

## **ABOUT UPSC**

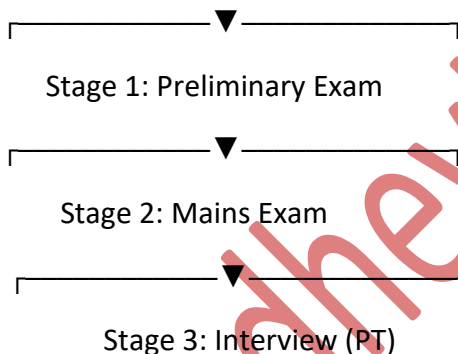
The Civil Services Examination (CSE) is a National level competitive examination in India, conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for recruitment to various Civil Services of the Government of India, including the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS), Indian Police Service (IPS) among others. It has three stages:

### **Plan of Examination:**

The Civil Services Examination will consist of two successive stages (vide Appendix I Section-I)

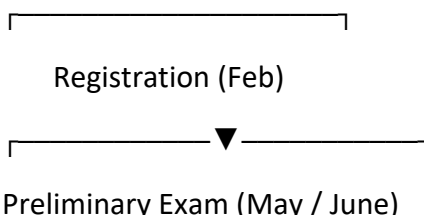
- I. Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination (Objective type) for the selection of candidates for the Main Examination. It is advertised in Feb-March and held in June-July each year. Results are published in mid-August.
- II. Civil Services (Main) Examination (Written and Interview) for the selection of candidates for the various Services and posts. Written exam is held in October every year. Results are published in Feb. Final result of interview is usually announced in May Month.

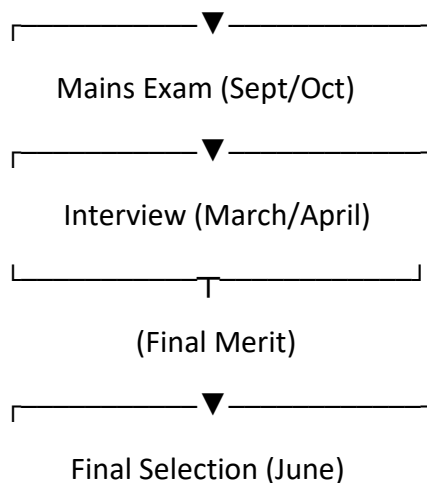
The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Exam Syllabus is divided into three categories, namely Preliminary, Mains and Interview.



- Preliminary Exam: Screening test for Mains; marks not counted for final merit.
- Mains Exam: Total of 1750 marks (7 papers).
- Interview: 275 marks added to Mains for final ranking.

UPSC CSE Journey:





### **Eligibility Conditions:**

**1. Nationality for the Indian Administrative Service and the Indian Police Service, a candidate must be a citizen of India. For other services, a candidate must be either:**

- a citizen of India, or
- a subject of Nepal, or
- a subject of Bhutan, or
- a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before 1st January, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
- a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia and Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India. Provided that a candidate belonging to categories b, c, d, e shall be a person in whose favor a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the government of India. Provided further that candidates belonging to categories b, c, d above will not be eligible for appointment to the Indian Foreign Service. A candidate in whose case a certificate of eligibility is necessary, may be admitted to the examination but the offer of appointment may be given only after the necessary eligibility certificate has been issued to him/her by the government of India.

**2. Minimum Educational Qualification:**

- The candidate must hold a degree of any of Universities incorporated by an Act of the Central or State Legislature in India or other educational institutions established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University under Section-3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, or possess an equivalent qualification.

- Candidates who have appeared at an examination the passing of which would render them educationally qualified for the Commission's examination but have not been informed of the results as also the candidates who intend to appear at such a qualifying examination will also be eligible for admission to the Preliminary Examination. All candidates who are declared qualified by the Commission for taking the Civil Services (Main) Examination will be required to produce proof of passing the requisite examination with their application for the Main Examination failing which such candidates will not be admitted to the Main Examination.
- In exceptional cases the Union Public Service Commission may treat a candidate who has not any of the foregoing qualifications as a qualified candidate provided that he/she has passed examination conducted by the other Institutions, the standard of which in the opinion of the Commission justifies his/her admission to the examination.
- Candidates possessing professional and technical qualifications which are recognized by the Government as equivalent to professional and technical degree would also be eligible for admission to the examination.
- Candidates who have passed the final professional M.B.B.S. or any other Medical Examination but have not completed their internship by the time of submission of their applications for the Civil Services (Main) Examination, will be provisionally admitted to the Examination provided they submit along with their application a copy of certificate from the concerned authority of the University/Institution that they had passed the requisite final professional medical examination. In such cases, the candidates will be required to produce at the time of their interview original Degree or a certificate from the concerned competent authority of the University/Institution that they had completed all requirements (including completion of internship) for the award of the Degree.

### **3. Age and Attempts:**

Category	Upper age limit	No. of attempt
Gen	32 Year	06
OBC	35 Year	09
SC/ST	37 Year	Till upper age limit
PH	Gen: 42 Year OBC: 45 Year SC/ST: 47 Year	Gen: 09 attempts OBC: 09 attempts S C/ST: Till upper age limit
J&K Domicile	Gen: 37 Year OBC: 40 Year SC/ST: 42 Year PH: 47 Year	Till upper age limit
Disabled Serviceman	Gen: 37 Year OBC: 38 Year	Till upper age limit

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	SC/ST: 40 Year	
Ex-servicemen (Military Service)	Gen: 37 Year OBC: 38 Year SC/ST: 40 Year	Till upper age limit

Note:

- A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years.
- An attempt at a preliminary examination shall be deemed to be an attempt for the Civil Services examination.
- If a candidate actually appears in any one paper in the preliminary examination, he/she shall be deemed to have made an attempt at the examination.

### **Vacancies and Selection:**

- Generally the number of vacancies varies every year. The number of candidates that pass the preliminary examination is generally 11 or 12 times the number of vacancies, and the number of candidates selected for the final interview is twice the number of vacancies.

### **How to Apply:**

- Candidates are required to apply online using the website <https://www.upsconline.nic.in> Detailed instructions for filling up online applications are available on the above mentioned website.

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