

RAILWAY RECRUITMENT BOARD EXAMS COURSE DETAILS

The criteria for RRB eligibility is set by the Railway Recruitment Board. The eligibility criteria for the RRB exams ensure that the best candidates are recruited for the various posts available in the Indian Railways.

Candidates will be a part of the recruitment process for the RRB Exams only when they fulfil specific RRB eligibility criteria like age, nationality, educational qualification etc.

This article will discuss the RRB eligibility for the following RRB Exams:

1. RRB Non-Technical Popular Categories (NTPC) Exam
2. RRB Junior Engineer (JE) Exam
3. RRB Assistant Loco Pilot (ALP) Exam
4. RRB Group D Exam/RRC Level 1 exam

Aspirants of other Government exams can check the upcoming exams in the link given.

RRB Eligibility

Candidates who are applying for the various RRB Exams to be conducted this year must go through the RRB eligibility criteria set for various exams carefully.

The Railway exam eligibility set by RRB for different exams may vary, but the common factors of RRB eligibility criteria always include nationality, age limit, and educational qualifications.

Let's have a look at some of the criteria for RRB eligibility-

RRB Eligibility | Age Limit

One of the RRB eligibility criteria is the age limit. The average age limit for the various exams is at 18 minimum and about 32-33 years at maximum.

The specific age limit of the various RRB Exams is discussed below:

RRB NTPC Age Limit

For the 7th CPC Level -2 and 3 (Under Graduate Level Posts) that date of birth of candidates should be between the years given below (both dates inclusive):

Age Group	Upper Limit of Date of Birth (Not earlier than)			Lower Limit of Date of Birth (Not later than) for Under Graduate Posts
	UR	OBC-Non Creamy Layer	SC/ST	For all community / categories
18 to 30	02.07.1989	02.07.1986	02.07.1984	01.07.2001

However, the relaxation in upper age limit / maximum upper age for the following categories/communities is given as indicated in the table below subject to the submission of requisite certificates.

Sl. No.	Community/categories		Relaxation in upper age limit (or) maximum upper age for Under-Graduate posts
1	OBC-Non Creamy Layer (NCL)		3 Years
2	SC/ST		5 Years
3	Ex-Servicemen candidates who have put in more than 6 months service after attestation.	UR	30 Years plus Number of years of service rendered in Defence plus 3 years.
		OBC-NCL	33 Years plus Number of years of service rendered in Defence plus 3 years.
		SC/ST	35 Years plus Number of years of service rendered in Defence plus 3 years.
4	PwBD UR		10 Years
	PwBD OBC-NCL		13 Years
	PwBD SC/ST		15 Years
5	Candidates ordinarily been domiciled in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the period from 01.01.1980 to 31.12.1989.	UR	35 Years
		OBC-NCL	38 Years
		SC/ST	40 Years
6	Candidates who are serving Group 'C' and erstwhile Group 'D' Railway Staff, Casual Labour and Substitutes and put in minimum 3 years of service (continuous or in broken spells).	UR	40 Years of age
		OBC-NCL	43 Years of age
		SC/ST	45 Years of age
7	Candidates who are working in Quasi-Administrative offices of the Railway organization such as Railway Canteens, Co-operative Societies and Institutes.	UR	30 Years plus length of service rendered or 5 years, whichever is lower.
		OBC-NCL	33 Years plus length of service rendered or 5 years, whichever is lower.
		SC/ST	35 Years plus length of service rendered or 5 years, whichever is lower.

Sl. No.	Community/categories		Relaxation in upper age limit (or) maximum upper age for Under-Graduate posts
8	Women candidates, who are widowed, divorced or judicially separated from husband but not remarried.	UR	35 Years of age
		OBC-NCL	38 Years of age
		SC/ST	40 Years of age

RRB JE Age Limit

As per the Eligibility Criteria set for Age Limit by the RRB, the following table provides information for different categories.

RRB JE Age Limit		
Category	Minimum Age	Maximum Age
General	18 Years	33 Years
OBC	18 Years	36 Years
SC/ST	18 Years	38 Years

The relaxation in upper age limit / maximum upper age for the following categories/communities is given in the table below. The relaxation will be applied with the submission of requisite certificates.

Sl. No.	COMMUNITY/CATEGORIES	Community	AGE RELAXATION
1	SC/ST candidates	--	5 Years
2	OBC-Non Creamy Layer candidates	--	3 Years
3	Ex-Servicemen candidates who have put in more than 6 months service after attestation	UR	33 Years plus Number of years of service rendered in Defence plus 3 years
		OBC- NCL Non Creamy Layer	36 Years plus Number of years of service rendered in Defence plus 3 years
		SC/ST	38 Years plus Number of years of service rendered in Defence plus 3 years.
4	Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)	UR	10 Years
		OBC- NCL Non Creamy Layer	13 Years
		SC/ST	15 Years
5	Candidates ordinarily been domiciled in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the period from 01.01.1980 to 31.12.1989	UR	38 Years
		OBC- NCL Non Creamy Layer	41 Years
		SC/ST	43 Years
6	Candidates who are serving Group 'C' and Group 'D' Railway Staff, Casual Labour and Substitutes and put in minimum of 3 years service (continuous or in broken spells)	UR	40 Years of age
		OBC- NCL Non Creamy Layer	43 Years of age
		SC/ST	45 Years of age
7	Candidates who are working in Quasi-Administrative offices of the Railway organization such as Railway Canteens, Co-operative Societies and Institutes	UR	33 Years plus length of service rendered or 5 years, whichever is lower.
		OBC- NCL Non Creamy Layer	36 Years plus length of service rendered or 5 years, whichever is lower.
		SC/ST	38 Years plus length of service rendered or 5 years, whichever is lower.
8	Women candidates, who are widowed, divorced or judicially separated from husband but not remarried.	UR	35 Years of age
		OBC- NCL Non Creamy Layer	38 Years of age
		SC/ST	40 Years of age

For detailed information on the Age limit for RRB NTPC, visit the RRB JE Eligibility page.

RRB ALP Age Limit

The RRB Assistant Loco Pilot age limit is between 18 years and 28 years of age. The upper age limit relaxation for select candidates is given in the table below:

Sl. No.	COMMUNITY/CATEGORIES	RELAXATION IN UPPER AGE LIMIT (OR) MAXIMUM UPPER AGE	
1	SC/ST candidates	5 Years	
2	OBC-Non Creamy Layer candidates	3 Years	
3	Ex-Servicemen candidates who have put in more than 6 months service after attestation	Up to the extent of service rendered in Defence plus 3 years	
4	Persons With Disabilities (PWD) UR	10 Years	
	PWD OBC-Non Creamy Layer	13 Years	
	PWD SC/ST	15 Years	
5	Candidates ordinarily been domiciled in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the period from 01.01.1980 to 31.12.1989	5 Years	
6	Candidates who are serving Group 'C' and Erstwhile Group 'D' Railway Staff, Casual Labour and Substitutes in Railways who have put in minimum of 3 years service (continuous or in broken spells)	UR	40 Years of age
		OBC- Non Creamy Layer	43 Years of age
		SC/ST	45 Years of age
7	Candidates who are working in Quasi-Administrative offices of the Railway organization such as Railway Canteens, Co-operative Societies and Institutes	Up to the length of service rendered (or) 5 Years, whichever is lower.	
8	Women candidates, who are widowed, divorced or judicially separated from husband but not remarried.	UR	35 Years of age
		OBC-NCL (Non Creamy Layer)	38 Years of age
		SC/ST	40 Years of age
9	Course Completed Act Apprentices applying for the posts for which minimum qualification is ITI/Course Completed Act Apprenticeship.	Shall be relaxed to the extent of Apprentice Training undergone by them under the Apprentice Act 1961.	
10	Candidates who are Course Completed Act Apprentice under the Apprenticeship Act before attaining the age of 25 years	UR	35 Years of age
		OBC-NCL (Non Creamy Layer)	38 Years of age
		SC/ST	40 Years of age

For detailed information on the Age limit for RRB ALP Exam, visit the RRB ALP Eligibility page

RRB Group D Age Limit

Candidates willing to appear for the RRC level 1 or RRB Group D examination must be from the age group 18 to 33 years.

The age limit of candidates appearing for RRB Group D examination is to be calculated from 1st July 2019. The Date of birth of candidates applying for the exam should be between 1st July 2019 and the dates given below (both inclusive):

RRB Group D Age Limit – Age group 18 – 33 years

Upper Limit of Date of Birth- Not Before			The lower limit of Date of Birth – Not After	Remarks
Unreserved	OBC-Non-Creamy Layer	SC/ST	For all category and community	Candidates belonging to Communities or categories shall be eligible for age relaxation as applicable. Note. The date of birth limits for SC/ST & OBC NCL includes community age relaxation.
July 2 1986	July 2 1983	July 2 1981	July 1st 2001	

The RRB Group D age limit given above gives certain relaxation to candidates belonging to reserved categories. For further details, visit RRB Group D eligibility page.

RRB Eligibility | Nationality

The nationality criteria for all the RRB Exams are the same. They are as follows:

- A citizen of India
- A subject of Nepal
- A subject of Bhutan
- A Tibetan Refugee who came over to India before 1st January 1962 to permanently settle in India
- A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania (formerly Tanganyika and Zanzibar), Zambia, Malawi, Zaire, Ethiopia, and Vietnam with to permanently settle in India.

For more detailed information on the RRB Exams, you can visit the RRB Notification page.

RRB Eligibility | Educational Qualifications

Candidates must have the requisite educational qualifications in order to pass the recruitment process for the various RRB Exams.

The RRB Educational Qualifications for these exams are discussed in detail below:

RRB NTPC Education Qualifications

Candidates must have at least minimum education qualifications, as indicated in the table below from a recognized university board.

Name of the Posts	RRB NTPC Qualification (Educational)
Commercial Apprentice	Degree from recognized university or equivalent
Station Master	Degree from recognized university or equivalent
Goods Guard	Degree from recognized university or equivalent
Junior Accounts Assistant Cum Typist	Degree from a recognized university or equivalent. Typing proficiency in English / Hindi on the computer is essential.
Senior Clerk Cum Typist	Degree from a recognized university or equivalent. Typing proficiency in English / Hindi on the computer is essential.
Senior Commercial Cum Ticket Clerk	Degree from recognized university or equivalent
Senior Time Keeper	Degree from a recognized university or equivalent. Typing proficiency in English / Hindi on the computer is essential.
Traffic Assistant	Degree from recognized university or equivalent
Commercial Cum Ticket Clerk	12th (+2 Stage) or it's equivalent with not less than 50% marks in the aggregate. 50% marks are not to be insisted upon in case of SC/ST / Persons with Benchmark Disability / Ex-servicemen and candidates who possess qualification higher than 12th (+2 stage)
Accounts Clerk Cum Typist	12th (+2 Stage) or it's equivalent with not less than 50% marks in the aggregate. 50% marks are not to be insisted upon in case of SC/ST / Persons with Benchmark Disability / Ex-servicemen and candidates who possess qualification higher than 12th (+2 stage). Typing proficiency in English / Hindi on the computer is essential.

Junior Clerk Cum Typist	12th (+2 Stage) or it's equivalent with not less than 50% marks in the aggregate. 50% marks are not to be insisted upon in case of SC/ST / Persons with Benchmark Disability / Ex-servicemen and candidates who possess qualification higher than 12th (+2 stage). Typing proficiency in English / Hindi on the computer is essential.
Junior Time Keeper	12th (+2 Stage) or it's equivalent with not less than 50% marks in the aggregate. 50% marks are not to be insisted upon in case of SC/ST / Persons with Benchmark Disability / Ex-servicemen and candidates who possess qualification higher than 12th (+2 stage). Typing proficiency in English / Hindi on the computer is essential.
Trains Clerk	12th (+2 Stage) or it's equivalent with not less than 50% marks in the aggregate. 50% marks are not to be insisted upon in case of SC/ST / Persons with Benchmark Disability / Ex-servicemen and candidates who possess qualification higher than 12th (+2 stage). Typing proficiency in English / Hindi on the computer is essential.

RRB JE Educational Qualifications

As per the RRB eligibility criteria for the Junior Engineer post, the following are the educational qualifications a potential candidate must possess.

RRB JE Educational Qualifications	
RRB JE Posts	Educational Qualifications
JE	An applicant must have three years Diploma in Civil Engineering/Mechanical/ Production/ Automobile / Electrical/ Electronics/ Instrumentation & Control Engineering/ Control/ Tools & Machining/ Tools & Die Making/ Computer Science/ Computer Engineering or B.Sc in Civil Engineering from a Recognized University/Institute
DMS	Applicants need to complete a three-year Diploma in Engineering from any govt. recognized university or equivalent.
JE (IT)	All applicants need to possess PGDCA / B.Sc. (Computer Science)/ BCA/ B.Tech. (Information Technology)/ B.Tech. (Computer Science)/ DOEACC 'B' level course of three years duration or equivalent.
CMA	Bachelors degree in Science with Physics and Chemistry with minimum 55% marks

*Important information that candidates need to keep in mind are:

- Candidates who are yet to get their degree are not eligible to apply
- Candidates in their last semester cannot apply
- Candidates can not apply for multiple RRB JE Posts. Only a single post can be selected during the application process.

RRB ALP Educational Qualifications

The RRB Assistant Loco Pilot criteria with regards to educational qualification are given in the table below:

SI No	Engineering Discipline(Diploma/Degree)	Relevant trade for PART B Qualifying Test to be selected from
1	Electrical Engineering and combination of various streams of Electrical Engineering	Electrician / Instrument Mechanic / Wiremen /Winder(Armature) / Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
2	Electronics Engineering and combination of various streams of Electronics Engineering	Electronics Mechanic/ Mechanic Radio & TV
3	Mechanical Engineering and combination of various streams of Mechanical Engineering	Fitter / Mechanic Motor Vehicle / Tractor Mechanic / Mechanic Diesel / Turner / Machinist / Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic/ Heat Engine / Millwright Maintenance Mechanic
4	Automobile Engineering and combination of various streams of Automobile Engineering	Mechanic Motor Vehicle / Tractor Mechanic / Mechanic Diesel / Heat Engine / Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
5	HSC(10+2) with Physics and Maths	Electrician / Electronics Mechanic / Wireman

To know more about the vacancies for the RRB Exam, visit the RRB Vacancy page.

RRB Group D Educational Qualification

A candidate who wishes to appear for Group D Railway exam must have:

- Class 10th pass certificate OR
- ITI degree or diploma

Any of the above degrees from a government recognised institution/Board/NCVT/SCVT is acceptable.

RRB Eligibility | Medical Standards

Every candidate going through the RRB Recruitment process has to pass a medical test in order to fill in the vacancies in the Indian Railways. The medical standards are an essential part of the RRB eligibility criteria. The medical standards of each RRB Exam are discussed in detail below:

RRB NTPC Medical Standards

The Medical Standards set by the RRB for the RRB NTPC exam is given in the table below:

RRB NTPC Posts	General Fitness	Visual Acuity
Commercial Apprentice, Enquiry – cum – Reservation Clerk, Junior Accounts Assistant; cum – Typist, Senior Clerk – cum Typist, Sr. Time Keeper	Physically fit in all respects	Distance Vision: 6/9, 6/9 without glasses. Near Vision: Sn: 0.6, 0.6 without glasses. The candidate should clear a test for Colour Vision, Binocular Vision, and Field of Vision & Night Vision.
Traffic Apprentice, Goods Guard, Assistant Station Master (ASM), Traffic Assistant	Physically fit in all respects	Distance Vision: 6/12, 6/18 with or without glasses. Near Vision: Sn: 0.6, 0.6, with or without glasses while reading

RRB JE Medical Standards

Candidates will have to pass the required physical fitness test conducted by the Railway Administration. It is to ensure that they are medically fit to carry out duties connected to the post opted by them.

The medical standards, according to the RRB eligibility for the Junior Engineer exam, are outlined below:

SL.NO	MEDICAL STANDARD	GENERAL FITNESS	VISION STANDARDS
1	A-3	Physically fit in all respects	Distance Vision: 6/9, 6/9 with or without glasses (power of lenses not to exceed 2D), Near Vision: Sn: 0.6, 0.6 with or without glasses and Must pass test for Colour Vision, Binocular Vision, Night Vision and Mesopic vision
2	B-1	Physically fit in all respects	Distance Vision: 6/9, 6/12 with or without glasses (power of lenses not to exceed 4D), Near Vision: Sn: 0.6, 0.6 with or without glasses when reading or close work is required and Must pass test for Colour Vision, Binocular Vision, Night Vision and Mesopic vision.
3	B-2	Physically fit in all respects	Distance Vision: 6/9, 6/12 with or without glasses (power of lenses not to exceed 4D). Near Vision: Sn: 0.6, 0.6 with or without glasses when reading or close work is required and Must pass test for Binocular Vision.
4	C-1	Physically fit in all respects	Distance Vision: 6/12, 6/18 with or without glasses. Near Vision: Sn: 0.6, 0.6 with or without glasses when reading or close work is required.

RRB ALP Medical Standards

Candidates called for Document Verification (DV) will have to pass the requisite medical fitness test conducted by the Railway Administration. The details for medical verification are given below:

SL. NO	MEDICAL STANDARD	GENERAL FITNESS	VISUAL ACUITY
1	A-1	Physically fit in all respects	Distance Vision: 6/6, 6/6 without glasses with fogging test (must not accept +2D) Near Vision: Sn: 0.6, 0.6 without glasses and Must pass tests for Colour Vision, Binocular Vision, Field of Vision, Night Vision, Mesopic Vision etc
2	B-1	Physically fit in all respects	Distance Vision: 6/9, 6/12 with or without glasses (power of lenses not to exceed 4D) Near Vision: Sn: 0.6, 0.6 with or without glasses when reading or close work is required and Must pass test for Colour Vision, Binocular Vision, Night Vision, Mesopic Vision etc
3	B-2	Physically fit in all respects	Distance Vision: 6/9, 6/12 with or without glasses (power of lenses not to exceed 4D). Near Vision: Sn: 0.6, 0.6 with or without glasses when reading or close work is required and Must pass test for Binocular Vision etc
4	C-1	Physically fit in all respects	Distance Vision: 6/12, 6/18 with or without glasses. Near Vision: Sn: 0.6, 0.6 with or without glasses when reading or close work is required.

RRB Group D Medical Standard

Candidates are required to meet the following medical standards in order to be selected for the final RRB Group D result.

RRB Eligibility For Group D Level 1 (Medical Standards)		
Medical Standard	General Fitness	Visual Acuity – All Must pass tests for Colour Vision, Binocular Vision, Night Vision, Mesopic vision etc.
A-2	Physically fit in all respects	Distant Vision: 6/9, 6/9 without glasses(no fogging test) Near Vision: Sn. 0.6, 0.6 without glasses
A-3		Distant Vision: 6/9, 6/9 with or without glasses (power of lenses not to exceed 2D). Near Vision: Sn: 0.6, 0.6 with or without glasses.
B-1		Distant Vision: 6/9, 6/12 with or without glasses (power of lenses not to exceed 4D), Near Vision: Sn. 0.6, 0.6 with or without glasses when reading or close work is required
B-2		Distant Vision: 6/9, 6/12 with or without glasses (power of lenses not to exceed 4D). Near Vision: Sn. 0.6, 0.6 with or without glasses when reading or close work is required

C-1		Distant Vision: 6/12, 6/18 with or without glasses. Near Vision: Sn. 0.6, 0.6 with or without glasses when reading or close work is required
C-2		Distant Vision: 6/12, Nil with or without glasses. Near Vision: Sn. 0.6 combined with or without glasses where reading or close work is required.

Once the RRB eligibility criteria have been met by the potential candidates, all that is left is to prepare for the exams. Taking mock tests and referring well-developed study materials provided by ASHA CHANDRA ACADEMY will prove decisive in clearing the exams.