

WHAT IS CIVIL SERVICE EXAM (CSE)?

Each year UPSC conducts this exam to select officers in following services:

All India services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Indian Police Service (IPS): Eyesight- Glass numbers upto 6.00D permitted, LASIK Surgery permitted. Chest cm: 84(Male) & 79(Female); Height cm: 165 (M) & 150 (F) Indian Forest Services (IFS)- this service has common prelims but separate mains.
Group "A" services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Foreign Service (IFS): You don't need to have special graduation in this field or any certificate for foreign language to apply. Taxation related: Indian Revenue Service (IRS): 1) Customs and Excise; 2) Income Tax Corporate related: Corporate Law Service (ICLS), Indian Trade Service (ITS) Accounts related: 1) Audit & Accounts service 2) Civil Accounts 3) Railway Accounts 4) Defense Accounts 5) Post & Telecom Accounts & Finance. You don't need to have B.Com, CA or MBA to apply for these services. Communication related: 1) Postal Service 2) Information Service (IIS) Railways: 1) Traffic service 2) Personnel service 3) Railway Protection Force Defense: 1) Ordnance factory (Administrative) 2) Defense Estate service
Group "B" Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armed forces headquarters Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli 1) Civil service (DANICS) and 2) Police Services (DANIPS) Pondicherry: 1) civil service 2) Police service.

- ❖ If you want to become officer in any of the above services, you've to clear this exam's three stages viz. 1) prelim 2) mains 3) interview, then depending on your merit, preference and vacancies you'll get the allotment.

1. MINIMUM AGE AND ATTEMPT LIMIT

- ❖ Age is counted on the 1st August of the given year. Minimum Age for any category is 21 years. Maximum age varies depending on category:

GENERAL & CREAMY OBC	NON-CREAMY OBC	SC ST	PH
32	35	37	42
/6 ATTEMPTS	/9 ATTEMPTS	UNLIMITED ATTEMPTS	9 TO ∞ ATTEMPTS

- ❖ UPSC civil service exam doesn't provide relaxation in age, attempt or fees for the EWS.
- ❖ in physical handicap category: (GENERAL | OBC) = 9 attempts while PH (SC | ST) = Unlimited Attempts, till upper age.
- ❖ J&K Domicile OR Ex-serviceman get additional +5 years' age relaxation. Although their attempt depends on category. E.g. J&K domicile non-creamy layer OBC will get only 9 attempts but his upper age limit will be 35+5=40 years.

2. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

- ❖ Must be a graduate. For UPSC application there are no minimum %, grade or CGPA required in college. There are Toppers with ATKT, failures in college/school exams. UPSC doesn't care. They only need final graduation certi/marksheet.
- ❖ But please don't prepare UPSC by neglecting college studies, because in RBI/CAT-exams they require minimum 50-55% marks in college, before you can fill application form.
- ❖ Undergraduate in last year or last semester can apply. Provided they're getting final year/semester marksheet before filling the Mains application form (DAF).
- ❖ American and foreign degrees are also valid but have to get equivalent certificate from Association of Indian Universities (<http://www.aiuweb.org/>).
- ❖ Distance education degree valid-IF recognized by UGC/AICTE/any Law.
- ❖ MBBS must have completed internship before UPSC Interview-stage comes.