THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA

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NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from qualified Indian Citizens for temporary appointment as Research Assistant(on contract basis) in the High Court of Kerala. Candidates shall apply online through the recruitment portal of the High Court (https://hckrecruitment.keralacourts.in). No other means / modes of application will be accepted.

1. **Recruitment Number** : 23/2026

2. **Honorarium** : ₹35,000/- per month. (May be enhanced on the basis of Government sanction).

3. **Tenure of Appointment** : **1** year (May be extended to 2nd year on the basis of Government sanction for continuance of the post and performance assessment).

4. **Number of vacancies** : 48 (Forty Eight) (Anticipatory) (Vacancies that may arise during the period of validity of the ranked list shall also be filled up from the list. The ranked list prepared pursuant to notification shall remain in force for a minimum period of one year from the date on which it is brought into force and shall continue to remain in force until the publication of a fresh list or till the expiry of two years, whichever is earlier)

5. **Qualification** : Graduation in Law.

   Final year/semester law students are also eligible to apply. But their Applications will be considered only on production of the all the certificates and consolidated mark sheet at the time of certificate verification, prior to the viva voce examination.

6. **Mode of Selection** : Selection will be on the basis of the written test and/or Scientific/Computer based Test and Viva Voce examination.

7. **Age Limit** : Candidates born between 01/12/1994 and 30/11/2004(both days inclusive) are eligible to apply for this post.

8. **Application fee** : ₹1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only). Scheduled Castes /

Scheduled Tribes/Unemployed Differently abled candidates with benchmark disabilities are exempted from payment of application fee. For payment of fee, candidates should either use system generated Fee Payment Challan or pay online through Debit Card/ Credit Card/Net Banking by following instructions on the screen. Bank Transaction charges for Payment of application fee, if applicable, will have to be borne by the candidate.

9. Scribe/ Compensatory time for Differently abled candidates in written test

I) Differently abled candidates whose writing speed is affected can avail the services of a scribe. Such candidates should indicate their intention to avail the service of scribe in their online application form.

II) The use of scribe will be governed by the guidelines prescribed by the High Court and candidates will have to produce a medical certificate and declaration at the time of test in the prescribed format available in the recruitment portal, (www. hckrecruitment.keralacourts.in). The qualification of the scribe shall be atleast one step below the minimum qualification prescribed for the post applied for by the candidate.

III) Differently abled candidates whether availing the facility of scribe or not, will be allowed compensatory time of 20 minutes and/or part thereof for every hour of the examination on production of Medical Certificate to the effect that the candidate has physical limitation to write. The format of medical certificate is given in the 'Downloads' section in the recruitment portal of the High Court. (www.hckrecruitment.keralacourts.in)

10. **Important Guidelines** :

A) An application once filed will not be allowed to be withdrawn.

B) Applications which do not comply with the instructions in this notification as well as guidelines shall be rejected.

C) Documents in original to prove age, qualification, etc. should be produced as and when called for.

D) Candidate should ensure that the particulars furnished by him/her are correct in all respects. In case it is detected at any stage of recruitment that a candidate does not fulfill the eligibility norms and/or that he/she has furnished any incorrect/false information or has suppressed any material facts, his/her candidature will stand cancelled. If any of these shortcomings is detected even after appointment, his/her service is liable to be terminated. Anything not specifically claimed in the application against the appropriate field will not be considered at a later stage.

E) Candidates possessing degrees which are not awarded by the Universities in Kerala should obtain certificate of recognition of their degrees from any of the Universities

in Kerala and keep it with them. The certificate of recognition of the degree should be produced as and when called for, failure of which will entail cancellation of candidature.

F) Candidates who wish to apply from abroad have to forward an e mail detailing their location with public IP address to the email id 'recruitment.hckerala@ nic.in' and they will be allowed access to the recruitment portal in order to apply for the post. Such candidates also have to inform via email after completing online application process.

G) Documents in original to prove age, qualifications etc. should be produced as and when called for, failure of which will entail cancellation of candidature. The Caste/Community Certificate, Disability Certificate, as the case may be, which are valid on the last date of closure of filing of online application for the post or on the date of certificate verification shall be produced in order to claim fee relaxation benefits as claimed in the application. Failure to produce the documents as detailed above will result in invalidation of application.

H) Candidates should ensure that the particulars furnished by him/her are correct in all respects. Anything not specifically claimed in the application against the appropriate field will not be considered at a later stage. In case it is detected at any stage of the recruitment that a candidate does not fulfill the eligibility norms and/or that he/she furnished any incorrect/false information or has suppressed any material facts, his/her candidature will stand cancelled. If suppression of material facts or furnishing of any incorrect/false information is detected even after appointment, his/her service is liable to be terminated.

I) Applications not submitted in accordance with the eligibility and other norms mentioned in this Notification as well as the instructions published in the Recruitment Portal of the High Court will be summarily rejected.

J) The candidates who misbehave or commit any malpractice during the written test / interview are liable to be disqualified / debarred by the High Court and/or from applying for any post in the High Court either permanently or for any period as decided by the High Court.

K) High Court reserves its right to modify or cancel the notification at any stage of the selection process. Decisions of the High Court in all matters regarding eligibility, conduct of written examinations/ other tests/ selection would be final and binding on all candidates. No representation or correspondence will be entertained by the High Court in this regard.

L) 'Code of Conduct' and 'Duties and functions' of Research Assistants are available in the link 'Downloads' in the Recruitment Portal https://hckrecruitment.keralacourts.in.

11. **<u>One Time Registration and submission of applications:</u>**

A) Candidates must complete 'One Time Registration' using 'One Time Registration

Login' link in the website 'https://hckrecruitment.keralacourts.in ' before applying for the post. The steps for 'One Time Registration' are given in 'How to apply' link in the website. Candidates shall read the notification and 'How to apply' carefully before submitting online application and be ready with scanned images of photograph and signature, details of qualification, etc.

B) After entering the required details in 'My Profile', the candidates can apply for the post from 'Apply Now' in 'Dashboard' and proceed as per the instructions on the screen. Candidates must ensure that the details entered are correct by checking the preview of the application before submission of the application. Once submitted, no changes/ editing/ modification can be made in the application.

12. **Admission Tickets/Call Letters for Test/ Viva-voce:**

I) Candidates should login to their profile to download the Admission Tickets/Call Letters (www.hckrecruitment.keralacourts .in).

II) The Admission Tickets for test will be ready for download three weeks prior to the date of the test and the Call Letters for Interview will be ready for download two weeks prior to the Interview and candidates will be intimated through SMS/e-mail. **The candidate who attempts to appear / appeared with an edited/modified format of admission ticket other than the one originally available for download will be disqualified from the selection process and may be debarred either \permanently or for such period as decided by the High Court.**

III) If a candidate is unable to download his/her Admission Ticket/Call Letter, he/she should contact the High Court at 0484-2562235. In case no communication is received in the office of the High Court from candidates regarding non-receipt of his/her Admission Ticket/Call Letter at least one week before the Test/Interview, as the case may be, he/she himself/herself will be solely responsible for non-receipt of his/her Admission Ticket/Call Letter. Candidates are also advised to visit the recruitment portal of the High Court (www.hckrecruitment. keralacourts.in) at least once in a week to know about the schedule of the test/ Interview. Candidates should note that their admission to the test/ Interview will be purely provisional based on the information given by them in the Online Application Form. This will be subject to verification of all the eligibility conditions by the High Court.

IV) The mere fact that Admission Ticket/Call Letter has been issued to a candidate does not imply that his/her candidature has been finally cleared by the High Court or that entries made by candidates in his/her application for the post of Assistant have been accepted by the High Court as true and correct. The High Court takes up the verification of eligibility conditions of a candidate, with reference to original documents, at the time of certificate verification.

13. **Important Dates to be remembered with regard to submission of application :**

Date of commencement of filing of online application and remittance of application fee through online mode	**02.11.2026**
Date of closure of filing of online application and remittance of application fee through online mode	**30.11.2026**
Date of commencement of remittance of application fee through offline mode	**04.12.2026**
Last date for remittance of application fee through offline mode	**11.12.2026**

14. For removal of doubts, candidate may call 0484-2562235 on all working days between 10.00 AM and 04.30 PM

(By Order)

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