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ENGAGEMENT OF APPRENTICES UNDER THE APPRENTICES ACT, 1961
ADVERTISEMENT NO: HO/HRM/RECR/2024-25/COM-19

ONLINE REGISTRATION OF APPLICATION : FROM 02.07.2024 TO 16.07.2024

UCO Bank invites online application from candidates for engagement as apprentices under the Apprentice Act 1961 (as amended from time to time). Candidates are requested to apply **Online** through the website

<https://nats.education.gov.in>

1. Candidates can apply for engagement in one state only.
2. Before applying, candidates are requested to ensure that they fulfill eligibility criteria for engagement on the date of eligibility.
3. **Detailed information about the conduct of online written test/ interview, list of shortlisted candidates, and the results of the candidates provisionally qualified for selection will be made available on the Bank's website.**
4. **ALL REVISIONS/ CORRIGENDUM (IF ANY) WILL BE HOSTED ON THE BANK'S WEBSITE ONLY.** Candidates are advised to check Bank's website www.ucobank.com -> [career](#) regularly for details and updates.
5. No hard copy of application or any other documents to be sent to this office. The Call letter/ advise, where required, will be sent by e-mail only (No hard copy will be sent).

A. State /UT wise seats of apprentices:

STATE/ UT	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	UR	TOTAL Seats*	Out of Which**			
							HI	OC	VI	ID
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
ANDHRA PRADESH	1	0	1	0	5	7	0	0	0	0
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
ASSAM	1	2	6	2	13	24	1	0	0	0
BIHAR	6	0	10	3	20	39	1	0	0	0
CHANDIGARH	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
CHHATTISGARH	1	3	0	1	5	10	0	0	0	0
DADRA NAGRA HAVELI	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
DAMAN AND DIU	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
GOA	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
GUJARAT	1	2	4	1	10	18	0	0	0	0
HARYANA	2	0	3	1	8	14	0	0	0	0
HIMACHAL PRADESH	6	1	5	2	13	27	1	0	0	0
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
JHARKHAND	1	3	1	1	6	12	0	0	0	0
KARNATAKA	1	0	3	1	6	11	0	0	0	0
KERALA	0	0	2	0	7	9	0	0	0	0

STATE/ UT	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	UR	TOTAL Seats*	Out of Which**			
							HI	OC	VI	ID
LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
MADHYA PRADESH	4	5	4	2	13	28	1	0	0	0
MAHARASHTRA	3	2	8	3	15	31	1	0	0	0
MANIPUR	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
MIZORAM	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
NEW DELHI	2	0	3	1	7	13	0	0	0	0
ODISHA	7	9	5	4	19	44	1	0	0	0
PONDICHERRY	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
PUNJAB	7	0	5	2	10	24	1	0	0	0
RAJASTHAN	6	5	7	3	18	39	1	0	0	0
SIKKIM	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
TAMIL NADU	3	0	5	2	10	20	0	0	0	0
TELENGANA	1	0	2	0	5	8	0	0	0	0
TRIPURA	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
UTTAR PRADESH	9	0	12	4	22	47	1	0	0	0
UTTARAKHAND	1	0	1	0	6	8	0	0	0	0
WEST BENGAL	19	4	18	8	36	85	1	1	1	0
Total	82	37	106	41	278	544	10	1	1	0

The number of seats mentioned above are provisional and may vary according to actual requirement of the Bank. **Candidates can apply for engagement in one state only. Two or more application from same candidate will be rejected. The Bank reserves the right to allot training seat in any district of Selected State as per administrative requirement.

Abbreviations stand for: SC - Scheduled Caste; **ST** - Scheduled Tribe; **OBC** - Other Backward Classes; **EWS** – Economically Weaker Section; **UR** – Unreserved.

Training seats reserved for OBC category are available to OBC candidates belonging to “Non-creamy layer”. Candidates belonging to OBC category but coming in “CREAMY LAYER”, are not entitled for any relaxation/ reservation available to OBC category. They should indicate their category as Unreserved OR Unreserved (HI,OC,VI,ID) as applicable. OBC category candidate should submit the OBC (Non-Creamy-layer) certificate on format prescribed by Govt. of India, having “Non-Creamy Layer” clause issued during period 01.04.2024 to the date of taking up engagement, if selected.

* **RESERVATION FOR PERSONS WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITY (PwBD):** Reservation for Persons with Disability is horizontal within the overall vacancies. Reservation has been provided to Persons with Benchmark Disabilities as per section 34 of “The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016”, The seat is identified suitable for the Persons with undernoted categories of benchmark disabilities as defined in the Schedule of RPWD Act 2016:

I. “OC” category: -

A person's inability to execute distinctive activities associated with movement of self and objects resulting from affliction of musculoskeletal or nervous system or both, including Cerebral Palsy, Leprosy Cured, Dwarfism,

Muscular Dystrophy and Acid Attack Victims. Orthopedically challenged persons are covered under locomotors disability with following bench mark:

a. "**Leprosy cured person**" means a person who has been cured of leprosy but is suffering from:

- i. Loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye- lid but with no manifests deformity;
- ii. Manifest deformity and paresis but having sufficient mobility in their hands and feet to enable them to engage in normal economic activity;
- iii. Extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him/her from undertaking any gainful occupation, and the expression "leprosy cured" shall be construed accordingly;

b. "**Cerebral palsy**" means a Group of non-progressive neurological conditions affecting body movements and muscle coordination, caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring before, during or shortly after birth;

c. "**Dwarfism**" means a medical or genetic condition resulting in an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches (147 centimetres) or less;

d. "**Muscular dystrophy**" means a group of hereditary genetic muscle disease that weakens the muscles that move the human body and persons with multiple dystrophy have incorrect and missing information in their genes, which prevents them from making the proteins they need for healthy muscles. It is characterized by progressive skeletal muscle weakness, defects in muscle proteins, and the death of muscle cells and tissue;

e. "**Acid attack victims**" means a person disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing of acid or similar corrosive substance. f. Persons with Spinal Deformity (SD) and Spinal Injury (SI) shall be covered under the respective Sub category such as OA,OL,BA,BL,OAL,BLOA and BLA, as the case may be.

II. Visual Impairment ("VI" Category):

Only those Visually Impaired (VI) persons who suffer from any one of the following conditions, after best correction, are eligible to apply:

a. **Blindness:**

- i. Total absence of sight; OR
- ii. Visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible correction; OR
- iii. Limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10 degree. OR

b. **Low Vision:**

- i. Visual acuity not exceeding 6/18 or less than 20/60 upto 3/60 or upto 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible corrections; OR
- ii. Limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 40 degree up to 10 degree.

III. Hearing Impaired ("HI" Category):

- a. **Deaf:** means person having 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears.
- b. **Hard of Hearing:** means person having 60 DB to 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears.

IV. "ID" Category:

Only those persons, who suffer from any one of the following types of disabilities, are eligible to apply under this category:

1. **Intellectual disability.**

- a. **Autism Spectrum disorder (ASD)** means a neuro-developmental condition typically appearing in the first three years of life that significantly affects a person's ability to communicate, understand relationships and relate to others, and is frequently associated with unusual or stereotypical behaviours.

- b. **“Specific Learning Disability” (SLD)** means a heterogeneous group of conditions wherein there is a deficit in processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as a difficulty to comprehend, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations and includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmental aphasia.
- c. **“Mental Illness” (MI)** means a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behaviour, capacity to recognize reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life, but does not include retardation which is a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person, specially characterized by sub normality of intelligence

2. **“Multiple Disabilities”** means multiple disabilities amongst clause “A”; “B”; “C”;” D (1)

Note: Only “person with bench mark disability” would be eligible for reservation with not less than 40% of a specified disability where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority. A person who wants to avail the benefit of reservation will have to submit a latest Disability Certificate, on prescribed format, issued by Medical Authority or any other notified Competent Authority (Certifying Authority) in the District of the applicant's residence as mentioned in the proof of residence in the application. The certificate should be dated on or before last date of registration of application. Such certificate shall be subject to verification/re-verification as may be decided by the Board /Competent Authority.

The allocation of reserved vacancies for the persons with benchmark disabilities will be as prescribed in the “The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016” and as per seats. These guidelines are subject to change in terms of Govt. of India guidelines/ clarifications, if any, from time to time.

B. Eligibility Criteria (As on 01.07.2024)		
Nationality/ Citizenship	A candidate must be either (i) a Citizen of India or (ii) a subject of Nepal or (iii) subject of Bhutan or (iv) a Tibetan Refugee who came over to India before Jan.1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India or (v) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania (Formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar), Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India, provided that of a candidates belong to categories (ii), (iii), (iv) & (v) above shall be a person in whose favour certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Govt. of India.	
Age	Minimum 20 years and maximum 28 years as on 01.07.2024 i.e. A candidate must have been born not earlier than 02.07.1996 and not later than 01.07.2004 (both dates inclusive)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum age indicated is for unreserved and EWS candidates. • Please note that change of category submitted by the applicant will not be permitted at any stage. • Relaxation in upper age limit will be available as detailed below: 		
Category	Age relaxation	
• Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST)	5 years	
• Other Backward Classes (Non- creamy layer) {OBC-NCL}	3 years	
• Persons With Benchmark Disability as defined under “The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016”	PwBD (SC/ST)	15 years
	PwBD (OBC)	13 years
	PwBD (UR/EWS)	10 years
• Widows, divorced women and women legally separated from their husbands who have not remarried	Age concession upto the age of 35 years for UR/EWS, 38 years for OBC and 40 years for SC/ST	
• Persons affected by 1984 riots	5 years	
Candidates seeking age relaxation will be required to submit necessary certificate(s) in original along with photo- copies at the time of document verification or at any stage of the engagement process		

Educational Qualification	Graduate degree from recognized University/ Institutes approved by Govt. of India or its regulatory bodies. The result of the qualification must have been declared on or before 01.07.2024 and candidate must produce Mark Sheets and Provisional/ Degree Certificate issued from the University/ Institute/ College as and when required by the Bank.
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C. Duration of Training	Total Duration of training will be one year from the date of contract.
D. Stipend	A monthly stipend of Rs 15000/- (including subsidy amount if any by Govt. of India) shall be paid to the apprentice during the period of apprenticeship. The apprentices are not eligible for any other allowances/ benefits. UCO bank will make payment of Rs 10,500/- into the apprentices account on a monthly basis. Government Share of stipend of Rs 4500/- will be directly credited to the apprentices Bank account through DBT mode as per extant guidelines.
E. Test of local language	The candidates applying for training seats of a particular state, should be proficient (reading, writing, speaking and understanding) in any one of the local languages of that State. The test for knowledge of specified opted local language will be conducted as a part of selection process. It will be conducted during the process of document verification Candidates who fail to qualify this test will not be engaged for apprentice. Candidates who produce 10th or 12th standard mark sheet/ certificate evidencing having studied the local language will not be required to undergo the language test.
F. Training Hours	The daily hours of training will be as applicable to the clerical staff of the Bank.

G. Mode of Selection

- I. Selection will be done through Screening and Personal interview of the shortlisted candidates at Bank's sole discretion. However, in the event that a high volume of applications, the Bank reserves the right to conduct a written test at its sole discretion. In such case, the selection process may be conducted solely through the written test.
- II. If selection process includes a written test, this will be communicated on the Bank's website www.ucobank.com->careers. A registration link for the written test, along with payment of requisite fee, will be made available on the Bank's website. Candidates must register for the written test to participate. Failure to register for the written test will result in the candidate being disqualified from further participation in the selection process. Information regarding the written test, including the date, centre, pattern of test, will be provided on the Bank's website. Candidates are required to regularly check the website for updates.
- III. The screening committee constituted by the Bank will examine whether the candidates fulfil the required eligibility criteria. No representation or correspondence will be entertained by the Bank in this regard.
- IV. Candidates are required to score a minimum marks in interview/written test (For SC/ST/OBC/PwBD candidates, 5% relaxation available thereon). Minimum qualifying in interview/written test will be as decided by the Bank. Merit list will be drawn State wise and category wise. Candidates qualified in the test will be placed according to their interview/written marks in descending order in respective States and Categories. In case more than one candidate scores same marks as cut-off marks in the merit list (common marks at cut off point) such candidate will be ranked in the merit list according to their age in descending order in respective States and categories.
- V. Bank reserves the right to change (cancel/ modify/ add) any of the criteria, method of selection and provisional allotment etc.
- VI. The Bank reserves the right to reject any application not suiting the Bank's requirements without assigning any reason whatsoever and call only the candidates who fulfil the eligibility criteria.

Note:

- **Engagement of selected candidates is subject to his/her being declared medically fit as per the requirement of the Bank.**

H. Wait-List:

A Wait list (State-category wise) will be maintained for one year from the date of result of the engagement of apprentices or next engagement exercise, whichever is earlier. Candidates will be released only once from this waitlist against non-joining subject to availability of qualified candidates.

I. Other Terms of Engagement of Apprentice:

1. The Candidates should not have undergone Apprenticeship either with UCO Bank or any other organization earlier or pursuing the Apprenticeship Training as per the Apprentices Act 1961 as amended from time to time. It is further clarified that any Apprentices terminated by its organisation where he/she was undergoing of Apprentice shall not be eligible to be considered.
2. Candidates, who had training or job experience for a period of one year or more after completing the education qualifications, shall not be eligible for being engaged as Apprentices.
3. **Every Apprentice undergoing apprenticeship training in our Bank shall be a trainee for all the purposes and not considered as a worker or employee of the Bank as such the provisions of any law with respect to labour shall not apply to or in relation to such apprentice. He/She will not be entitled to receive any benefits which are available for the employees of the Bank.**
4. **The apprentice shall have no right to claim employment in Bank after completion of the training.**
5. **Bank does not have any obligation to offer regular employment to apprentice during or after completion of apprenticeship period.**
6. Candidates shall be relieved from the respective area after immediate completion of apprenticeship period. **The apprentices will have no right to claim for regular employment in the bank based on the apprenticeship training undergone and such apprenticeship training will not cast any liability on the bank for providing any job to any such apprentice.**
7. Providing Transport/Hostel facility or any other form of residential accommodation during Apprentice training is not under the scope and Bank is not liable to the same in whatsoever manner.
8. Candidates selected for training will not be allowed to withdraw from training except for reasons which are beyond their control. Before commencement of the training, the candidates will have to execute a Contract of Apprenticeship. Those who absent themselves are liable to refund the whole cost of their training as well as the amount received as stipend as determined by the Central Apprenticeship Advisor/ Govt. guidelines issued time to time in this regard.
9. During the period of Apprenticeship, the selected Apprentices will be governed by Apprentices Act, 1961 (as amended from time to time) and Bank policy/guideline in this respect will be applicable mutus and mutent.
10. The contract of Apprentice shall automatically get terminated on expiry of the period of Apprenticeship Training and no separate notice of termination of contract will be issued by Bank.
11. The contract of Apprenticeship shall be terminated, if the apprentice does not report at the Bank's Training venue on the date of commencement of on the job training without any notice, cost and compensation thereof.

J. Procedure for Application: ONLINE

Candidates are required to have a valid Personal E-Mail ID and Contact Number. It should be kept active till completion of this engagement process. Bank may send call letters for written test/ personal interview on the registered E-Mail ID. In case, a candidate does not have a valid personal E-Mail ID, he/she should create his/her personal E-Mail ID before applying.

K. HOW TO APPLY

- Candidate will have to register and complete his/her profile on NATS portal <https://nats.education.gov.in> (**Student Register/ Student login**), if not done before.
- A list of documents needed for enrollment is available on the NATS portal under "Student Register" section. Please ensure all necessary documents ready before the you start the registration process.
- Candidate will have to fill the Basic information, Education Details, Communication Details, Training Details,

and Bank details to complete his/her profile.

- Student Manual is available on the NATS portal for detailed instruction and guidance.
- On completion of registration process, search for **UCO Bank Apprenticeship Engagement** and then apply.
- After applying, the candidate can check for applications status from the application management.

Note:

1. The name of the candidate should be filled correctly in the application as it appears in OVD/certificates/Mark sheets. Any change/alteration may disqualify the candidature.
2. An application which is incomplete in any respect will not be considered as valid. No communication will be entertained in this regard.
3. **Candidates are advised to carefully fill in the application form themselves as no change in any of the data filled in the application form will be possible/ entertained.**
4. Please note that the above procedure is the only valid procedure for applying. No other mode of application would be accepted and such applications would be rejected.
5. Not more than one application should be submitted by a candidate. In case of multiple applications, only the last valid (complete) application will be considered.
6. Any information submitted by an applicant in his/ her online application form shall be binding on the candidate personally and he/she shall be liable for prosecution/ civil consequences, in case the information/ details furnished by him/ her are found to be false at a later stage.

L. GENERAL INFORMATION:-

1. Before applying candidates should ensure that he/she fulfils the eligibility and other norms mentioned in this advertisement and ready to comply with the requirements and terms & conditions contained in this advertisement. The candidates are, therefore, advised to carefully read the advertisement and thereafter complete filling up of application form and submit the same as per the instructions given in this regard..
2. Candidate should indicate the percentage obtained to the nearest two decimals in the application. Where CGPA/OGPA is awarded, the same should be converted into percentage and indicated in the application. If called for document verification, the candidate will have to produce a certificate issued by the appropriate authority inter-alia stating the norms of the University regarding conversion of grade into percentage and the percentage of marks scored by the candidate in terms of these norms.
3. The Bank reserves the right to alter, modify or change the eligibility criteria and / or any of the other terms and conditions spelt out in this notice, including criteria for qualifying/method and procedure for selection.
4. Call letter/advice will be sent via e-mail. Candidates are advised to keep their e-mail ID active for receiving advices.
5. Candidates will have to produce original certificates for educational qualifications, age, category etc. at the time of document verification, in support of his/her eligibility, as per the details furnished in the application, failing which their candidature will be cancelled.
6. Decision of the Bank in all matters regarding eligibility of the candidate, the stages at which such scrutiny of eligibility is to be undertaken, acceptance or rejection of applications, mode of selection, the documents to be produced, cancellation of the selection process either in part or full and any other matter relating to engagement will be final and binding on the candidates. No correspondence or personal enquiries shall be entertained by the Bank in this regard.
7. Caste certificate issued by Competent Authority on format prescribed by the Government of India will have to be submitted by the SC/ST/OBC candidates, at the time of document verification/engagement, if called for.
8. Benefit of reservation under EWS category can be availed upon production of an 'Income and Asset Certificate' issued by a Competent Authority on the format prescribed by Government of India for the relevant financial year i.e. valid for 2024-25.
9. PwBD candidates should produce disability certificate, on prescribed format issued by a competent authority as per the Government of India Guidelines.
10. No Ex-servicemen / Disabled Ex-Servicemen shall be engaged as an apprentice and there is no reservation to Ex-servicemen/ Disabled ex-servicemen in the apprentice engagement.

11. Filling up of the seats is solely at the discretion of the Bank based on suitability of candidates and no claim will arise for engagement, if some of these seats are not filled due to unsuitability / insufficient number of candidates.
12. Candidate will appear for the interview/ written test at the allotted centre at his/her own risk and expenses and UCO Bank will not be responsible for any injury or losses etc. of any nature. The Bank will not reimburse or bear any travelling expenses that may be incurred by the candidate during the process.
13. Request for change of contact no./address/ email ID/interview/written test centre will not be entertained.
14. Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.
15. Applicants are advised in their own interest to apply online well before the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid the possibility of disconnection/ inability/ failure to log on to the website on account of heavy load on internet. or website jam. Bank does not assume any responsibility for the applicants not being able to submit their applications within the last date on account of aforesaid reasons or for any other reason beyond the control of UCO Bank.
16. Intimations, wherever required will be sent by email and/ sms only to the email ID and mobile number mentioned in the online application form. Bank shall not be responsible if the information/ intimations do not reach candidates in case of change in the mobile number, email address, technical fault or otherwise, beyond the control of Bank. Candidates are advised to keep a close watch on the authorized Bank's website www.ucobank.com for latest updates.
17. Any dispute arising out of and/or pertaining to the process of engagement under this advertisement shall be subject to the sole jurisdiction of the Courts situated at Kolkata.
18. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

All further announcements/ details pertaining to this process will only be published/ provided on Banks website www.ucobank.com from time to time.

19. In case it is detected at any stage of engagement of apprentice that a candidate does not fulfil the eligibility norms and/ or that he/ she has furnished any incorrect / false information or has suppressed any material fact(s), his/her candidature will stand cancelled. If any of these shortcomings is / are detected even after engagement, his /her training is liable to be terminated without notice. Decision of bank in all matters regarding eligibility, selection would be final and binding on all candidates. No representation or correspondence will be entertained by the Bank in this regard. **Bank reserves all rights pertaining to this engagement and would be final.**

Place: Kolkata
Date: 02.07.2024

General Manager
HRM Department