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HIMACHAL PRADESH  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OFFICE ORDER

No.3-8/86-PSC

Dated; Shimla-171 002, the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020

The Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission in its meeting held on 20-01-2020 decided to amend further the Rules of the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (Procedure & Transaction of Business and Procedure for the conduct of Examinations & Personality Tests Etc.) Rules, 2018 notified vide Office Order No.3-8/86-PSC dated 12-11-2018, as amended from time to time, as under:-

Rule	Amendment
Rule 4 (b) (ii) (a)	The desirous & eligible candidates shall pay the examination fee fixed category-wise online by debit or credit card or internet banking through “ePayment Gateway”, as the case may be, on or before the prescribed closing date for submission of online recruitment applications through OTRS portal. While making payment through “e-Payment Gateway” the candidate(s) shall pay the fixed amount through Debit or Credit Card only after accepting the “Terms and Conditions to apply online”. Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstance nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection. However, female candidates shall be exempted from the payment of examination fee.
Rule 4 (b) (ii) (b)	The candidates of General / General Physical Handicapped / Hearing Impaired / Wards of Freedom Fighter categories of Himachal Pradesh shall pay full examination fee. However, female candidates shall be exempted from the payment of examination fee.
Rule 4 (b) (ii) (c)	The candidates of S.C. / S.T. / O.B.C. / B.P.L. categories of Himachal Pradesh shall pay 1/4 <sup>th</sup> of the examination fee. However, female candidates shall be exempted from payment of the examination fee.
Rule 4 (b) (ii) (d)	The Ex-serviceman / Blind / Visually Impaired candidates of Himachal Pradesh are exempted from paying the examination fee. However, the Ex-serviceman of Himachal Pradesh who are relieved from the Defence Services on their own request before completion of their normal tenure of service under the Government of India shall pay examination fee as is applicable to them in the respective category. However, female candidates shall be exempted from the payment of examination fee.

Rule	Amendment
Rule 4 (b) (ii) (e)	The candidates of reserved category(ies) of other States i.e. other than the Himachal Pradesh State will be treated as General candidates and the benefits of reservation and fee concession will not be admissible to such candidates. However, female candidates shall be exempted from the payment of examination fee.
Rule 6 (d)	The category of the candidate claimed in the profile before he / she applies for the post shall be treated as final. In case his / her category undergoes a change before the prescribed closing date for submission of online recruitment application through OTRS then such candidate shall have to cancel his / her previous application and apply afresh under the category which he / she intends to claim after updating category in his / her profile. In such a situation the fee deposited by the male candidate earlier shall stand forfeited and he shall have to deposit fresh fee as is applicable for the category claimed by him as female candidates shall not have to deposit fresh fee being exempted.

The above amendments shall come into force with immediate effect.

Sd/-  
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H.P. Public Service Commission  
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