

Public Prosecutor Career in India – Eligibility, Recruitment, Salaries & Pathways

Definition & Role

Public Prosecutors represent the state in criminal cases. They assist the court in ensuring justice by conducting prosecution impartially.

Types of Public Prosecutors

- Assistant Public Prosecutor (APO)
- Public Prosecutor (PP)
- Special Public Prosecutor
- Director of Prosecution (in some states)

Eligibility Criteria

- Assistant Public Prosecutor: LL.B. degree
- Public Prosecutor: LL.B. + 7 years of criminal law practice
- Special Public Prosecutor: LL.B. + 10 years of experience

Recruitment Process

- Conducted by State Public Service Commissions or Police Recruitment Boards
- Selection Process: Written test (Prelims & Mains) + Interview
- Requires registration with Bar Council

Recent Example – Andhra Pradesh APP (2025)

- Vacancies: 42
- Age Limit: 18–42 years
- Educational Qualification: LL.B. + 3 years of criminal law practice
- Selection: Written Examination (2 Papers) + Interview
- Pay Scale: ₹57,100 – ₹1,47,760

Salary Range (as per states)

- APO – Tamil Nadu: ₹56,100 – ₹2,05,700
- APO – Assam: ₹30,000 – ₹1,10,000 + Grade Pay ₹16,900 + Allowances
- APO – Maharashtra: ₹53,100 – ₹1,77,500
- Senior Public Prosecutor: ₹56,100 – ₹1,77,500 or more

Career Progression

- Assistant Public Prosecutor → Public Prosecutor → Senior/Chief Prosecutor
- Opportunities for promotion to higher legal advisory positions in government

Essential Skills

- Strong legal knowledge of criminal law
- Advocacy, impartiality, analytical thinking
- Drafting skills and court presentation