedule of Examination:-** Examination under these Rules shall be held twice in a year according to the programme to be announced by the Committee at least a month prior to the commencement of each examination.

6. **Number of attempts:-** (1) A Civil Judge shall be eligible to appear in four successive examinations only beginning from the commencement of the examination held immediately after his appointment.

(2) A Civil Judge who fails to qualify the examination in four attempts allowed under the Sub-rule(1) shall not be allowed to appear at a subsequent examination except with the permission of the Chief Justice.

Explanation. The examination may be qualified by parts but appearance in a part of the examination shall be counted as one attempt for the purpose of reckoning the number of attempts allowed by Sub-rule(1) above.

7. **Qualifying Standard:-** The qualifying standard for the examination under these Rules shall be sixty-six percent of the maximum marks allocated to each subject. All papers shall be of equal marks. If a candidate fails in any paper, he may appear in the next examination to clear such paper in order to qualify the examination.

Provided that he is otherwise entitled to appear in the next examination under these Rules.

8. **Option for answering in Urdu or English:-** Answer to papers may be given in Urdu or In English at the option of the candidates.

9. **Grace marks:-** The Committee may award five percent marks as grace marks in any paper in any examination.

10. Answer sheets of the Departmental Examination of Civil Judges shall be retained for only one year and destroyed afterwards, provided that the candidate has qualified the examination in accordance with the Rules.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE PUNJAB
-Sd-
JIWAN KHAN
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

No. SOR-III-2-16/85 Dated the 11.2.1991

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5. Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore.
6. Private Secretaries to:-
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-Sd-
(MEHR MUHAMMAD MUMTAZ)
Section Officer R.III

SCHEDULE-I

FOR CIVIL JUDGES

Subject	Papers	Maximum marks allocated	Maximum time	Whether the paper is to be answered with the help of books
Criminal Law	One	120	3 Hours	With books except High Court Rules and Orders.
Civil Law-I	One	120	3 Hours	Without books
Civil Law-II	One	120	3 Hours	With books
Revenue Law	One	120	3 Hours	Without books
Accounts	One	120	3 Hours	With books
Sharia Law	One	120	3 Hours	With books

SCHEDULE-II

SCHEDULE OF SUBJECTS FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION OF CIVIL JUDGES-CUM-JUDICIAL MAGISTRATES IN THE PUNJAB

PAPER-I CRIMINAL LAW

Rules and orders of the Lahore High Court, Lahore.

(1) Volume III.

i) Chapter 1-Practice in the trial of criminal cases.
ii) Chapter 3-Security cases.
iii) Chapter 4-Trial of riot cases.
iv) Chapter 9-B Instructions for the guidance of Nazarat and Presiding Officers in order to check fraud and embezzlement with respect to the distribution of diet and road money of witnesses.
v) Chapter 11-Police.
vi) Chapter 12-Police Diaries and statements before the Police.
vii) Chapter 13-Confessions and statements of accused.
viii) Chapter 19-Sentences.
ix) Chapter 21-First Offenders.
x) Chapter 22-Youthful Offenders.
xi) Chapter 23-Habitual Offender.
xii) Chapter 26-Transfer of criminal cases.

(2) Volume IV.

Chapter 8-Processes-Criminal Courts.

(3) Good Conduct Prisoners Probation Release Act, 1926.
(4) The Probation of Offenders Ordinance, 1960 (XLV of 1960)

PAPER-II CIVIL LAW-I

(1) Civil Procedure Code.
(2) Specific Relief Act (Discretionary jurisdiction. Principle and scope of exercise of jurisdiction with reference to the action and orders of authorities and tribunals).
(3) Law or Pre-emption (The Sharia and the enacted law)
(4) Court Fees Act
(5) Suits Valuation Act.
(6) Arbitration Act (Scope of interference by Courts in arbitration matters and awards).
(7) *The contract Act 1872 (IX of 1872).
(8) Limitation Act, 1908.
(9) *The Partner Ship Act 1932 (IX of 1932).

* Substituted vide Notification No. SOR-II(S&GAD) 2-16/85, dated 09.07.2007.

PAPER-III CIVIL LAW-II

Rules and Orders of the Lahore High court, Lahore

(1) Volume I

i) Chapter 1-Practice in the trial of Civil Courts
ii) Chapter 2-Jurisdiction of Civil Courts

iii) Chapter 11-Judgments and Decrees
iv) Chapter 12-Execution of Decrees

(2) Volume II

Chapter 4-Insolvency proceedings

(3) Volume IV

i) Chapter 1-Superintendencte and Control General
ii) Chapter 2-Superintendence and Control Civil Courts
iii) Chapter 6-Process Serving Establishment
iv) Chapter 7-Process of Civil Courts
v) Chapter 9-Finger impressions, Handwriting, Forged Stamps and Currency and Bank Notes.

(4) The West Pakistan Relief of Indebtedness Ordinance 1960 (XV of 1960)
(5) The Punjab Debtors Protection Act, 1936
(6) The Punjab Prohibition of Private Money Lending Act, 2007 (VI of 2007)

PAPER-IV REVENUE LAW

(1) The Punjab Tenancy Act, 1887, and the Rules Framed there under.
(2) The Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1967, (XVII of 1967) and the Rules framed there under.
(3) Punjab Alienation of Land Act 1900 (as amended upto date) and the Punjab Government Notification No.3051-R, dated 2nd October, 1952.
(4) The Land Reform Regulation 1972 & Rules.
(5) The Colonization of Govt. Lands (Punjab) Act, 1912.

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(1) Rules and Orders of Lahore High Court, Lahore

(a) Volume-I
i) Chapter-3 Valuation of Suits
ii) Chapter-4 Witness-Civil Courts
(b) Volume-II
i) Chapter-2-Guardian and Wards Act.
ii) Chapter-5-Official Receivers, Part B.
iii) Chapter-6-Probate, Administration and Succession Certificates.
iv) Chapter-8-Civil Court Accounts.
(c) Volume-IV
i) Chapter 4-court Fees and Stamps.
ii) Chapter 5-Process fee.
iii) Chapter 21-Budget.

(2) Punjab Budget Manual (5th Edition) Chapters 1 to 5, 7, 8, 12 and 14 to 16.
(3) General Principles concerning the preparations of Salary, contigent Travelling allowance bills, Chapter VI, VII and VIII, Punjab Financial Rules, Vol.I, Financial Hand Book No.II, Treasury Rules, Punjab and Subsidiary Treasury Rules issued thereunder (2nd Edition 1953).

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NOTIFICATION

No.SOR-III(S&GAD)1-13/2025.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 23 of the Punjab Civil Servants Act, 1974 (*VIII of 1974*), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following amendments in the Punjab Civil Judges Departmental Examination Rules, 1991, with immediate effect:

AMENDMENTS

In **the Punjab Civil Judges Departmental Examination Rules, 1991:**

1. For rule 3, the following shall be substituted:

> "3. **Confirmation of Probationers:** No Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate, on probation, shall be confirmed in the service unless he has passed the written examination in all the five compulsory subjects specified in Part-A of Schedule-I in accordance with these rules.".

2. In rule 6:

(a) in sub-rule (2), in Explanation, the existing entry shall be numbered as "(1)" and thereafter, the following shall be inserted:

> "(2) The expression "successive examinations" mentioned in sub-rule (1) shall apply to all five compulsory subjects except the optional subject of Accounts."; and

(b) after Explanation, so inserted, the following shall be inserted:

> "(3) A Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate before consideration for promotion to the post of Senior Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate may avail four attempts for examination of optional subject of Accounts specified in Part-B of Schedule-I in any upcoming departmental examination:
>
> Provided that a Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate, who intends to appear in the optional subject of Accounts in any upcoming departmental examination, shall inform the Departmental Examination Committee, in writing, at least three months prior to the commencement of such examination.".

3. In rule 7, in the proviso, at the end, for the "full stop", the expression "colon" shall be substituted and thereafter, the following shall be inserted:

"Provided further that the qualifying standard shall only be restricted to compulsory subjects.".

4. For SCHEDULE-I, the following shall be substituted:

"SCHEDULE-I

PART-A

COMPULSORY SUBJECT FOR CIVIL JUDGE-CUM-MAGISTRATE

Sr. No.	Subject	Papers	Maximum marks allocated	Maximum time	Whether the paper is to be answered with the help of books
1.	Criminal Law	One	120	3 Hours	With books except High Court Rules and Orders
2.	Civil Law-I	One	120	3 Hours	Without books
3.	Civil Law-II	One	120	3 Hours	With books
4.	Revenue Law	One	120	3 Hours	Without books
5.	Sharia Law	One	120	3 Hours	With books

PART-B

OPTIONAL SUBJECT FOR CIVIL JUDGE-CUM-MAGISTRATE

Sr. No.	Subject	Papers	Maximum marks allocated	Maximum time	Whether the paper is to be answered with the help of books
1.	Accounts	One	120	3 Hours	With books".

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NOTIFICATION

No.SOR-III(S&GAD)1-13/2025.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 23 of the Punjab Civil Servants Act, 1974 (*VIII of 1974*), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following amendment in the Punjab Civil Judges Departmental Examination Rules, 1991, with immediate effect:

AMENDMENT

In **the Punjab Civil Judges Departmental Examination Rules, 1991**, in rule 6:

(a) in sub-rule (2), in Explanation, after existing entry, the following shall be inserted:

"(3) The expression "subsequent examination" mentioned in sub-rule (2) shall mean fifth chance once only applicable to compulsory subjects as well as optional subject of Accounts."; and

(b) in sub-rule (3), in the proviso, at the end, for the "full stop", the expression ":" shall be substituted and thereafter, the following shall be inserted:

"Provided further that a Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate, who has already availed attempt(s) in departmental examination in the optional subject of Accounts prior to 08.04.2025, shall have maximum four attempts in all.".

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Updated up-to 07.04.2025

NOTIFICATION

No. SORIII-2-17/83(P) Dated Lahore, the 31-3-1994.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 23 of the Punjab Civil Servants Act, 1974, the Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules regulating recruitment to the Punjab Judicial Service and prescribing conditions of service for the persons appointed thereto:-

PART-I. GENERAL

1. **Short title and Commencement:-** (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Judicial Service Rules, 1994
(2) They shall come into force at once.
(3) They shall apply to all the members of the service.

2. **Definitions:-** In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:-

(a) "Chief Justice" means the Chief Justice of Lahore High Court, Lahore.
(b) "Government" means the Government of the Punjab.
(c) "High Court" means the Lahore High Court, Lahore.
(d) "Initial appointment" means appointment made otherwise than by promotion or transfer from another service/department/post.
(e) "Provincial Judicial Selection Board" means the Administration Committee of the High Court or a Board comprising such number of Judges of the High Court as may be nominated by the Administration Committee.
(f) ["Performance Evaluation Committee" means the Committee of Judges of the High Court constituted by the Chief Justice".][2]
(g) "Recognized University" means any University established by or under a law in Pakistan or any other University which may be declared by Government to be a recognized University for the purpose of these rules; and
(h) "Service" means the Punjab Judicial Service.
(i) "Commission" means Punjab Public Service Commission.

PART-II RECRUITMENT

3. **Constitution of Service:-** The service shall comprise the posts of:-

(a) District and Sessions Judges;
(b) Additional District and Sessions Judges;
(c) [Senior Civil Judges-cum- Magistrates.
(d) Civil Judges-Cum-Magistrates][1]

4. **Appointing Authority:-** Appointments to the service shall be made by the High Court.

5. **Method of Recruitment:-** (1) Appointment to a post of [Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate][1], shall be made by initial recruitment on the recommendation of the Commission based on the result of competitive examination conducted by it in the subjects specified in the [Appendix-A][1] to these rules:

[Provisos omitted][1]

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[1] Sub + Omitted vide Notification No. SOR-III(S&GAD)2-17/83(PI) dated 04-04-2013
[2] Sub vide Notification No. SOR-III(S&GAD)2-17/83(P-I) dated 25.11.2024

(2) [omitted][1]

[(3) Appointment to the post of Additional District and Sessions Judge shall be made to the extent of forty per cent of the available vacancies through initial recruitment from amongst members of the Bar."; and][3]

[(4) Appointment to the post of Additional District and Sessions Judge under sub-rule (3) shall be made on the recommendations of the Examination Committee and the Examination Committee shall conduct competitive examination for the said purpose in the subjects specified in [Appendix-B] to these rules.

Explanation:- For purposes of this rule, 'Examination Committee' means a committee of three Judges of the High Court nominated by the Chief Justice.][1]

6. **Age:-** (1) No person shall be appointed to the Service:

(i) in case of initial recruitment as [Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate][1] if he is less than [twenty-two][2] years and more than thirty years of age.

Provided that-----

a) in the case of a Government Servant who has served in connection with the affairs of the Federal or the Province of Punjab for a period of not less than three years, the upper age limit shall be thirty five years;

b) in the case of a Barrister or an Advocate of the High Court and the Courts subordinate thereto or a Pleader, the period during which he practiced at the Bar, subject to a maximum period of three years, shall, for the purpose of upper age limit under this rule, be excluded from his age.

c) in the case of a person whose service under Government has been terminated for want of vacancy, the period of service already rendered by him shall for the purpose of upper age limit under this rule, be excluded from his age.

(2) For the purposes of this rule, age shall be reckoned as on the last date fixed for submission of applications for appointment.

[6A. A Candidate shall not be eligible to appear in an examination of a category under these rules if he has already availed himself of three chances in that category.][4]

7. **Qualifications:-** (1) No person shall be appointed to a post in the service by initial recruitment unless:-

(a) in case of appointment to a post of [Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate:][1]

(i) he possesses a degree in Law from a recognized University entitling him to practice the profession of law or is a Member of the Faculty of Advocates of Scotland;

[(ii) he has actively practiced the profession of law for not less than two years after having been enrolled as an Advocate][2] and][1]

[(iii) he is domiciled in the Punjab., and][1]

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[1] Sub + Omitted+ Ins. vide Notification No. SOR-III(S&GAD)2-17/83(PI) dated 04-04-2013
[2] Substituted vide Notification No. SOR-III(S&GAD)-17/83(PI) dated 30-04-2004
[3] Substituted vide Notification No. SOR-III(S&GAD)2-17/94(P) dated 13-05-2015
[4] Substituted vide Notification No. SOR-III(S&GAD)2-17/83(PI) dated 22-08-2017

[Explanation:- For the purposes of this clause –

(i) The expression "practiced the profession of law" shall include any period of Government service by a person as-
  (a) District Attorney, a Deputy District Attorney or an Assistant District Attorney; or
  (b) full time prosecutor authorized to conduct prosecution on behalf of the Government; and

(ii) to prove active practice the candidate shall declare by an affidavit that –
  (a) he had been actively practicing the profession of law during the two years preceding the date of advertisement; and
  (b) during this period he had not engaged himself in any other whole time service, business or, as the case may be, occupation for gain**.]**[3]

[(b) In case of appointment to a post of Additional District and Sessions Judge, he, in addition to the qualification mentioned in sub-clause (i) of clause (a), is:

(i) a practicing Advocate of High Court and the Courts subordinate to the High Court with minimum practice of ten years; and

(ii) not less than thirty five years and not more than forty five years of age."; and

(c) A person shall not be appointed through initial recruitment to the service unless he:

(i) produces a certificate of character from the Principal Academic Officer of the academic institution last attended, and also certificates of character from two other respectable persons, not being his relatives, who are well acquainted with his character and antecedents;

(ii) is declared to be medically fit by a Board of medical officers, appointed by the High Court; and

(iii) is domiciled in the Punjab."**]**[2]

[1] PART-IIA
METHOD OF CONFIRMATION

7A. Confirmation of Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate- A civil judge cum-magistrate shall not be confirmed in service unless;

(a) he completes initial or extended period of probation satisfactorily on the basis of performance evaluation made by the departmental Confirmation Committee;

(b) he undergoes, attends and successfully qualifies such course and training as may be determined by the High Court; and

(c) he has passed the departmental examination under the Punjab Civil Judges Departmental Examination Rules,1991

7B. Confirmation of Additional District and Sessions Judge.-

An Additional District and Sessions Judge appointed through initial recruitment shall not be confirmed in service unless:

(a) he completes initial or extended period of probation satisfactorily on the basis of performance evaluation made by the Departmental Confirmation Committee;

(b) he undergoes attends and successfully qualifies such course and training as may be determined by the High Court from time to time; and

(c) he has passed such departmental examination as may be specified by the High Court.

Explanation- For purposes of these rules, 'Departmental Confirmation Committee' means a committee of two judges of the High Court nominated by the Chief Justice.

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[1] Sub + Omitted vide Notification No. SOR-III(S&GAD)2-17/83(PI) dated 04-04-2013
[2] Substituted vide Notification No. SOR-III(S&GAD)2-17/94(P) dated 13-05-2015
[3] Substituted vide Notification No. SOR-III(S&GAD)-17/83(PI) dated 30-04-2004

PART-IIB
METHOD OF PROMOTION

7-C. Promotion.- The following shall be the method of promotion of judicial officers:

a) all posts of the senior Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates shall be filled through promotion on seniority-cum-fitness basis from amongst the Civil Judges-cum Magistrate;

b) Sixty percent of the available posts of Additional District and Sessions Judges shall be filled through promotion on seniority-cum-fitness basis from amongst the Senior Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates; and

c) all posts of the District and Sessions Judges shall be filled through promotion on seniority-cum-fitness basis from amongst Additional District and Sessions Judges.

7-D. Pre-requisite for promotion.-(1) A Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate or an Additional District and Sessions Judge shall not be eligible to be considered for promotion unless he attends, undergoes and successfully qualifies such course and training at Federal Judicial Academy, Punjab Judicial Academy or such other institution as may be determined by the High Court; and, is recommended for promotion by the Performance Evaluation Committee:

[3]["Provided that no Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate shall be considered for promotion to the post of Senior Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate unless he has qualified all the six papers including five compulsory subjects as well as an optional subject of Accounts under the Punjab Civil Judges Departmental Examination Rules, 1991".]

(2) The [Performance Evaluation Committee][2] shall make recommendations for promotions on the basis of performance evaluation of a Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate a Senior Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate or an Additional District and Sessions Judge.

(3) Not withstanding anything contained in this rule, the High Court may itself conduct a course or training for purposes of sub-rule (1)"**]**

PART III CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

8. (1) A person appointed to a post in a grade against a substantive vacancy shall remain on probation for a period of two years, if appointed by initial recruitment, and for a period of one year, if appointed otherwise; provided that the appointing authority may extend the period of probation by a further period not exceeding two years in all.

Explanation – Officiating service and service spent on deputation to a corresponding or a higher post may be allowed to count towards the period of probation.

[(2) Omitted **][1]**

[Re Nob. (2)**][1]** If no orders have been made by the day following the completion of the initial probationary period, the period of probation shall be deemed to have been extended.

[(3) A Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate or an Additional District and Sessions Judge appointed through initial recruitment, who has been confirmed under rule 7A or rule 7B the confirmation shall take effect from the date of initial appointment in the service " and**][1]**

(4) **[**Omitted**][1]**

(5) **[**omitted**][1]**

9. **<u>Seniority:-</u>** The inter se seniority of the members of the service in the various grades thereof shall be determined,---

(a) in the case of members appointed by initial recruitment, in accordance with the order of merit assigned by the Selection Authority: Provided that persons selected for the Service in an earlier selection shall rank senior to the persons selected in a later selection;

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[1] Sub + Omitted+ Ins.+ Re No. vide Notification No. SOR-III(S&GAD)2-17/83(PI) dated 04-04-2013

[2] Sub vide Notification No. SOR-III(S&GAD)2-17/83(P-I) dated 25.11.2024

[3] Ins vide No.SOR-III(S&GAD)1-13/2025 dated 07.04.2025

(b) in the case of members appointed by promotion, with reference to the dates of their continuous appointment therein; Provided that if the date of continuous appointment in the case of two or more members of the service is the same, the older officer, if not junior to the younger officer or officers in the next below grade, shall rank senior to the younger officer or officers.

(c) in the case of members joining the service on transfer from the Executive, with reference to the date of their continuous appointment in the original cadre.

Explanation I: If a junior officer in a lower grade is promoted temporarily in the public interest, even though continuing later permanently in the higher grade, it would not adversely affect the interest of his senior officer in the fixation of his seniority in the higher grade.

Explanation II: If a junior officer in a lower grade is promoted to a higher grade by superseding a senior officer and subsequently that officer is also promoted, the officer promoted first shall rank senior to the officer promoted subsequently.

10. Liability to transfer and serve:- Members of the service shall be liable to:-

(a) transfer anywhere in the Punjab;
(b) Serve in any department of the Government or any local authority or statutory body set up or established by the Government; and
(c) serve anywhere in Pakistan under the Federal Government.

11. General Rules:- In all matters not expressly provided for in these rules, members of the Service shall be governed by such rules as have been or may hereafter be prescribed by Government and made applicable to them.

12. The Chief Minister may, on the recommendation of the High Court, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the rules in any individual case of hardship, to the extent prescribed by him.

13. Repeal:- The West Pakistan Civil Service (Judicial Branch) Rules, 1962 except the syllabus attached thereto and those framed through notification No.CI-14-2/76 dated 28th September, 1977 are hereby repealed.

BY THE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE PUNJAB

Sd/-

NAZIR AHMED CHAUDHRY
ADDL.CHIEF SECRETARY

"GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SERVICES AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT
(REGULATIONS WING)

Dated Lahore, the 8th April, 2025

NOTIFICATION

No.SOR-III(S&GAD)1-13/2025,- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 23 of the Punjab Civil Servants Act, 1974 (*VIII of 1974*), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following amendment in the Punjab Judicial Service Rules, 1994, with immediate effect:

AMENDMENT

In the Punjab Judicial Service Rules, 1994, for existing Appendix, the following shall be substituted:

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SYLLABUS FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT AGAINST THE POST OF CIVIL JUDGE-CUM-MAGISTRATE

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26 NOVEMBER 2024

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SERVICES AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
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Dated Lahore, the 25th November, 2024

NOTIFICATION

No.SOR-III(S&GAD)2-17/83(P-I).- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 23 of the Punjab Civil Servants Act, 1974 (*VIII of 1974*), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following amendments in the Punjab Judicial Service Rules, 1994, with immediate effect:

AMENDMENTS

In the Punjab Judicial Service Rules, 1994:

(1) In rule 2, for clause (f), the following shall be substituted:

"(f) "Performance Evaluation Committee" means the Committee of Judges of the High Court constituted by the Chief Justice;".

(2) In rule 7D, in sub-rule (2), for the words "Chief Justice shall constitute a Performance Evaluation Committee which", the words "Performance Evaluation Committee" shall be substituted.

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08 APRIL 2025

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Dated Lahore, the 7th April, 2025

NOTIFICATION

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In **the Punjab Judicial Service Rules, 1994**, in rule 7D, in sub-rule (1), at the end, for the "full stop", the expression "colon" shall be substituted and thereafter, the following shall be inserted:

> "Provided that no Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate shall be considered for promotion to the post of Senior Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate unless he has qualified all the six papers including five compulsory subjects as well as an optional subject of Accounts under the Punjab Civil Judges Departmental Examination Rules, 1991.".

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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
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(REGULATIONS WING)

Dated Lahore the 14th April, 2025

To

1) **The Registrar,**
Lahore High Court, Lahore.
2) **The Secretaries,**
Government of the Punjab:-
   i. Law & PA Department.
   ii. Finance Department.
3) **The Accountant General**, Punjab, Lahore.
4) **The Secretary,**
Punjab Public Service Commission, Lahore.

SUBJECT:- **AMENDMENTS IN THE PUNJAB JUDICIAL SERVICE RULES, 1994**

Kindly find enclosed herewith a **copy** of Notification 65 of 2025 dated 10.04.2025 (dully published in "The Punjab Gazette") regarding amendments in the Punjab Judicial Service Rules, 1994 for information and further necessary action please.

14-4-25

(MUHAMMAD NASEER)
SECTION OFFICER (R-III)

NO. & DATE EVEN:

Copy of the notification dated 10.04.2025 also forwarded to:-

1. The Section Officer (PP&CM), Regulations / O&M Wing, S&GAD with the request to upload the said notifications on the official website of the Regulations Wing, S&GAD.
2. PSs to Governor Punjab, Chief Minister Punjab, Chief Secretary Punjab, Additional Chief Secretary Punjab, Secretary Services S&GAD and Secretary Regulations S&GAD.

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NOTIFICATION
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