



JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

VACANCIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) is a corporate body established under **Article 171 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010**, with the mandate of promoting and facilitating the independence and accountability of the Judiciary and the efficient, effective, and transparent administration of justice.

The Commission invites applications from suitable candidates to fill the position of **Chairperson, Land Acquisition Tribunal**.

CHAIRPERSON, LAND ACQUISITION TRIBUNAL

Job Reference Number: V/No. 15/2026

Pursuant to **Section 133A (2) (a) of the Land Act CAP 280**, applicants for this position must be qualified to be appointed as a judge of the High Court. The applicant must therefore hold the following qualifications:

- i. Hold a law degree from a recognized university, or are advocates of the High Court of Kenya, or professionally qualified magistrates, or possess an equivalent qualification in a common-law jurisdiction
- ii. Have at least ten (10) years' experience as a distinguished academic, or legal practitioner, or such experience in other relevant legal field;
- iii. Have held the qualifications specified in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above for a period amounting, in the aggregate, to ten (10) years; irrespective of whether that experience was gained in Kenya or in another Commonwealth Common-Law jurisdiction.
- iv. Qualification and experience in alternative dispute resolution will be an added advantage.

- v. Have a high moral character, integrity, and impartiality (meet the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and Integrity).

Job Core Competencies:

- i. High degree of professional competence
- ii. Good oral & written communication skills
- iii. Good temperament
- iv. Good judgement in both legal and life experience
- v. Commitment to public and community service

Tenure of Office

Under **Section 133 B (1) & (3) of the Land Act CAP 280**, the tenure of the Chairperson of the Tribunal shall be a term of **four years** and is eligible for reappointment for one more term of four years. A member of the Tribunal shall serve on a **part-time** basis.

Remuneration:

Section 133A (5) of the Land Act CAP 280 provides that Members of the Tribunal shall be paid such allowances or other remuneration as the Judicial Service Commission may determine in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested and qualified persons are requested to make their applications by filling out an **Online Application** for Employment Form available at the JSC jobs portal: **<https://jsc.go.ke/jobs-2/>**. Applicants should upload soft copies of the following documents to the online application: -

- (a) A letter of application.
- (b) A detailed and updated curriculum vitae, to include background information such as community service, financial discipline, pro bono activity (if any), involvement as a party in litigation and involvement in political activity including financial contribution to political party parties (if any) and criminal record, professional engagement, three (3) professional references and two (2) character references who can verify and comment on the applicant's past and present employment;
- (c) Names of three (3) professional references and two (2) character references who can verify and comment about the applicant's past and present employment or engagement;

- (d) professional certificates, testimonials, and academic transcripts, Certificate of Admission to the roll of advocate (where applicable)
- (e) Applicant's recent colored passport-size photograph and
- (f) **Five (5) sample** writings of any professional writings, including but not limited to judgments, advocacy submissions in courts, scholarly writings, or any legal publications that the applicant has authored.

The applications must reach the Commission **NOT LATER THAN 12TH JUNE 2026 AT 5.00 PM.**

PLEASE NOTE

1. Only shortlisted and successful candidates will be contacted.
2. Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.
3. Successful candidates will be required to submit valid copies of clearance certificates from the following bodies: -
 - Kenya Revenue Authority,
 - Higher Education Loans Board,
 - Directorate of Criminal Investigation,
 - Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission,
 - a recognized Credit Reference Bureau, and
 - Clearance from the relevant professional body.
4. The Judicial Service Commission is committed to implementing the provision of Article 232 of the Constitution on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenya's diverse communities, and affording equal employment opportunities to men, women, members of all ethnic groups, and persons with disabilities.
5. Shortlisted candidates shall be required to produce originals of their National Identity card, academic and professional certificates, and transcripts during the interview.
6. It is a criminal offense to present fake documents or false information.

***THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION IS AN EQUAL-OPPORTUNITY
EMPLOYER. PLEASE NOTE THAT JSC RECRUITMENT SERVICES ARE FREE OF
CHARGE***

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