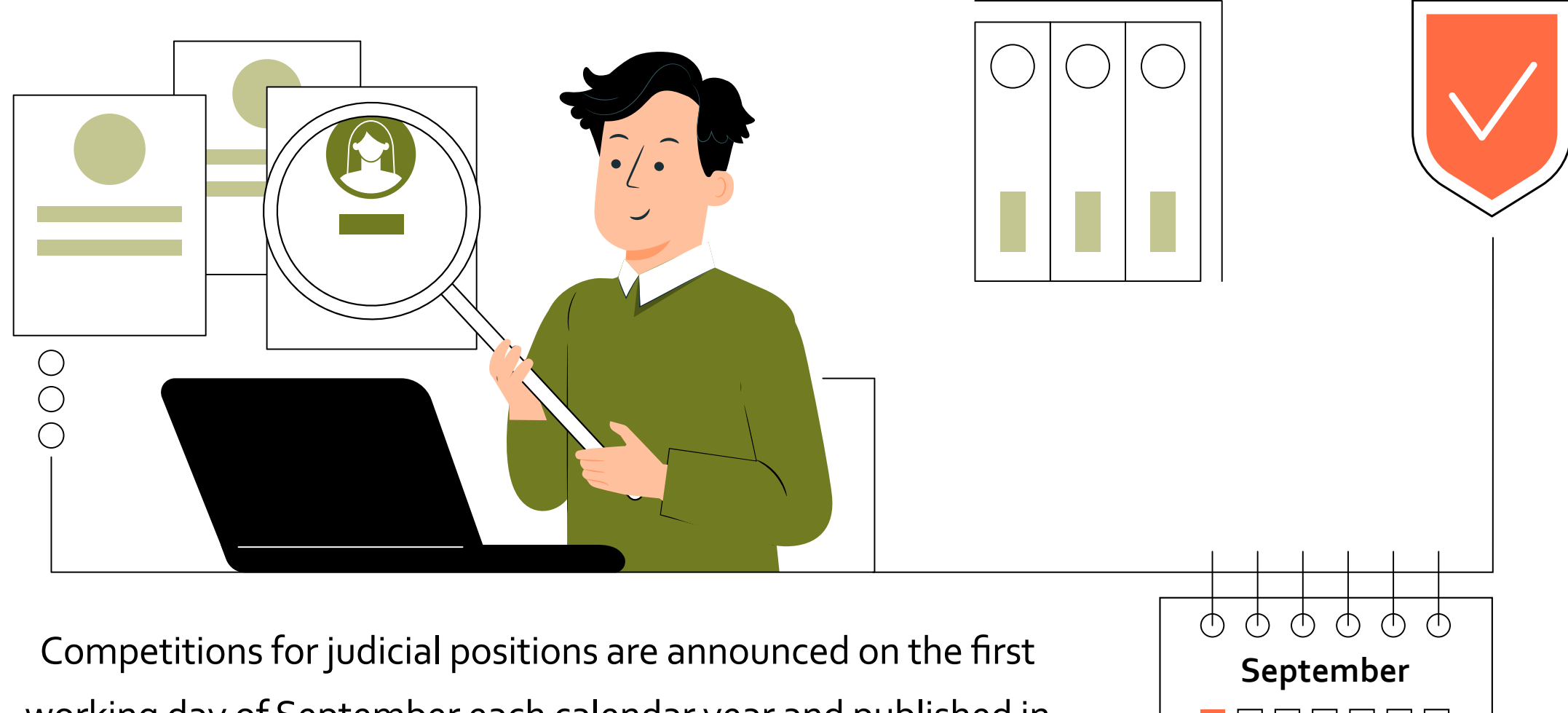
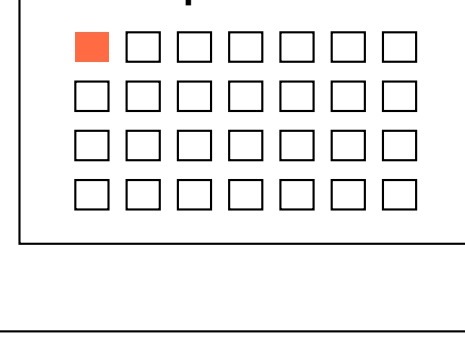


SELECTION OF DISTRICT (CITY) COURT AND REGIONAL COURT JUDICIAL CANDIDATES



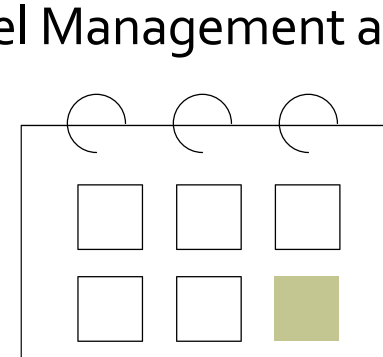
Competitions for judicial positions are announced on the first working day of September each calendar year and published in the official gazette of the Republic of Latvia *Latvijas Vēstnesis* and on the Latvian courts' portal www.tiesas.lv.



Applicants must submit the following **application documents** to the Court Administration:

1. Curriculum vitae according to Europass CV standards;
2. Application letter indicating compliance with the requirements set out in Chapter 7 of the law On Judicial Power and confirming that no legal restrictions on holding judicial office apply to the candidate;
3. Certified copies of educational documents;
4. Documents (or certified copies) confirming professional work experience in the legal field.

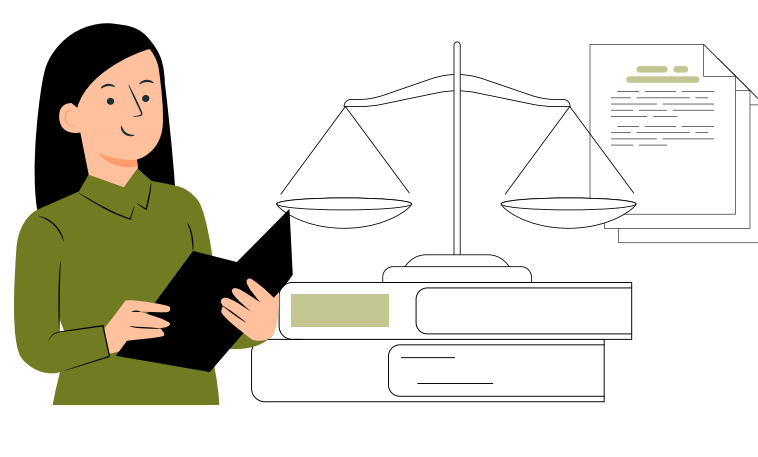
Application documents must be submitted by the date specified in the competition announcement, either by email to atlase@ta.gov.lv or by post to Antonijas Street 6, Riga, LV-1010, marked „To the Personnel Management and Legal Department, Personnel Division of the Court Administration”.



The judicial selection process may last up to 6 months.

1. EVALUATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

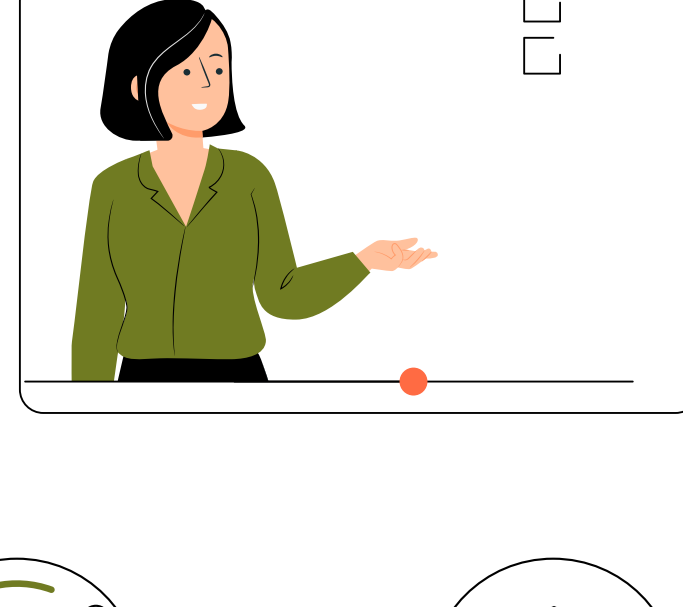
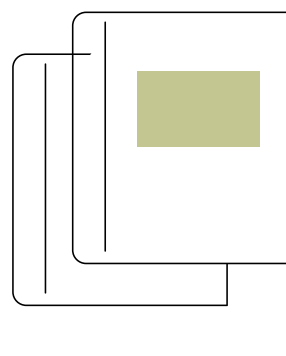
The Commission for the Selection of Candidates to the Office of a Judge of District (City) Courts and Regional Courts (the Commission) verifies the candidate's compliance with the formal requirements set out in Chapter 7 of the law On Judicial Power.



If the candidate meets the requirements, he or she is invited to the second stage, receiving notification by email.

2. ASSESSMENT OF PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE

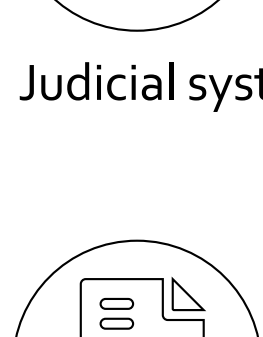
In the form of a test, candidates must answer 60 questions that assess their professional knowledge, including their understanding of the constitutional values enshrined in the Constitution (*Satversme*), the current legal principles established by the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights, as well as the case law of the Constitutional Court and the Supreme Court in various branches of law, the procedural and substantive significance of the rulings of these courts for judicial work (for example, requests for preliminary rulings or applications to the Constitutional Court), as well as the understanding of procedural law norms and legal methodology.



The test covers the following subjects:



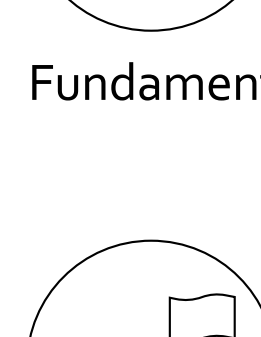
Theory of law, general issues



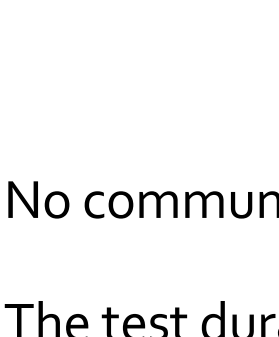
Judicial system



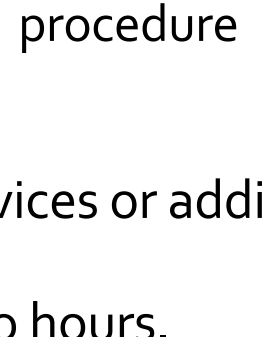
Constitutional Court procedure



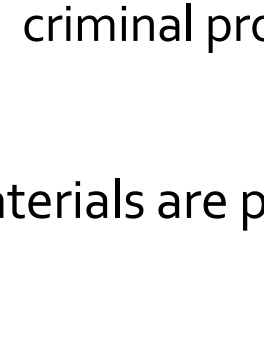
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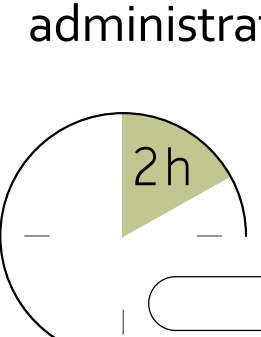
European Union law



Civil law and civil procedure



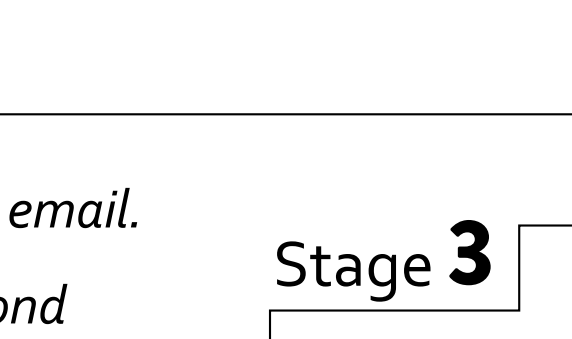
Criminal law and criminal procedure



Administrative law and administrative procedure

No communication devices or additional materials are permitted.

The test duration is two hours.



For candidates applying to a regional court, the topics remain the same, but the proportion of questions varies depending on specialization.

The results of the second stage are communicated to candidates by email.

Candidates who have obtained at least 7 out of 10 points in the second stage are advanced to the third stage.

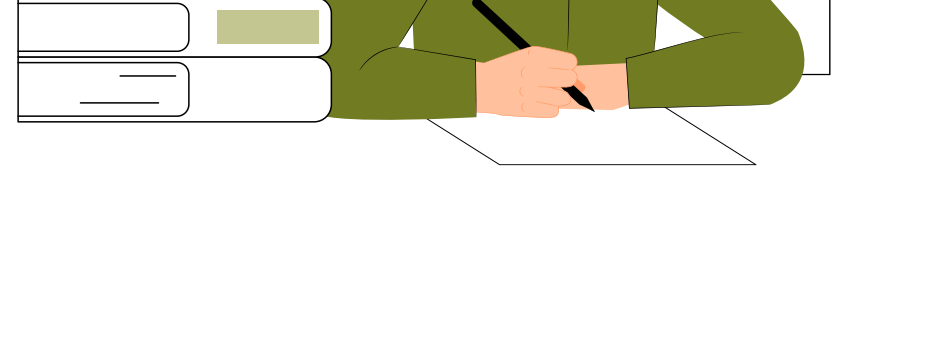
3. ASSESSMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Written part:

Two case studies must be solved according to court competence;

Two hours are allocated for each case study;

Legal acts (provided at the exam venue) may be used.



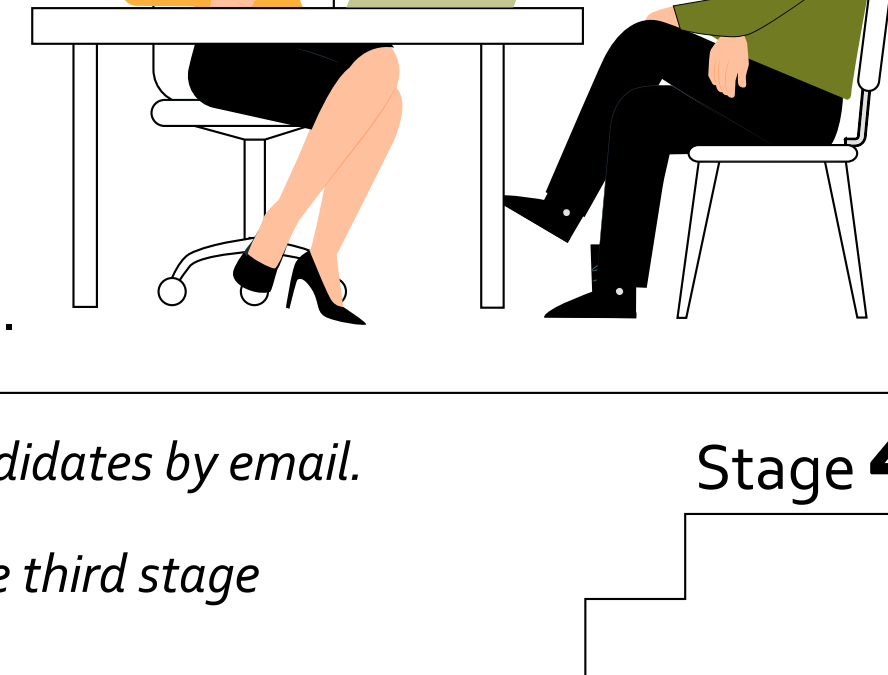
Oral part:

The questions for the oral part are available on the Latvian courts' portal www.tiesas.lv.

The candidate must answer two randomly drawn questions about constitutional values enshrined in the Constitution, case law of the Court of Justice of the EU, the European Court of Human Rights, the Constitutional Court, and the Supreme Court (Senate) across different branches of law, as well as the procedural and substantive significance of court rulings, procedural law norms, and legal methodology;

The Commission may ask additional questions related to the written examinations of the second, third, and fourth stages of the selection process.

Notes prepared during the preparation time may be used.



The written and oral parts take place on separate days.

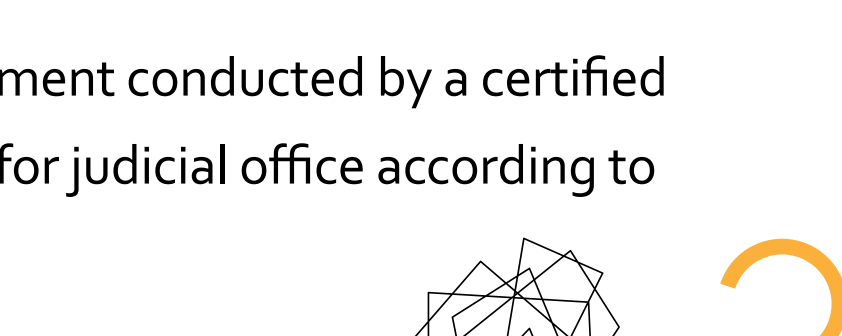
The results of the third stage are communicated to candidates by email.

Candidates who receive at least 7 out of 10 points in the third stage are advanced to the fourth stage.

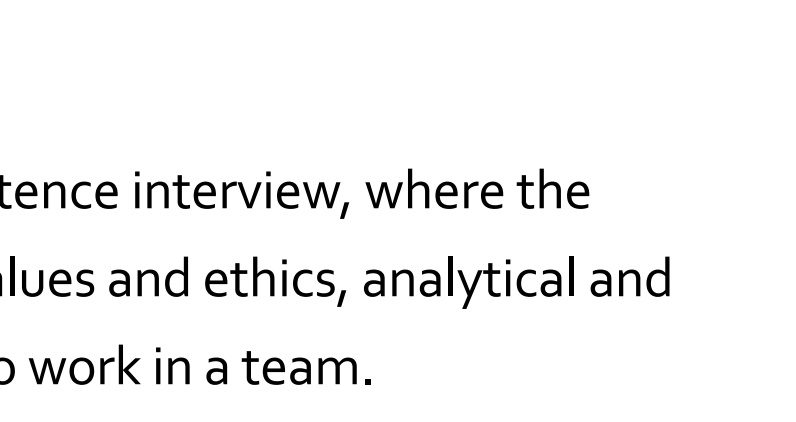
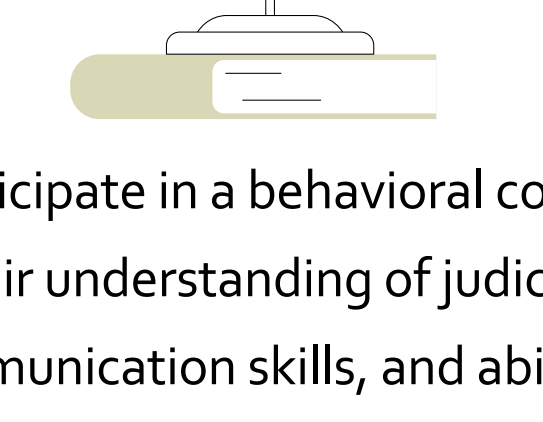
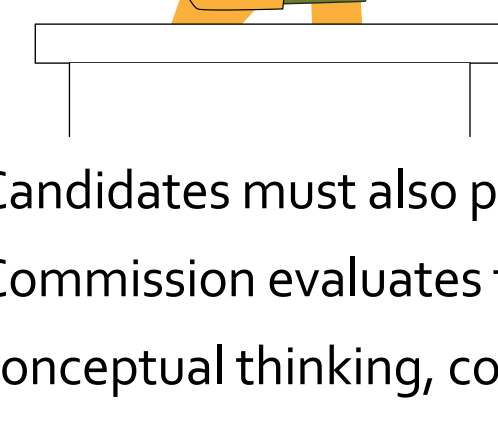
4. PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT AND BEHAVIORAL COMPETENCE INTERVIEW

Candidates must submit detailed written answers to four questions set by the Commission, relating to their experience and skills, as well as their vision of the judicial system and the role of judges.

Written questions are available on the Latvian courts' portal www.tiesas.lv.



Candidates must participate in a psychological assessment conducted by a certified psychologist, evaluating personal qualities necessary for judicial office according to competencies specified by the Commission.

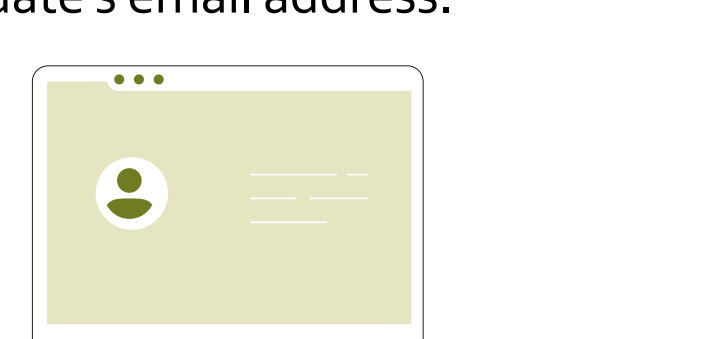


Candidates must also participate in a behavioral competence interview, where the Commission evaluates their understanding of judicial values and ethics, analytical and conceptual thinking, communication skills, and ability to work in a team.

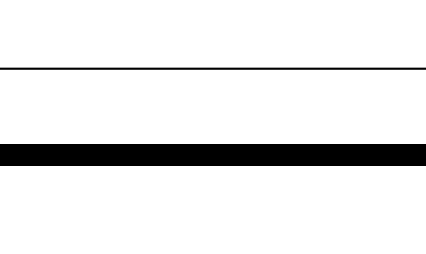
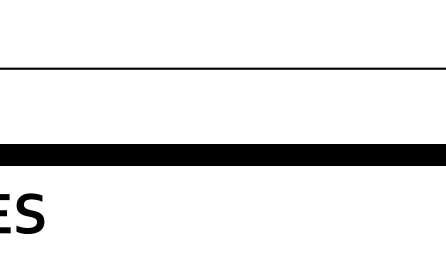
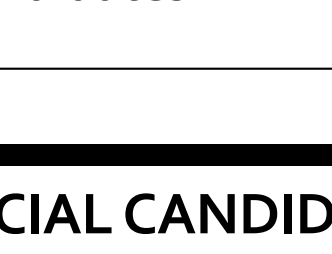
To be included in the list of judicial candidates, the applicant must score at least 7 out of 10 points in the fourth stage.

COMPLETION OF SELECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

The total result of the selection of district (city) court and regional court judges is obtained by summing the overall assessment of professional skills and the total score from the fourth stage.



Selection results are announced no later than on the fifth working day after completion of the selection process, by sending written notification to the candidate's email address.



A candidate may reapply for selection as a district (city) court or regional court judge no earlier than one year after receiving a refusal to proceed to the next stage or to be included in the list of judicial candidates.

LIST OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

The candidate is included in the relevant judicial candidate list.

Candidates in the list are ranked according to the total score obtained in the selection process, starting with the highest score.

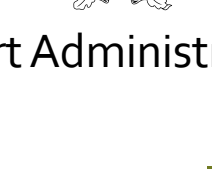
The vacant judge's position is offered to the candidate with the highest score in the list.

If that candidate refuses, the position is offered to the next candidate.



Inclusion in the list of judicial candidates is valid for three years.

The procedure and evaluation criteria for the selection of district (city) court and regional court judges are available on [the legal acts' portal of the Republic of Latvia](http://the.legal.acts.portal.of.the.Republic.of.Latvia).



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