

3. AGE:

A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years and must not be above the age of 38 years on the 1st day of January 2024 i.e. he/she must not have been born **earlier than 2nd January 1986 and not later than 1st January 2003.**

The upper age limit prescribed above shall be relaxable by **05 (five)** years for candidates belonging to the categories of Socially & Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC), Scheduled Castes (S.C.), Scheduled Tribes (S.T.), Women & Ex-servicemen and **10 (Ten) years for Persons With Disabilities whose permanent disability is 40% or more.**

Persons with Disabilities belonging to the categories of SEBC/SC/ST shall be eligible for cumulative age relaxation benefit of 15 (Fifteen) years.

Although age relaxation is permissible to Persons with Permanent Disabilities, reservation of post is only meant for persons with permanent disabilities belonging to OL(MNR) category-[one leg affected- (Right or Left) Mobility Not be restricted], as requisitioned by the Government.

Provided that a candidate who comes under more than one category mentioned above, he/she shall be eligible for only one benefit of upper age relaxation, which shall be considered most beneficial to him/her.

(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 a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture [B.Sc. (Ag.)] or Horticulture [B.Sc. (Horticulture)] from any University or Institution recognized by any State Government or the Government of India.

No other equivalent qualification except Degree in Agriculture or Horticulture will be accepted.

5. EXAMINATION FEE:

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

6. METHOD OF SELECTION:

a. The selection of candidates for recruitment to the posts of Assistant Agriculture Officer shall be made by way of competitive examination consisting of **Written Examination** and **Interview**.

b. (i) **Written Examination (200 marks): -**

- It shall consist of **two(02) Papers** having total **200 marks** i.e 100 marks for each Paper, which shall be of Objective Type with Multiple Choice Questions(MCQ pattern).
- Each Paper consists of 100 questions with one(01) mark per question.
- There shall be **negative marking** for incorrect answers with a deduction of 0.25 marks for each wrong answer.
- There shall be no deduction for un-attempted questions.
- The time duration for each paper will be of **02 hours**.
- The detailed syllabus for the Written examination (Two papers) is enclosed at **Annexure-I**. The syllabus will be of Bachelor's Degree level.

(ii) **Interview: - It shall consist of 25 (twenty five) marks.**

- c. The Commission will short-list the candidates to be called for interview to a reasonable number taking into consideration the marks obtained in the written examination in the following manner.

"Where the number of vacancies is up to 02(two), the number of candidates to be called for interview shall be 05(five). Where the number of vacancy exceeds 02, the number of candidates to be called for interview shall be twice the number of vacancies".

- d. The Commission shall prepare a list of successful candidates in order of merit on the basis of Written Examination and Interview, which shall be equal to the number of vacancies as advertised.
- e. If two or more candidates obtain equal marks, the order of merit shall be determined in accordance with the highest marks secured by such candidates in Written Examination and in case the marks secured by them in Written Examination is equal, the order of merit shall be determined in accordance with their date of birth.

NOTE: - Any details relating to this recruitment like cut-off marks, answer keys, individual marks etc. shall only be declared in the Website of the Commission after publication of the Final Results and Select List.

7. DATE OF EXAMINATION

The Written Examination will be held on **09.03.2025 (Sunday)**. The detailed Schedule and Centre of Examination will be notified in due course.

8. PLACE OF EXAMINATION

The venue of the Written Examination for the posts of Assistant Agriculture Officer will be located at Cuttack/Bhubaneswar.

9. OTHER ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:

- i. The candidate must be a citizen of India;
- ii. He/She must be of good mental condition and bodily health and free from any physical and mental defect, likely to interfere with the discharge of his or her duties in the service.
- iii. He/She 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 of the Government of Odisha / Board of Secondary Education, Odisha.
- iv. A candidate, who has more than one spouse living, will not be eligible for appointment unless the State Government has exempted his/her case from operation of this limitation for any good and sufficient reasons;
- 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 & Para-4 of the Advertisement