PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE CANDIDATES

OF 17 POSTS OF ASSISTANT AGRICULTURE ENGINEER GRADE-II IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB.

INTRODUCTION.

The Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) has been established under Article 315 of the Constitution of India, with the basic purpose of recruiting officials in various departments of the Government as per the requisitions sent by the Government in this regard from time to time.

 The Punjab Public Service Commission invites <u>Online Application Forms</u> from eligible candidates for recruitment to <u>17 Posts of Assistant Agriculture Engineer Grade-II</u> in the Department of Agriculture, Government of Punjab.

Note: This Advertisement is being published as per the requisition received from the Department of Agriculture, Government of Punjab according to Punjab Agriculture (Group-A) Service Rules-2013 vide letter No. vide letter No. 2/11/15-A.D.1(2)/10094 Dated 07-12-2015, No. 2/11/15-A.D.1(2)/7038 Dated 13-7-2015, No. 2/11/15-A.D.1(2)/1891 Dated 30-2-2017 and No. 2/11/15-A.D.1(2)/7330 Dated 15-5-2017.

2.0 ASSISTANT AGRICULTURE ENGINEER GRADE-II

Sr. No.	Category Code	Name of Category	No of Post
1	71	General	07
2	72/73	ESM/LDESM, Punjab	02
3	76	Physically Handicapped, Punjab	
		Orthopedically Disabled -76-C	01
4	77	Scheduled Castes Others, Punjab	03
5	81	Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh, Punjab	02
6	85	Backward Classes, Punjab	02
		Total	17*

^{*}The number of vacancies and reservation of posts is liable to alteration without any notice.

3.0 PAY SCALE: Rs. 10300-34800 + 5000/- Grade Pay

Regarding drawing the pay of the appointed candidate, as per Notification No. 7/204/2012- 4FP1/66, Dated 15/01/2015 Govt. of Punjab Department of Finance (Finance Personnel-I Branch) Chandigarh and Notification No. 1/62016-4P.P.1/834680/1 dated 07/09/2016 Govt. of Punjab Department of Personnel (Personnel Policies-1 Branch), Chandigarh fixed emolument equal to Minimum of the Pay Band without any Grade Pay or any allowance will be paid during the probation period of three years. It is also clear that Annual increment or any other allowance except travelling allowance will not be paid during the probation period of three years.

4.0 ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS :-

4.1 Should possess degree in Agriculture Engineering

Or

- B. Tech (Agriculture Engineering) From a recognized University or Institution.
- 4.2 Punjabi of Matric or its equivalent standard.

5.0 AGE

- (i) Candidates should not be below 18 years and above 37 years of age as on 01-01-2018.
- (ii) Upper age limit may be relaxed up to 45 years for Punjab Govt. and its Board/Corporation/Commission and Authorities employees, all States/ Central Government employees.
- (iii) The Upper age limit is relaxed up to 42 years for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes of Punjab.
- (iv) Ex-servicemen of Punjab Domicile shall be allowed to deduct the period of his service in the Armed Forces of Union from his actual age and if the resultant age does not exceed the maximum age limit prescribed for direct appointment to such a vacancy in the Service Rules concerned by more than three years, he shall be deemed to satisfy the condition regarding age limit.
- (v) Upper age limit is also relaxable up to 42 years for Widows, Divorcees and certain other Categories of Women.
- (vi) Upper age limit is also relaxed upto 47 years for Physically Handicapped of Punjab.

6.0 Competitive Examination

The details of Competitive examination are as follows:-

- 6.1 This is for information that for the posts of **Assistant Agriculture Engineer Grade-II** in the Department of Agriculture, Government of Punjab the competitive examination for recruitment to these posts shall be conducted.
- 6.2 The scheme of the examination process shall be as under:

Marks of Competitive Examination: 340

(170 Questions of marks each. Total time allotted will

be 170 minutes)

Interview Marks: 60
Grand Total: 400

6.3 The pattern for written exam comprising of 170 questions would be as follow:

No. of questions from the syllabus attached.

No. of questions from Logical Reasoning/Mental ability, General 30 Knowledge and Current Affairs etc.

Total 170

7.0 SYLLABUS OF SUBJECT IS AVAILABLE AT <u>ANNEXURE "A"</u> ATTACHED WITH GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE CANDIDATES.

- 7.1 Syllabus of General Knowledge, Logical Reasoning/ Mental ability, and Current Affairs:
 - (i) Syllabus of Logical Reasons/Mental ability:

Logical Deductions

- 1. Deriving conclusion from passages
- 2. Theme Detection
- 3. Cause of Effect Reasoning
- 4. Logic
- 5. Statement- Arguments
- 6. Statement- Assumptions
- 7. Statement- Courses of Action
- 8. Statement- Conclusions

Verbal Reasoning

- 1. Analogy
- 2. Series Completion
- 3. Verification of truth of the Statement
- 4. Situation Reaction Test
- 5. Direction Sense Test
- 6. Classification
- 7. Data Sufficiency
- 8. Alpha- Numeric Sequence Puzzle
- 9. Puzzle Test
- 10. Blood Relations
- 11. Coding- Decoding
- 12. Assertion and Reasoning
- 13. Arithmetical Reasoning
- 14. Operations of Mathematics
- 15. Venn Diagrams
- 16. Word Sequence
- 17. Missing Characters
- 18. Sequential Output training
- 19. Directions
- 20. Test on Alphabets
- 21. Eligibility Test

Non-Verbal Reasoning

- 1. Dot Situation
- 2. Identical figure groupings
- 3. Forming figures and analysis
- 4. Construction of squares and Triangles
- 5. Series
- 6. Analogy
- 7. Analytical Reasoning
- 8. Paper Folding
- 9. Paper Cutting
- 10. Cubes and Dice
- 11. Water Images
- 12. Mirror Images
- 13. Figure Matrix
- 14. Completion Incomplete Pattern
- 15. Spotting embedded figures
- 16. Classification
- 17. Rules Detection

(ii) Syllabus of General Knowledge and current Affairs:

- (a) General Knowledge and Current affairs of National and International importance including:
 - (i) Economic issues.
 - (ii) Polity issues.
 - (iii) Environment issues
 - (iv) Science and Technology.
 - (v) Any other current issues.
- (b) (i) History of India with special reference to Indian freedom struggle movement
 - (ii) History of Punjab- 14th century onwards.
- 7.2 The written test will consist of the objective type multiple choice questions.

 The candidates shall be expected to have a general and basic overview of the above subjects and also the ability to answer questions based on practical application.

- 7.3 Information about the examination centre(s) shall be mentioned on Admit Cards of all candidates. Details regarding the Admit cards shall be given shortly on the website of the Commission.
- 7.4 All candidates who apply for ibid posts will be treated "provisionally eligible" for appearing in the competitive exam. Acceptance of applications at this stage and allotment of Roll Numbers by PPSC does not indicate acceptance of candidature by the PPSC, since there is no scrutiny of documents before the written test.
- 7.5 The scrutiny of application forms shall be done after the conduct of the examination. During the process of scrutiny, the application forms and other relevant documents, certificates, etc of the candidates shall be examined to determine their eligibility as on the last date of submission of online application forms. Candidates not meeting the eligibility criteria will be rejected during the scrutiny process or any time thereafter if found ineligible.
- 7.6 Candidates not more than three times the number of posts (in their order of merit of written exam) shall be short-listed for appearing in the interview. However, this number shall be subject to variation if two or more candidates at the last number (the number at the end) get equal marks, then all of them shall be considered for appearing in the interview (subject to eligibility), warranting the corresponding increase in the stipulated ratio.
- 7.7 The candidates applying for the Competitive Examination should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission at all the stages of examination for which they are admitted by the Commission viz. Competitive Examination and Interview will be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If on checking at any time before or after the Competitive Examination or the Interview or thereafter, it is found that they do not fulfill any of the eligibility conditions or the documents are found tempered/raise suspicion about their source or authenticity/genuineness, their candidature for the examination will be cancelled by the Commission. If any of their claims is found to be incorrect, the candidate may render themselves liable to disciplinary action by the Commission or the Civil Court. Any attempt on the part of a candidate to obtain support for or facilitate his/her candidature by any unfair means /unfair influence, it will render him/ her liable for disqualification and disciplinary action. Such disqualification may extend to any service under the Government of Punjab or Central Government or any other State Government/Government body depending upon rules.
- 7.10 The salient features of the written competitive exam shall be as follows:-
- (a) There will be no negative marking in the written test, for questions wrongly answered or questions not answered.
- (b) After the answer key is put on the PPSC website (after written examination), candidates will be permitted to raise objections if any. Candidates will be given four days to deliberate before putting up objections. The objections will be referred to a **body of experts**. Even if one of the experts out of expert body finds any merit in the candidate's objections, such a candidate will not suffer any negative marking. Based on the expert body opinion, the Commission may change the answer or in case of split decision in the expert body, allow two answers (either/or) or withdraw the question all together, based on the rationale given by the Expert body. If the answer needs to be changed, the issue may also need to be referred to the Paper Setter. The benefit of doubt if any in processing the objection, is sought to be given to the candidate. However, if the body of experts feel that the objection by the candidate is 'frivolous', such a candidate may suffer negative marking.

- (c) For the above purpose, the body of experts will imply two fresh experts.
- (d) In case of General Knowledge/Current Affairs/Logical Reasoning/Mental Ability questions which may be set by the Commission itself, the reference to the body of experts may only be necessary in case the Commission does not agree with the objections put up by the candidate.
- (e) Candidates are advised to deliberate over the issue in detail in four days and attach authentic material in support of their objections. Candidates will not just make references to the books/other documents, but will also actually type out the referred contents or the "extracts" in their objections.
- (f) The interview shall carry 60 marks. The aim of the Interview is to assess the candidate's suitability for the job in terms of his personal qualities by a Panel Interview. Final result shall be prepared on the basis of the grand total of the marks obtained by the Candidates in the Written Competitive Examination and the Interview. The marks of written competitive examination obtained by the candidates or cut off marks for interview will not disclosed at the time of short listing the candidates for interview, to avoid the same influencing the interview panel. However the complete details of written marks and interview marks will be available on the website of Commission after compiling the final result.

8.0 <u>Nationality:</u>

A candidate shall be a:

- i) Citizen of India; or
- ii) Citizen of Nepal; or
- iii) Subject of Bhutan; or
- iv) Tibetan refugee who came over to India before the Ist January. 1962, with the intention of permanently settling in India; or.
- vi) A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African countries of Kenya, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar) Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India;

Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of Punjab in the Department of Home Affairs and Justice.

9.0 <u>Submission of Application Form</u>

The candidates can ONLY apply by filling Online Application Form, a link of which is available on the website of the Commission http://ppsc.gov.in No other mode of application will be accepted.

Process	Step	Last Date
To make new registration for applying for the post.	(Step-1)	06/07/2018
		By 11:59:00 PM
To deposit the Application fees by system generated Bank Challan Form.	(Step-2	13/07/2018 [During Banking Hours]

Important Notice:

The candidates are <u>NOT REQUIRED</u> to send the Hard Copy of the Online Application Form to the Office of Punjab Public Service Commission. However, the candidates must take out the hard copy in soft form or print out at the time of applying otherwise he/she will not be able to take out the copy at the later stage. He/she must retain the hard/soft copy of online application form alongwith all eligibility documents ready to be sent at a short notice to PPSC if required by PPSC before shortlisting for interview.

10.0 The list of SELF ATTESTED CERTIFICATES that shall be submitted by candidates alongwith the print out of Online Application Form when asked by Punjab Public Service Commission is as follows:

- 1. Proof of Date of Birth: Certificate of Matriculation/Higher Secondary.
- 2. Proof of having passed Punjabi Language.
- 3. Relevant Degree and DMC Certificate.
- Reserved Category Certificate issued by the Competent Authority (If Applicable)
- 5. Experience certificate issued by Competent Authority. (If Applicable)
- 6. If ESM, certificates/document(s) mentioning the following:
 - a) Date of Enrolment
 - b) Date of Release/Discharge
 - c) Reason of Release/ Discharge
- 7. Certificate as proof of age relaxation claim. (If Applicable)
- 8. Certificate as proof of fee concession (If Applicable)
- 9. Proof of being Govt. Employee.(If applicable)
- 10. Copy of Bank Challan (PPSC Copy Only)

10.1 <u>The Candidates SHALL sign the declaration on the print out of Online Application Form before submitting the same.</u>

Application and Examination Fee

The candidates are required to pay the Application fee as per Govt. Letter No. 10/20/2007 -3PP3/97751/1 dated 17-9-2013 as mentioned below:-

Name of Category	Online Application charges	Examination Fee	Total
Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes of all States and Backward Classes of Punjab State only.	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 625/-	1125/-
Ex-Servicemen of Punjab state only	Rs. 500/-	No Fee to be paid	500/-
All Others Categories (including Lineal Descendent of Ex-servicemen, Punjab)	Rs 500/-	Rs. 2500/-	3000/-
Physically Handicapped, Punjab State only.	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 1250/-	1750/-

The candidates entitled to fee concession/exemption MUST submit with their Application Form, a self attested copy of the certificate certifying their claim for fee concession/exemption. Candidates who do not submit such a certificate shall not be entitled to fee concession/exemption under any circumstances.

Application fee MUST be submitted through any Branch of State Bank of India only. Candidate should carefully fill the details in the Online Application Form and click on the "SUBMIT" button at the end of the Online Application Format. Before pressing the "SUBMIT" Button, candidates are advised to verify every detail filled in the application. After submitting the online application form, the candidate should take a

Conditions which may render a candidate ineligible

The following conditions, among others, may render the candidates ineligible:

- a) Insufficient fee;
- b) Application fee deposited by means other than a Bank Challan through any branch State Bank of India.
- c) Late receipt of print out of Online Application Form;
- d) Wrong/incomplete information given in the application form;
- e) Candidates debarred by the PPSC/other Public Service Commissions;
- f) Non-fulfillment of any of the eligibility conditions, including those of age and educational qualifications.
- g) Non-submission of the required self attested certificates (refer 10.0)

11. Important Note

- Only Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes, Ex-Servicemen/ LDESM, Physically Handicapped, Freedom Fighter & Sports Persons of Punjab domicile are eligible for the benefit of reservation.
- 11.2 A candidate should indicate the specific category for which he/she wants to be considered. and category once opted cannot be changed under any circumstances.
- SC/ST Candidates belonging to other States are required to fill their Post Category as General Category (Code 71). They are entitled only to fee concession but not entitled to avail reservation/age relaxation.
- 11.4 Ex-servicemen/Lineal Descendent of Ex-Servicemen (LDESM)/Grand children of Gallantry Award Winners who have domicile of Punjab are eligible for reservation under the Ex-Servicemen category. LDESM/Grand children of Gallantry Award Winners shall be considered against the vacancies for Ex-servicemen ONLY IF no Exservicemen are available. In case sufficient numbers of Ex-servicemen are available, then LDESM shall be treated as General Category candidates.

12.0 <u>Definition Of Categories</u>

12.0.1 Candidates should select their categories carefully, because candidates belonging to categories other than category 71 (General), are entitled to fee concession/exemption, age relaxation and job reservation. The category once selected by a candidate will not be changed under any circumstances. Candidates shall submit certificates issued by the Competent Authority in support of their claim to a particular category.

12.0.2 Categories and Category Code

Code No.	<u>Category Name</u>
71	General Category
72	Ex-Servicemen, (ESM) Punjab
73	Lineal Descendent Ex-Servicemen (LDESM) Punjab
74	Freedom Fighter, Punjab
75	Sports Person, Punjab
76	Physically Handicapped, Punjab:

A: Visually Impaired

B: Hearing Impaired

C: Orthopedically Disabled

77	Scheduled Castes Others, Punjab
78	SC ESM, Punjab
79	SC LDESM, Punjab
80	SC Sports Person, Punjab
81	Balmiki/ Mazhbi Sikh, Punjab
82	Balmiki/ Mazhbi Sikh ESM, Punjab
83	Balmiki/ Mazhbi Sikh LDESM, Punjab
84	Balmiki/ Mazhbi Sikh Sports Person, Punjab
85	Backward Classes, Punjab
86	BC ESM, Punjab

BC LDESM, Punjab

12.0.3 CODE FOR AGE RELAXATION (If claimed)

Code No	Category Name
91	State Government/Central Government Employees.
92	SC Punjab only
93	Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Punjab Only
94	Widows & certain other categories of women of Punjab.
95	B.C., Punjab Only
96	ESM, Punjab Only
97	Physically Handicapped, Punjab Only
98	SC Punjab only+ State Government/Central Government Employees.
99	SC Punjab only + ESM, Punjab.
100	SC Punjab only + Physically Handicapped, Punjab.
101	Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Punjab only+ State Government/Central Government
101	Employees.
102	Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Punjab only + ESM, Punjab.
103	Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Punjab only + Physically Handicapped, Punjab.
104	B.C., Punjab. + State Government/Central Government Employees.
105	B.C., Punjab. + ESM, Punjab
106	B.C., Punjab. + Physically Handicapped, Punjab.

12.1 BACKWARD CLASSES (PUNJAB)

- The candidates desiring to be considered for the Backward Classes category are required to submit a certificate as per Punjab Government letter No.1/41/93.RCI/459 dated 17/1/1994, No. 1/41/93RC-1/1597, dated 17-8-2005, No.1/41/93 RCI/209, dated 24.2.2009 and No.1/41/93 RCI/609 dated 24.10.2013 in the Section of prescribed proforma. [Format is given in the Annexure –B in the Advertisement]
- 12.1.2 The BC Certificate in proforma other than the prescribed proforma will not be accepted. The candidates belonging to Backward Classes are required to attach a declaration along with Backward Class certificate that no change occurred in their status and they do not fall in the section of creamy-layer as per Govt. letter No. 10/9/2009-RCI/62 Dated 08/1/2010. [Format is given in the Annexure –C in the Advertisement]
- 12.1.3 The Competent Authorities to issue the necessary certificate are:
 - a) Deputy Commissioner

- b) Additional Deputy Commissioner
- c) Sub-Divisional Magistrate
- d) Executive Magistrate (PCS Officers only)
- e) Tehsildar

12.2 SON/DAUGHTER/GRAND SON/GRAND DAUGHTER OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS (PUNJAB)

- 12.2.1 Candidates claiming to be son/grandson/daughter/granddaughter of Freedom Fighters are required to submit a certificate issued by the competent authority (i.e., Deputy Commissioner of the district concerned) as per Punjab Government Instructions No.9 (13) 3P-II-84/5822 dated 4/4/1985, No.1(135)-8P-II/7/310/20,dated 19.6.91 and No. 4-13-8 P-11-97/10112 dated 22/8/1997.
- 12.2.2 Only those Freedom Fighters and their son/daughter/grand-son/grand-daughter are eligible for consideration for reservation under this category who:
 - a) belong to the State of Punjab; and
 - **b**) have either been granted a Freedom Fighter pension by the Punjab Government or have been awarded Tamra Patra by the Government of India; or
 - c) are otherwise eligible for the grant of Freedom Fighter pension and Tamra Patra but for any reason whatsoever did not apply for Freedom Fighter pension and Tamra Patra but can obtain Freedom Fighter/ son/daughter/grand-son/grand-daughter of Freedom Fighter certificate from the General Administration (Political wing) of the Punjab Government.

12.3 EX-SERVICEMEN (PUNJAB)

- 12.3.1 "Ex-serviceman" means a person who has served in any rank, whether as a combatant or a non combatant, in the Naval, Military and Air Force of the Union of India (here-in-after referred to as the Armed forces of the Union of India), and who has:
 - a) retired or released from such service at his or her own request after earning his or her pension; or
 - b) been released from such service on medical grounds attributable to military service or circumstances beyond his control and awarded medical or other disability pension; or
 - c) been released otherwise than on his own request from such service as a result of reduction in establishment; or
 - d) been released from such service after completing the specific period of engagement otherwise than at his own request or by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency and has been given a gratuity;
- "but does not include a person who has served in the Defence Security Corps, the General Reserve Engineering Force, the Lok Sahayak Sena and the Para Military Forces, but includes personnel of the Lok Sahayak Sena of the following categories namely:
 - a) Pension holders for continuous embodied service
 - b) Persons with disability attributable to military service; and
 - c) Gallantry award winners
- 12.3.3 Ex-servicemen should be of Punjab domicile and they should submit a Punjab Resident Certificate from the competent authority, failing which would result in cancellation of their candidature.

Explanation: The persons serving in the Armed Forces of the Union, who on retirement from service would come under the category of "Ex-servicemen", may be permitted to apply for reemployment one year before the completion of specified terms of engagement and avail themselves of all concessions available to Ex-servicemen but shall not be permitted to leave the uniform until they complete the specified terms of engagement in the Armed Forces of the Union.

12.4 <u>LINEAL DESCENDENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN (PUNJAB)</u>

- 12.1.1 As per Punjab Govt. letter No.15/25/2001-4DW/1591 dated 21/5/2002 an Exserviceman is allowed the benefit of Reservation for the second time and even thereafter in subsequent recruitment in according with the provisions of these Rules.
- 12.1.2 Provided that where an Ex-serviceman is not available for recruitment against a reserved category, such a vacancy shall be reserved to be filled in by recruitment of either the wife or one descendent child of an Ex-serviceman.
- 12.1.3 Provided further that the wife or the Lineal Descendent child of the Ex-serviceman shall be recruited against the reserved vacancy subject to the conditions that:

- (i) he or she possesses the prescribed qualifications and the within the prescribed age limit,
- (ii) he or she is not already in service;
- (iii) he or she will be eligible to avail the benefit only once in life.

Provided further that one grand Child of the Gallantry Award Winner shall be recruited against the reserved vacancy, in case the benefit or reservation has not been availed of by any of the children or dependents such winner or by the winner himself subject to the conditions specified in the second proviso.

For the purpose of this proviso Gallantry Award Winner includes the winner of the Paramvir Chakra, The Mahavir Chakra, the Vir Chakra, the Sena or Nao Sena or Vayu Sena Medal and Mention-in-Despatches.

- 12.1.4 As per Punjab Government notification No.GSR9/Const./ Art309, 234 and 318/Amd(5)/2003 dated 06/11/2002 and letter No. 1/28/92-3ET/2805 dated 14/05/2003 and;
 - a) "Lineal Descendent" means sons/daughters (married/un-married/widowed legally divorced) of the re-employed/ unemployed Ex-Serviceman.
 - b) "Wife" shall include the widow of an Ex-serviceman, provided she has not remarried up to the date of the issue of the appointment letter."
 - c) In any case, including the case where the Ex-Serviceman has died, his sons/daughters shall be treated as "Lineal descendent" only if a certificate to this effect has been issued by the authority appointed by the Government.

 [Format is given in the Annexure –D in the Advertisement]

12.5 **SPORTS PERSON (PUNJAB)**

A candidate can claim reservation under the Sports Person category only if:

- 12.5.1 He/ She belongs to State of Punjab; and
 - a) He/She has won National Championship in team or individual events while representing the State of Punjab in such sports events as have been conducted by such respective National Federations as are affiliated to the Indian Olympic Association; or
 - b) He/ She has won National Championship in team or individual events which are organized by the Indian Olympic Association; or
 - c) He/ She has won first, second or third position in team or individual events and/or he has won Gold or Silver or Bronze Medal, at International Sports meets, conducted by International Federations affiliated to the International Olympic Committee or by the International Olympic Committee itself.
- 12.5.2 If candidate belongs to Sports Person, Punjab Category, an attested copy of Gradation Certificate strictly in accordance with the Punjab Sportsman Rules, 1988 issued by the competent authority should be attached with the application form
- 12.5.3 Director Sports, Punjab is the competent authority to issue Sports Gradation Certificate and any other Sports Certificate issued by any other authority will not be accepted a valid Certificate for claim of reservation under the Sports Person, Punjab Category.
- 12.5.4 Applicants claiming reservation under Sports Person, Punjab Category must submit Punjab Resident Certificate from the competent authority, failing which would result in cancellation of their candidature.

12.6 SCHEDULED CASTE, (PUNJAB)/ SCHEDULED TRIBES

The competent authorities for issuing Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes certificates are:

12.6.1 District Magistrate/Additional District Magistrate/ Collector/Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/ Deputy Collector/ Ist Class Stipendiary Magistrate/ City Magistrate/ Sub Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/Extra Assistant Commissioner (Not below the rank of Ist Class Stipendiary Magistrate);

- 12.6.2 Chief Presidency Magistrate/Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate;
- 12.6.3 Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar;
- 12.6.4 Sub Divisional Officer (C) of the area where the candidate and or his family formally resides;
- 12.6.5 Administrator/Secretary to Administrator/Development Officer Lakshadweep Islands:
- 12.6.6 As per para-3 of Punjab Govt. Instructions No. 1/8/2007-RC-1/815, dated 10th
 July, 2008, Head of Department or Head of Offices are competent to issue Scheduled
 Castes Certificates to those applicants whose parents are serving or residing in
 Chandigarh/Mohali on the basis of their parents service record.

[Format is given in the Annexure –E in the Advertisement]

12.7 WIDOWS AND CERTAIN OTHER CATEGORIES OF WOMEN

- 12.7.1 The definitions as per Government Instructions issued vide letter No. 1/50/83-5PP(1368)/3454 dated 23-4-84 as amended from time to time the widows and certain other categories of women for reservation in employment is as under:
- 12.7.2 Widows;
- 12.7.3 Women who are legally separated from their husbands or have been divorced;
- 12.7.4 Women whose husbands have been ordered by Civil or Criminal Courts to pay maintenance to them;
- 12.7.5 Women whose husbands have remarried; and
- 12.7.6 Wives of serving military personnel or those who are disabled while in military service.

12.8 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED (PUNJAB)

The definitions as per Government Instructions issued vide letter No. 10/26/95/5-SS/1252, dated 2-5-97 of the handicapped for purposes of reservation in employment is as under:

A) THE BLIND:

The blind are those who suffer from either of the following conditions: -

- a) Total absence of sight.
- b) Visual acuity not exceeding 6/60 or 20/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with correcting lenses.
- c) Limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of 20 degrees or worse.

B) THE DEAF:

The deaf are those in whom the sense of hearing is non-functional for ordinary purposes of life. They do not hear, understand sounds at all events with amplified speech. The cases included in this category will be those having hearing loss more than 60 decibels in the better ear (profound impairment) in the conversational range of frequencies.

C) ORTHOPAEDICALLY HANDICAPPED:

The orthopaedically handicapped are those who have a physical defect or deformity not less than 40 % which causes an interference with the normal functioning of the bones.

Competent authorities to issue such certificate as under:-

- (i) Principal Medical Officer
- (ii) Chief Medical Officer
- (iii) Civil Surgeon
- (iv) Class-I Medical Officer of any Government Medical Institution

This certificate should be issued by the competent authorities of the concerned District or place of which the candidate is permanent resident.

- Note: (1) For any General query, candidates may contact the Commission's Office on telephone number 0175-5014826, 5014831 or by sending email with subject as "GENERAL QUERY REGARDING THE POST OF Assistant Agriculture Engineer
 Grade-II to Supdt.scrutiny@ppsc.gov.in
- Note: (2) Candidates are advised in their own interest to apply using Online Application Form much before the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid congestion on the web server on account of heavy load on Internet/Website.

Note: (3) Candidates are advised to go through the 'General Information for the candidates' and 'Instructions for filling Online Application Form' carefully before filling up Online Application Form. The Commission will not be responsible for any consequence arising out of in correct filling up of Application.



ANNEXURE-B

Form of certificate to be submitted by a candidate belonging to a Backward Class in support of his/her claim

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF BACKWARD CLASS

1.	. This is to certify that Shri/Shrima	ati/Kumari
	son/daughter of Shri	of village/town
	in District/Division	of the State of Punjab belongs to
	the Caste,	which is recognised as a Backward Class in terms of
	Punjab Government letter No	dated
I.	2. This is also certified that he/she	e does not belong to any category of persons/sections
	mentioned in column 3 of the schedu	le to the Punjab Government, Department of Welfare
	letter No.1/41/93-RCI/459 dated 17-0	1-1994, No. 1/41/93-RC1/1597 Dated 17-08-2005 &
	No. 1/41/93-RCI/209 dated 24-02-2009)
i.	3. Shri/Shrimati/ Kumari	and or his/her family
	ordinarily reside(s) in villag	ge/townof District/Division
	of the State of I	Punjab.
		Signature
		Designation
		(Seal of the officer concerned)
Place:_	:	
State:_	:	
Date:_		

ANNEXURE- C

FORM OF DECLARATION REGARDING BACKWARD CLASS STATUS

I, 5/0 D/0 Sn	
R/o	belong to
backward class (Caste) which has been decl	ared as backward class by
Govt. of Punjab. That no change occurred in my previous sta	tus and I do not fall in the
section of creamy layer as per Punjab Govt. letter No.	1/41/93 RC1/459 dated
17/1/1994 and No. 10/9/2009 RC1/62 dated 8/1/2010.	
Date:	Signature of Applicant.
Date:	

ANNEXURE-D

Form of certificate to be submitted by a candidate who is a lineal descendant of an ex-serviceman in support of his/her claim

LINEAL DESCENDENT CERTIFICATE

(As per Punjab Government Notification No. G.S.R.9/Const/Art. 309, 234 and 318/Amd (5)/2003 dated 6 Nov 2002 and letter No. 15/7/92-4DW/Part 11/2056 dated 30 Apr 2003)

Certifie	ed that Sh/Smt/	Miss				is a	a Lineal Des	cendent/
Wife o	f No			_ Rank				
	Name			_ who	is an Ex-Se	erviceman	as per Iden	tity Card
No			issued	by	District	Sainik	Welfare	Officer
						and	residin	g at
Village	/Town					PO		
Dist	trict							
2.	This certificate	e is issued to Sh./ Sm	nt/ Miss _				wh	ose date
of birth	h is		_strictly fo	r the p	urpose of:			
*(a)	employment f	for the post of						in the
	office of							
*(b)	admission for	(name of the class,	/course) _		iı	າ		(name
	of the education	onal Institution).						
*(5	Strikeout whiche	ever is not applicable)					
					District	Sainik We	lfare Officer	
No								
	ace:							
υd	te:							

ANNEXURE-E

Form of certificate to be submitted by a candidate belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe in support of his/her claim

FORM OF CASTE CERTIFICATE

1.	This is to certify that Shri/ Shrimati/ Kumari				son/daughter of		
	Shri				of	village/Town	
			in	District/Division		State of	
		belor	ngs to	Caste/T	ribe, which has bee	en recognised as a	
	Scheduled C	Caste/Schedu	led Tribe a	as per "The Constitutio	n (Scheduled Caste	s) Order, 1950".	
2.	Shri/Shrimat	ti/Kumari	5		and/o	r/his/her family	
	ordinary	resides	in	village/town	of	District/Division	
			c	of the State of			
	Signature _						
				Designat	ion		
				(With Seal of offi	ice)		
-							
*	Please score	e out whiche	ver is not a	applicable.			

Note: The word 'ordinarily resides' here will have the same meaning as is given in Section 20 of the Representation of People Act, 1950.