

THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE OF NIGERIA (ASCON)

2020 PUBLIC SERVICE EXAMINATION (PSE) CALL CIRCULAR

The Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON) was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria premised on Decree no. 39 of 1973, currently ASCON Act Cap 6 Vol. 1, LFN 1990 with the core objectives of Training, Research and Consultancy in the public sector of the economy. Relatively, the Federal Government of Nigeria, in 1978, directed ASCON to take over from West African Examination Council (WAEC), the conduct of the Public Service Examination (PSE). The directive was sequel to government decision on the report of Sogbetun Tribunal of Enquiry into examination leakages in Nigeria, in October 1977. Thus ASCON has been conducting the Public Service Examination annually since 1981 till date.

The general public is hereby notified that the year 2020 PSE shall take place simultaneously at various centres nationwide on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January, 2020 respectively.

2. The Public Service Examination (PSE) CLIENTELE

The PSE is conducted for the following organisations;

- i. Federal Ministries/Parastatals
- ii. State Parastatals
- iii. State Civil Service Commissions
- iv. Local Government Service Commissions; and
- v. Other interested Public Institutions.

3. PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE EXAMINATION (PSE)

The Public Service Examination is designed to:

- i. assess the suitability of fresh graduates aspiring to be appointed as officers into the Administrative and special cadres in the public service in Nigeria;

- ii. provide a platform for screening of serving officers who having obtained degree certificates desire conversion from Executive and Secretary cadres to officer cadre;
- iii. determine the eligibility of officers for promotion; and
- iv. any other objective as determined by individual Client OrganisationS.

4. BENEFITS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE EXAMINATION (PSE)

The officers who writes and pass the PSE will adequately be equipped to:

- (i) write and speak English Language in a lucid, comprehensible manner;
- (ii) possess the ability to think independently as to evaluate problems rationally and dispassionately and provide solutions;
- (iii) acquire enough drive, initiative and resilience that would enable them perform their duties efficiently for effective service delivery, etcetera.

5. PUBLIC SERVICE EXAMINATION SYLLABUS

The PSE comprises of five (5) subjects, namely:

- (i) English Language (Essay and Comprehension components)
- (ii) Logical Thinking
- (iii) Basic Statistics
- (iv) General Knowledge
 - Paper I (Essay); and
 - Paper II (Objective)

Details of each of the subject are reflected in the Examination Syllabus (available with Client Organisations).

6. Please note that any organization that registers a minimum of thirty (30) candidates upward, a supervisor will be sent to the organisation to conduct the Examination. However, if the registered candidates are less than thirty (30), the candidates will be advised to write the Examination at the nearest centre that will be communicated in due course.

7. REGISTRATION

Interested candidates for the 2020 PSE are required to purchase the registration form from any of the PSE Client Organisation, fill and affix two (2) copies of recent passport-size photographs and submit the completed form (in duplicate) to the place of purchase for further processes. (Please see paragraph two (2) for details)

The forms could also be purchased at **ASCON liaison office, Abuja, ASCON Zonal Office Port Harcourt and the main Complex, Topo - Badagry.**

8. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATION FORMS

All registration forms for the 2020 Public Service Examination must be submitted to the place of purchase not later than **Tuesday 17th December, 2019.**

9. ENQUIRIES

To find out existing Client Organisations in each state and make other enquiries, please contact the following:

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