



ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
ADVERTISEMENT NO. 11 OF 2023-24

Recruitment to the posts of Mining Officer in Group - A of Odisha Mineral Administrative Service cadre under Steel and Mines Department.

WEBSITE – www.opsc.gov.in

Online applications are invited from the prospective candidates through the Proforma Application form to be made available on the Website of the Commission (<http://www.opsc.gov.in>). The link for registration shall be available from **01.07.2023 to 31.07.2023** (Note: **31.07.2023** is the last date for submission of Registered Online Application) for recruitment to **23 (Twenty-Three)** posts of **Mining Officers** in the rank of Group-A under Steel & Mines Department in the Scale of Pay of Rupees 56,100/- in Level 12, Cell – 1 of the pay matrix as per ORSP Rules, 2017 with usual Dearness and other Allowances as may be sanctioned by the Government of Odisha from time to time.

2. VACANCY POSITION:

As per requisition filed by the Steel and Mines Department, Government of Odisha, the vacancy position along with reservation thereof is given below: -

| Sl. No. | Category | No. of vacancies |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Unreserved | 09 (03-w) |
| 2. | SEBC | 04 (01-w) |
| 3. | Scheduled Caste | 04 (02-w) |
| 4. | Scheduled Tribe | 06 (02-w) |
| Total | | 23 (08-w) |

Out of the total **23** number of vacancies mentioned above, **01** post is reserved for **Persons with Disabilities under Hearing Impaired category (having permanent disability of 40% and more)**. Candidates belonging to PWD category shall be adjusted against the categories to which they belong.

Note :-

- In the event of non-availability of sufficient number of eligible women candidates belonging to any particular category, the vacancies or the remaining vacancies will be filled up by the male candidates of that category.
- Exchange of reservation between Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe will not be considered.
- The number of vacancies to be filled up on the basis of this recruitment is subject to change by Government without notice, depending upon the exigencies of public service at the discretion of the State Government.

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3. AGE:

A candidate must have attained the age of **21 (Twenty-one)** years and must not be above the age of **38 (Thirty-Eight)** years as on the **1st day of May 2023** i.e., he/she must have been born **not earlier than 2nd May 1985 and not later than 1st May 2002.**

Provided that the upper age limit prescribed above shall be relaxed by **five (05) years** for candidates belonging to the categories of Socially & Educationally Backward Classes (S.E.B.C.), Scheduled Castes (S.C.), Scheduled Tribes (S.T.), Women & Ex-Servicemen and by **10 (Ten) years** for Persons with Disabilities having **Hearing Impairment** whose **permanent disability is forty percent (40%) and more.**

Persons with Disabilities belonging to SEBC/ SC/ ST categories are eligible for cumulative age relaxation benefit upto fifteen (15) years.

SAVE AS PROVIDED ABOVE THE AGE LIMITS PRESCRIBED CAN IN NO CASE BE RELAXED.

Date of birth entered in the High School Certificate or equivalent certificate issued by the concerned Board/Council will only be accepted by the Commission.

4. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

A candidate must have possessed **2nd Class Degree in Mining Engineering** from any recognized University in India.

5. EXAMINATION FEE:

The examination fee for all categories of candidates has been exempted as per **GA&PG Department Notification No. 9897/Gen, dt. 11.04.2022.**

6. METHOD OF SELECTION:

- i. The selection of candidates for recruitment to the posts will be made on the basis of **Written Examination and Viva Voce test.**
- ii. The written examination will consist of **02 (Two) papers with total of 500 marks.**
- iii. The questions in both the paper shall be of **Objective Type of Multiple Choice Questions.**
- iv. **Paper – I (General Studies & Awareness Test)** shall consist of **100 questions** carrying **02 marks each** and a total of **200 marks** with a duration of **02 hours.**
- v. **Paper – II (Specialization Paper – Mining Engineering)** shall consist of **150 questions** carrying **02 marks each** and a total of **300 marks** with a duration of **03 hours.**
- vi. There shall be negative marking for each wrong answer/ response with a deduction of **25% (one-fourth) of marks** allotted to the particular question for both General & Technical Papers i.e., Paper – I (General Studies & Awareness Test) and Paper – II (Mining Engineering).
- vii. The maximum mark for the **Viva Voce test** is **50 marks.**

- viii. Where the no. of vacancies is upto 02 (two), the no. of candidates to be called for Viva Voce Test will be 05 (five). Where the no. of vacancies exceeds 02 (two), the no. of candidates to be called for Viva Voce will be thrice the no. of vacancies.
- ix. On the basis of the result of competitive examination (Written Examination & Viva Voce Test), the Commission shall prepare a list of successful candidates found suitable for appointment in order of merit subject to reservation for different categories.
- x. **In case of candidate securing same marks in the aggregate, the candidate older in age shall be placed above in the select list.**
- xi. The broad outlines of the pattern and syllabus for the said examination are appended in Annexure – A of this Advertisement.

Note:- Any details relating to this recruitment like cut-off marks, answer keys, individual marks etc. shall only be declared on the website of the Commission after publication of the final results and select list.

7. PLACE OF EXAMINATION:

The Written Examination will be held at Cuttack/ Bhubaneswar. Request for change of Examination Centre shall not be entertained.

8. OTHER ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:

- (i) The candidate must be a citizen of India;
- (ii) He/ She should be of good mental condition and bodily healthy and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the discharge of his/ her duties in the service and a candidate, who after such medical examination as the Government may prescribe, is not found to satisfy these requirements shall not be appointed to the service.
- (iii) A candidate must be able to read, write and speak Odia; and have –
- (a) passed Middle School Examination with Odia as a language subject; or
- (b) passed Matriculation or equivalent examination with Odia as medium of examination in non-language subject; or
- (c) passed in Odia as language subject in the final examination of Class VII from a School or Educational Institution recognized by the Government of Odisha or the Central Government; or
- (d) passed a Test in Odia in Middle English School Standard conducted by the School & Mass Education Department;
- (iv) A candidate if married must not have more than one spouse living:
Provided that the State Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person or there are other grounds for doing so, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.
- (v) Government servants, whether temporary or permanent, are eligible to apply provided that they possess the requisite qualification and are within the prescribed age-limit as provided under Para - 3 & 4 of the Advertisement. They must inform their respective Heads of Offices in writing regarding submission of their applications for this recruitment and obtain "No Objection Certificate".

- (vi) If a candidate has at any time, been debarred for a certain period/chance(s) by the Odisha Public Service Commission or other State Public Service Commission or U.P.S.C. from appearing at any examination/Viva Voce test, he/she will not be eligible for such recruitment for that specified period/chance(s);
- (vii) A candidate who claims change in his/her name after having passed the H.S.C. Examination or equivalent examination, is required to furnish copy of publication of the changed name in local leading daily newspaper as well as copy of notification in the Gazette in support of his/her change of name.
- (viii) **Only those candidates, who fulfil the requisite qualification & are within the prescribed age limit etc. by the closing date of submission of online application, will be considered eligible.**

9. IMPORTANT POINTS:

- (i) **Online applications submitted to OPSC if found to be incomplete in any respect are liable to rejection without entertaining any correspondence with the applicants on that score;**
- (ii) **Admission written examination / Viva Voce test will be provisional. If on verification at any stage before or after the written examination / Viva Voce test, it is found that a candidate does not fulfil all the eligibility conditions, his/her candidature will be liable to rejection. Decision of the Commission in regard to eligibility or otherwise of candidate shall be final;**
- (iii) This advertisement should not be construed as binding on the Government to make appointment;
- (iv) The appointment can be terminated on one months notice from either side without assigning any reason thereof.
- (v) Concessions meant for **S.E.B.C./ S.C. / S.T. by birth** are admissible to the **Socially and Educationally Backward Classes/ Schedule Castes/ Scheduled Tribes of Odisha only.**
- (vi) **Community/ Caste status once mentioned by the candidates under the appropriate box of the online application form will be treated as final and the same shall not be changed subsequently under any circumstances.**
- (vii) **Any misrepresentation or suppression of information by the candidate in the online application, will result in cancellation of his/her candidature or penalty, as decided by the Commission be imposed on the candidate;**
- (viii) Mere empanelment in the select list shall not confer any right for appointment unless the Government is satisfied after making such enquiry as may be deemed necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the service.

10. CERTIFICATES/DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED:

Candidates those who are called for the Viva Voce test will be required to bring with them the hard copy of online application form along with copies of certificate, mark sheets etc. and originals of the same for verification prior to the date of Viva Voce test which will be notified later on in due course, failing which he/she shall not be allowed to appear at the Viva Voce test. **The candidates are required to mention on copies of each document "Submitted by me" and put their full signature & date on the same. They must not attach the original certificates to their applications.**

- (i) H.S.C. or equivalent certificate in support of declaration of age issued by the concerned Board /Council;
- (ii) **Degree in Mining Engineering** from any recognized University in India;
- (iii) Mark-sheets in support of all the aforesaid Examination (H.S.C./ Degree in Mining Engineering) passed including fail marks, if any, issued by the concerned Board / Council /University.

NOTE 1:

- (a) The candidates have to upload their relevant documents as required by the system while filling up online application form, failing which their candidature shall be rejected.
- (b) Candidates who have not been awarded percentage of marks, but only "GRADE MARKS", should, along with their applications, produce the conversion certificate from the concerned University indicating the actual equivalent percentage of marks and the conversion formula failing which, their applications are liable to be rejected.
- (c) While filling up the marks in the online application form, the candidate has to mention the actual marks secured by him/her in the H.S.C, Engineering Degree, etc. (excluding the marks secured in the Extra Optional subjects).
 - (iv) Three recent passport size photographs (unsigned & unattested) which has been uploaded with Online Application Form.
 - (v) Caste Certificate by birth in support of claim as S.E.B.C./ S.C./ S.T.
 - (vi) Required Odia Pass Certificate from the competent authority, wherever applicable;
 - (vii) Disability Certificate (indicating percentage of permanent disability) issued by the concerned Medical Board, wherever applicable;
 - (viii) **Discharge Certificates** issued by the Commanding Officer of the Unit last served. Ex-Servicemen must submit an affidavit undertaking that he has not been appointed against any civil post after retirement from military service, wherever applicable.
 - (ix) No Objection Certificate in case of Government Servants.
 - (x) Any proof of identity.

NOTE 2:

- i. Candidates claiming to be belonging to S.E.B.C./ S.C. /S.T. category of Odisha, by birth are required to submit copy of the relevant Caste Certificate issued by the competent authority in the prescribed form.
- ii. Candidates of SEBC category (other than Creamy Layer) must submit copy of Caste Certificate issued by the Competent Authority within the last three years by the closing date for submission of online application form in the prescribed format. The SEBC Certificate which is more than three years old by the closing date of submission of online application form is liable for rejection.
- iii. O.B.C. CERTIFICATES WILL [REDACTED] IN LIEU OF S.E.B.C. CERTIFICATES AND CANDIDATES SUBMITTING OBC CERTIFICATES ARE LIABLE FOR REJECTION.

- iv. Women candidates belonging to S.E.B.C./ S.C./S.T. are required to submit Caste Certificates by birth showing “daughter of”. Caste Certificates by virtue of marriage (i.e., showing “wife of”) are not acceptable and liable to rejection.

The competent authorities to issue caste certificates are: - District Magistrate/ Collector or Additional District Magistrate or Sub-divisional Magistrate/Sub-Collectors or Executive Magistrates or Revenue Officers, not below the rank of Tahasildar /Additional Tahasildar of Government of Odisha;

NOTE 3: Engineering Degree Certificate, Caste Certificate, Odia Test Pass Certificate and Disability Certificate of Persons with Disabilities (indicating % of permanent disability) & Discharge Certificate of Ex-Servicemen must have been issued by the competent authority within the last date fixed for submission of online application form.

10. GROUNDS OF REJECTION OF APPLICATION:-

Applications of candidates will be rejected by the Commission on any of the following grounds:-

- (a) In-complete online application form.
- (b) Non-submission of hard copy of online application form at the time of verification of original documents.
- (c) Not signing Declaration (full signature) in the hard copy of online application form.
- (d) Not coming within the age limit as mentioned in Para - 3 of Advertisement.
- (e) Not having requisite qualification as provided under Para - 4 of Advertisement.
- (f) Not furnishing copies of certificates/documents as provided under Para - 10 of Advertisement.
- (g) Not passing Odia test (M.E. standard) /not furnishing Odia test pass evidence as prescribed under Para-8 (iii) of the advertisement.
- (h) Submission of wrong information/ false information about qualification/ Age/ O.T. Pass evidence/ Category status (SEBC/ SC/ ST/ Women/ Ex-Servicemen/ PWD etc).
- (i) Suppression of facts / information about eligibility, if any.
- (j) Any other ground as per the decision of the Commission.

N.B:- Application / candidature of a candidate shall be rejected at any stage of recruitment process, when discrepancy is noticed /detected.

11. HOW TO APPLY:

- (a) Candidates must go through the details of this Advertisement available in the Website of OPSC before filling up online application form.
- (b) Candidates must apply online through the concerned Website of the OPSC <http://opsc.gov.in>. Applications received through **any other mode** would not be accepted and summarily rejected.

- (a) **Before filling up the online application form, the candidates must go through detailed instructions available at OPSC portal.**
- (b) The online application form is automated and system driven and will guide the candidate seamlessly in filling the application. The requisite options shall be enabled and information shall be asked as per data furnished by the candidate. Before filling up the information, ensure that accurate information is fed, for edit option is limited & on confirmation there is no scope for further edit even if wrongful entry has been made while filling up application.
- (c) Candidates are requested to upload the scanned image of latest passport size photograph along with scanned image of his/her full signature and scanned image of Left-hand Thumb Impression (LTI) in the online application form. Uploaded photograph, Specimen (full) signature and LTI must be clearly identifiable / visible, otherwise the application of the candidate is liable to be rejected by the Commission and no representation from the candidate will be entertained.
- (d) Candidates should keep at least two copies of latest passport size photograph which is uploaded to the online application form for future use.
- (e) *On successful submission of the online Registration, a unique "Permanent Public Service Account Number (PPSAN)" will be assigned to the applicant. Candidates are required to take a printout of the finally submitted online Registration and finally submitted Online Application forms and put his/ her signature under the declaration for submission to OPSC along with copies of requisite certificate & documents as and when asked.*
- (f) The candidates are advised to submit the Online Application Form well in advance without waiting for the closing date to avoid last hour rush.
- (g) Certificate of Admission to the written examination to the eligible candidates will be uploaded in the Website of the OPSC prior to the date of written examination which will be published in the Website of the Commission and Newspapers. The candidates are required to download their Admission Certificate from the Website of the Commission and produce the same at the Examination centre for admission to the written examination. No separate correspondence will be made on this score.
- (h) Notice to candidates for document verification & V.V. test, "Attestation form" & "Bio-data Form" shall be uploaded in the website of OPSC prior to the date of Document Verification & V.V Test.
- (i) Any complaint on the conduct of examination must be sent to the Grievance Wing of the Commission by e-Mail (opsc@nic.in) within 07 (seven) days of completion of the examination.

12. FACILITATION COUNTER:

To resolve any Technical problem faced in filling up of online Registration and Application forms, candidate may contact OPSC Technical Support over Telephone No. 0671-2304707 between 10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. & 2.00 P.M. to 5.30 P.M. on any Odisha Government working days.

In case of any guidance/information on this advertisement & recruitment, candidates may go through the FAQ available in the website of the Commission or contact the O.P.S.C. Facilitation Counter over Telephone No. 0671-2304141/2305611 & Extn. - 205 on any working day between 10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. & 2.00 P.M. to 5.30 P.M.

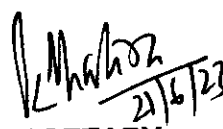
The candidates are required to visit the website of the Commission at <http://opsc.gov.in> for detailed information about important notices, rejection of applications, the date & time of Written Examination & Document verification and also keep track of publication of various notices to the effect in the leading local dailies for information.

CLOSING DATES

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF ONLINE REGISTERED APPLICATIONS CAN BE DONE IN THE WEBSITE FROM 01.07.2023 TO TILL 31.07.2023 (11:59 P.M).

NB: - THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORMS IF FOUND DEFECTIVE IN ANY RESPECT ARE LIABLE TO BE SUMMARILY REJECTED.

**CUTTACK
DATE – 21.06.2023**


**SECRETARY
ODISHA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
CUTTACK**

ANNEXURE – A

Syllabus for recruitment to the posts Mining Officer

The written examination will consist of 02 (Two) papers with 500 marks (total). All question papers will be set in English and the same should be answered in English only. There shall be negative marking for each wrong answer/ response with a deduction of 25% (one-fourth) of marks allotted to the particular question. The maximum mark for the Viva Voce test is 50.

1. Paper – I – General Studies & Awareness Test

| Paper | Pattern | Syllabi | No of Questions | Marks | Duration |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| General Studies & Awareness | Objective Type /Multiple Choice Questions | Current Affairs | 25 | 50 | 2 hours |
| | | History & Geography | 40 | 80 | |
| | | General Science | 20 | 40 | |
| | | Economics | 15 | 30 | |
| Total | | | 100 | 200 | |

2. Paper – II – Specialisation Paper (Mining Engineering)

| Name of the Posts | Subject | Pattern | No of Questions | Total Marks | Duration |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Mining Officer | Mining Engineering | Objective Type /Multiple Choice Questions | 150 | 300 | 3 Hours |

Broad Outlines of Paper – I – General Studies & Awareness Test.

The paper in General Studies & Awareness will include Knowledge of Current Affairs, History & Geography, General Science and Economics as may be expected of Graduate standard.

Broad Outlines of Paper – II – Specialisation Paper (Mining Engineering)

1. Geological Prospecting & Exploration
2. Mineralogy, Petrology & Stratigraphy
3. Mine Surveying
4. Drilling & Blasting in Surface Mining & Underground Mining
5. Explosives and Initiation System
6. Rock Mechanics
7. Mineral Processing
8. Mine Environment & Ventilation

9. Mining Machineries

10. Mine Planning & Economics

11. Mine Legislation & General Safety

12. Advance Surface Mining

13. Underground Coal and Metal Mining

14. Softwares used in Digital Management of Mines
