



HIGH COURT OF MADRAS

NOTIFICATION No.6 / 2026

Applications are invited from eligible Indian citizens, through online mode for recruitment **on ad hoc and consolidated pay basis**, for filling up of the following posts sanctioned to the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, No.30/95, P.S.K.R.Salai, R.A.Puram, Chennai - 600 028:-

S.No.	Name of the Post	Consolidated Pay	No. of Vacancies
1.	Research Fellow	Rs.45,000/- per month	01
2.	Research Assistant	Rs.30,000/- per month	03

Last date for submission of online application: 20.02.2026.

2. Age :-

Applicant must not have attained the age of **30 years** as on **01.01.2026** (i.e. applicant should not have been born before **02.01.1996**).

3. Minimum eligibility criteria for Research Fellow / Research Assistant :-

(i) Applicant should be a Post Graduate in Law (under 10+2+3+3+2 or 10+2+5+2 pattern) from the recognized Universities in the Indian Union and recognized by the Bar Council of India for admission as Advocate or Attorney of an Indian Court, **for the post of Research Fellow**.

(ii) Applicant should be a Graduate in Law (under 10+2+3+3 or 10+2+5 pattern) from the recognized Universities in the Indian Union and recognized by the Bar Council of India for admission as Advocate or Attorney of an Indian Court, **for the post of Research Assistant**.

(iii) Applicants pursuing Post Graduate Degree in Law or any other Degrees or Programmes requiring their compulsory attendance elsewhere are not eligible to apply for the assignment as Research Fellow / Research Assistant.

(iv) Applicant must be skilled in the usage of computer including retrieval of desired information from various search engines / processes / Online Law Journals, etc.

(v) Applicant should not have been involved in any criminal case, whether convicted or against whom criminal trial proceedings are pending. A declaration in this behalf shall be made by the candidate.

4. Period of Assignment and De-Assignment of Research Fellow / Research Assistant:-

(i) Research Fellow / Research Assistants will be *ad hoc* appointees and their engagement shall be initially for a period of one year on contract basis from the date of their assignment, which can be extended for a further period of not exceeding one more year, based on performance, subject to the approval of the Hon'ble The Chief Justice or Board of Governors of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Chennai, as may be authorized by the Hon'ble The Chief Justice of the High Court of Madras.

(ii) The assignment of any Research Fellow / Research Assistant may be discontinued even before the completion of one year, without notice.

(iii) Research Fellow / Research Assistant shall not be treated or deemed to be an employee either in the Madras High Court Service or in the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy.

(iv) Any Research Fellow / Research Assistant intended to leave the assignment as Research Fellow / Research Assistant within a period of one year, shall be required to give prior notice of three months.

5. Procedure for Submission of Application:-

The online application for the examination consists of two parts:

- A. Registration, and
- B. Filling up of Application

NOTE:

Applicants who have already registered for any previous recruitments in the Recruitment Portal of the Madras High Court, have to **RE-REGISTER** as '**NEW APPLICANTS**' as the previous registered User ID and Password will be invalid.

A. REGISTRATION: The applicants are required to visit https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in/recruitment_rf/login and click "**REGISTER YOURSELF**" and enter the following details:

1. Applicant's E-mail ID
2. Applicant's Mobile No.
3. Name (Initial and Name as in the SSLC - Secondary School Leaving Certificate or if changed, as mentioned in Gazette Notification)
4. Create Password
5. Retype Password
6. Enter Captcha Code

After successfully entering all the details, the applicants shall click '**SUBMIT**'; a message will appear in the screen as 'Successfully Registered' and an activation OTP will be sent to the registered mobile number and e-mail ID. The applicants can login to the website by using their registered 'email ID' and 'password' given by them using the activation OTP sent to them.

NOTE:-

- (i) The applicants are requested not to disclose their login credentials to anyone and the Madras High Court will not be responsible for any misuse of data. **Registered e-mail ID and registered password of the applicants must be noted and preserved for future use.**
- (ii) Applicants are advised to have a valid Personal Mobile Number/valid Personal E-mail ID. In case the applicants do not have a valid email ID/Mobile Number, they should create their own email ID and obtain mobile number before applying online and must keep the email account/mobile number active throughout the selection process.

The applicants are advised not to enter Mobile Number and Email ID of internet cafe/browsing centre/Common Service centres or any other person.

- (iii) No request regarding change in Mobile Number/E-mail ID will be entertained.
- (iv) The High Court of Madras will update various information / intimations relating to the recruitment, in the Recruitment Portal of the Madras High Court. (<https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in>) / website of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy (<https://www.tnsja.tn.nic.in>).
- (v) It will be the responsibility of the applicant to update himself/herself by visiting the websites viz., <https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in> and <https://www.tnsja.tn.nic.in> periodically for any important announcement/information. No separate intimation will be given to the applicants regarding updates.
- (vi) The High Court of Madras will not be responsible in case of any communication not reaching the applicants.

B. FILLING UP OF APPLICATION:-

1. After Registration, the applicants shall login with the USER ID and PASSWORD given by them.
2. The online application consists of 5 steps :
 - (1) Personal Information
 - (2) Educational Qualification details
 - (3) Additional information
 - (4) Declaration
 - (5) Confirm your details
3. After completion of Step-1 to Step-5, the applicants should check the details entered by them. Once the '**SUBMIT**' button is clicked, the applicants will not be able to change any of the details submitted in the application.

(1) STEP ONE (PERSONAL INFORMATION):-

The personal information furnished by the applicants in the Registration Form will be generated automatically. The details furnished in the Registration Form cannot be edited. Applicants shall fill their other personal information as required therein. They shall upload the scanned copy of their passport size photograph of high contrast and their full signature. After submitting the personal information, the applicants shall select the

'SAVE/NEXT' **STEP'** button to proceed to
Step-2.

(a) Instructions for UPLOADING PHOTOGRAPH:

- i. Photograph must be a recent (i.e. not more than three months old from the date of publication of the Notification) passport size colour picture in **.jpg format only**. The size of the file should be **between 20 KB and 50 KB** with dimensions of **230 pixels and 200 pixels, height and width** respectively.
[The applicants are advised to use online tools only for resizing the photograph.]
- ii. The **background** of photograph should be **clear white** and dress should be in dark colour.
- iii. If the applicants wear glasses, they shall make sure that there is no reflection and their eyes are visible.
- iv. The applicants shall ensure that both eyes are visible in the pictures.
- v. Photograph with dark background or with eyes hidden under coloured dark glasses will not be accepted.
- vi. Facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of face must be clearly visible.
- vii. "**Selfie**" photograph is not allowed. Photograph should have been taken professionally and it should not have been taken by mobile phone camera.
- viii. Photograph having caps, hats and dark glasses will not be accepted.
- ix. The applicants should click the '**CHOOSE FILE**' button and upload the photograph.
- x. Instead of uploading the photo, if the applicants upload any other unwanted material, their application will be liable to be **rejected**.

(b) Instructions for UPLOADING SIGNATURE:-

- i. Signature must be in **.jpg format only**. The size of the file should be **less than 20 KB** with dimensions of **60 pixels and 140 pixels, height and width** respectively.
[The applicants are advised to use online tools only for resizing the signature.]
- ii. The applicants should click the '**CHOOSE FILE**' button and upload their signature.
- iii. Instead of uploading the signature, if the applicants upload any other unwanted material, their application will be liable to be **rejected**.

(2) **STEP TWO (EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION DETAILS):-**

The applicants shall fill all the educational qualifications possessed by them along with the details of language proficiency skill, other qualifications and experience. After submitting the said particulars, the applicants shall select 'SAVE/NEXT STEP' button to complete Step-2 and proceed to Step-3.

(3) **STEP THREE (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION):**

The applicants shall fill the Additional information as required therein. They shall scan and upload the following certificates:-

- (i) SSLC Certificate or its equivalent (Below 115 KB)
- (ii) HSC Certificate or its equivalent (Below 115 KB)
- (iii) Bachelors Degree Certificate along with all Mark sheets (if applicable) (Below 115 KB)
- (iv) Professional Degree Certificate (under graduate) along with all Mark sheets (Below 115 KB)
- (v) Professional Degree Certificate (Post graduate) (if applicable) along with all Mark sheets (Below 115 KB)
- (vi) Enrolment Certificate. (Below 115 KB)
- (vii) Experience Certificate (if any) (Below 115 KB)
- (viii) Certificates in proof of computer skill, achievement in extra curricular activities, achievement in LLB/BL / LLM / ML, (if any) (Below 115 KB)

After uploading the required certificates, they shall select 'SAVE/NEXT STEP' button to complete Step-3 and proceed to Step-4.

(4) **STEP FOUR (DECLARATION):**

The applicants shall tick the check box in the declaration and select the 'SAVE/NEXT STEP' button and proceed to Step-5.

(5) **STEP FIVE (CONFIRM YOUR DETAILS):**

- (i) On completion of step-4, the details furnished by the applicants in steps 1 to 4 appear on the screen as **PREVIEW**. The applicants shall carefully peruse the details furnished and confirm the same by selecting 'SUBMIT APPLICATION' button.
- (ii) Before submitting, if the applicants intend to make any correction or modification in the details furnished in the previous step, they can select 'PREVIOUS STEP' and make necessary modification.

- (iii) When the applicants click on '**SUBMIT APPLICATION**' button, a pop up alert dialogue box will appear stating that,

'If OK button is selected, the application will be converted as PDF and the details furnished in the application cannot be modified thereafter. The Applicant cannot add/delete/modify the Post/Posts Applied as per this Notification.'

- (iv) Online application will be submitted successfully.

IMPORTANT NOTE:-

- (i) **The applicants are advised to take printout of their filled in application form by selecting the “VIEW” option and downloading their application in PDF form for future reference till the completion of recruitment process.**
- (ii) The applicants need not send the printout of the application form to the undersigned or to the Madras High Court.
- (iii) All the particulars mentioned in the online application including the name of the applicant, post applied for, educational qualifications, date of birth, address, e-mail ID etc., will be considered as final and no modification will be allowed after final submission of the online application. Since certain fields are mandatory and cannot be edited, applicants are requested to fill the online application with utmost care and caution. **No correspondence regarding change of details will be entertained.**

6. Selection Procedure:

- (i) A Committee of Hon'ble Judges / Board of Governors constituted by the Hon'ble The Chief Justice will select the candidates on the basis of academic record, achievement in co-curricular activities and performance in the Viva-voce.

- (ii) If there are large number of applicants, candidates will be shortlisted for Viva-voce on the basis of academic record and achievement in co-curricular activities.
- (iii) Viva-voce will be conducted only in Chennai and no request for change of venue, date and time will be entertained.
- (iv) The Research Fellow / Research Assistant during the assignment is liable to maintain a high standard of reputation and integrity commensurate with the responsibilities entrusted to him / her.
- (v) The Research Fellow / Research Assistant will not be conferred with any right or cannot claim preference for any employment in the Madras High Court Service.
- (vi) The date, time and venue for Viva-voce will be hosted in the Recruitment Portal of the Madras High Court and also in the website of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Chennai.
- (vii) No TA / DA / Accommodation / Conveyance will be provided to the applicants who are required to attend the Viva-voce.
- (viii) The selected candidates will be posted at the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Chennai-28 or at the place decided by the Board of Governors of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Chennai, from time-to-time, as approved by the Hon'ble The Chief Justice.

7. Certificate of Physical Fitness:

The candidates selected for appointment to the above posts on *ad hoc* and consolidated pay basis, will be required to produce a Certificate of Physical Fitness from the competent authority.

8. General Instructions:-

- i. No Research Fellow / Research Assistant during the currency of his/her assignment shall be entitled to practice as an Advocate in any Court of Law or Tribunal or Authority and it will be obligatory for him / her after accepting the assignment as Research Fellow / Research Assistant, to inform the Bar Council concerned, in writing, that he / she shall not practice as an Advocate as long as he / she continues with the assignment as Research Fellow / Research Assistant.

- ii. The Research Fellow / Research Assistant during the currency of his/her assignment shall not be entitled to take up any employment or any engagement of whatsoever nature either on full-time or part-time basis.
- iii. Any application, even under the Right to Information Act, seeking any information regarding the selection, will NOT be entertained till the completion of the entire Recruitment Process.
- iv. The decision of the High Court of Madras in respect of all the matters pertaining to this Recruitment Process would be final and binding on all the candidates.
- v. Candidates are required to keep visiting the websites of the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy (<https://www.tnsja.tn.nic.in>) / Recruitment Portal of the Madras High Court (<https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in>) for latest and updated information with regard to this selection.

High Court, Madras.

Dated:09.01.2026.

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