

F. No. A-34012/04/2023-DE (II)
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts

Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi – 110 001
Dated: 21.11.2023

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Notification for Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) for promotion to the cadre of Postal Services Group 'B' [PS Gr. 'B'] for the vacancy years 2021 (01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021), 2022 (01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022) and 2023 (01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023) to be held on 30.06.2024.

Consequent upon the cancellation of Notification for promotion to the cadre of Postal Services Group 'B', *ab-initio* vide letter No. A-34012/04/2023-DE (I) dated 21.11.2023, the Department of Posts has decided to conduct the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) for promotion to the cadre of Postal Services Group 'B' (19% for IP Line and 6% for Clerical Line) for vacancy years 2021 (01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021), 2022 (01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022) and 2023 (01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023) as per following schedule:

Date of Exam	Paper Nos.	Time
30 th June 2024 (Sunday)	Paper-I	10:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.
	Paper-II	02:00 p.m. to 05:00 p.m.

2. Applications are invited in online mode from the willing and eligible candidates for which link will be available at ccc.cept.gov.in/GroupBApplication. Hard copy of the application, duly signed by the applicant, is required to be sent to parent office by the applicants. For APS candidates, hard copy of the application, duly verified by the Competent Authority is required to be sent to the concerned parent Circle Office. The schedule of activities for the examination is as under:

SI No.	Activity	Schedule
1.	Online application process starts from	04.12.2023 (from 09:00 AM)
2.	Last date to apply for online application	05.01.2024 (Upto 5:30 PM)
3.	Verification of details of online applications by Controlling Officer and forward to Nodal Officer duly recommended/ Not-recommended/ Provisionally recommended (on day to day basis so that not a single application is left out for verification)	To be completed by 02.02.2024
4.	Correction in application form, if any, by the candidate	To be done from 09:00 AM on 05.02.2024 till 05:30 PM on 09.02.2024
5.	Verification of resubmitted application by the Controlling Officer (on day to day basis)	To be completed by 16.02.2024
6.	Approval/finalization of online applications	To be completed by 23.02.2024
7.	Allotment of Centre by Nodal Officer	To be completed by 21.06.2024
8.	Admit cards available for downloading by candidates	24.06.2024 onwards
9.	Date of Exam	30.06.2024 (Sunday)

R.K. Sinha
21.11.2023
रणजीत कुमार सिन्हा/R.K. Sinha
निदेशक (विभागीय परीक्षा)/Director (DE)
संचार मंत्रालय/Ministry of Communication
डाक विभाग/Department of Posts
नई दिल्ली/New Delhi-110001

3. Eligibility Criteria: - As per Department of Posts, Postal Service Group 'B' Recruitment (Amendment), Rules, 1993 dated 29.06.1994 (copy enclosed), the following categories of officer (s)/official (s) are eligible to appear in the above examination.

(1) For IP line quota (19%): Inspector Posts and Assistant Superintendents having put in 5 years regular services from the date of joining in IP cadre as on the crucial date of eligibility for the examination of the particular year;

(2) For Clerical line officials quota (6%): Clerical line officials working in Post Offices/Divisional Offices with 5 years' regular service in the Lower Selection Grade and above;

Note: Postal Assistants placed in the TBOP/BCR and MACP scales, which are only Financial Upgradations, are not entitled to appear for the examination.

Note 1: Where juniors who have completed their qualifying / eligibility service are being considered for promotion, their seniors would also be considered provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying/ eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying / eligibility service or two years, whichever is less, and have successfully completed probation period for promotion to the next higher grade along with their juniors who have already completed such qualifying / eligibility service.

Note 2: No relaxation in qualifying /eligibility service shall be given in the following cases:

- (a) With reference to IP line officials included in Seniority List on concessional grounds through APS, no benefit of junior senior clause shall be considered.
- (b) Rule 38 transfer cases: The transfer under Rule-38 of Postal Manual –IV shall not be a ground for relaxation in qualifying/eligibility service.

Note 3: In respect of the cases other than mentioned in Note 2 for relaxation in qualifying/eligibility service, such cases shall be forwarded to ADG(SPG), Department of Posts, New Delhi for necessary action "within 15 days from closing date for submission of application". **No relaxation shall be given by the Circles at their level.**

4. Crucial date for calculation of length of service in terms of eligibility criteria: -

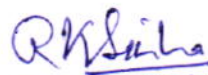
Sr. No.	Exam year/ period of vacancies	Crucial date of eligibility.
1.	2021 (01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021)	01.01.2021
2.	2022 (01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022)	01.01.2022
3.	2023 (01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023)	01.01.2023

5. Service eligibility conditions for APS candidates: -

Service eligibility conditions mentioned above are also applicable to the candidates on deputation to APS.

6. Pattern & Syllabus of Examination: - The pattern and syllabus applicable for the said LDCE for P.S. Group 'B' cadre has already been circulated by SPG-II Section vide letter No. 9-04/2018-SPG-II dated 05.09.2019, followed by letter No. 9-04/2018-SPG-II dated 30.12.2019 which is available in the Employee Corner in the Department of Posts' official website i.e. www.indiapost.gov.in. A copy of pattern & syllabus of the examination is also appended herewith.

Note: In both the papers, circulars/orders/guidelines/Rules issued upto 31st December of the year preceding the year of examination will be part of the syllabus except the Annual Report and Book of information for which latest report and information available on India Post Website will be taken into account for the purpose.


रणजीत कुमार सिन्हा/R.K. Sinha
निदेशक (विभागीय परीक्षा)/Director (DE)
संचार मंत्रालय/Ministry of Communication
डाक विभाग/Department of Posts
नई दिल्ली/New Delhi-110001
dt. 21.11.2023

7. Vacancies: - The category-wise break-up of tentative vacancies to be filled through LDCE PS Gr. 'B' for the vacancies of the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 are given below:

Examination for	Vacancy Year	Category wise break up of vacancies					Horizontal Vacancies*			
		UR	SC	ST	Total	PH -	VH-	HH-	Others-	Total-
Inspector Posts line quota (19%)	2021	26	4	2	32	-				
	2022	21	3	4	28	-				
	2023	To be intimated in due course				PH -	VH-	HH-	Others-	Total-
Clerical line officials quota (6%)	2021	7	3	0	10	-				
	2022	9	0	0	9	-				
	2023	To be intimated in due course				PH -	VH-	HH-	Others-	Total-

Note: The vacancy position mentioned in the table above is subject to change.

* DoP&T vide OM No. 36012/1/2020-Estt. (Res-II) dated 17.05.2022 issued instructions for reservation in promotion to Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs). Consequently, SCT Cell vide its letter F. No. SC-12/9/2022-SCT-DoP dated 14.09.2022 has clarified that the prospective vacancy year for implementation of the ibid DoP&T OM dated 17.05.2022 would be the year 2023, i.e. from the vacancy year 2023 starting w.e.f. 1st January, 2023.

8. Venue of the Examination: The Examination will be conducted at all the Circle Headquarters only. The candidates shall have to appear from the respective centre of their Circle only and under no circumstances, they may be permitted to appear from exam centres of other Circles.

9. Applicants, serving on deputation in APS, shall also appear from the examination centre of their parent Civil Circles. APS authorities will send the Applications of the Applicants, working in APS, to the concerned Nodal Officer of the Circle by furnishing the eligibility details.

10. Mode of the examination will be OMR based and descriptive wherever applicable.

11. The Guidelines issued vide letter F. No. 29-6/2019-DD-III dated 10.08.2022 by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) and the guidelines for Persons with Benchmarks Disabilities, circulated vide letter No. SC-12-6/2022-SCT-DOP dated 31.03.2022 shall be followed in letter and spirit.

12. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued vide letter No. A-34012/02/2022 dated 11.08.2022 and Amendment thereof dated 21.09.2023 to be followed in the conduct of the examination at every stage.

13. The Competent Authority reserves the right to cancel the Notification/examination or re-schedule the examination.

14. This notification may be given wide publicity amongst all eligible candidates.

Enclosures: - As above.

To,

- All Heads of Circles.
- General Manager, CEPT Mysore-570010 with a request to upload this Notification on India Post website.


 (Ranjeet Kumar Sinha) 27-11-2023
 Director (DE)
 रणजीत कुमार सिन्हा/R.K. Sinha
 निदेशक (विभागीय परीक्षा)/Director (DE)
 संचार मंत्रालय/Ministry of Communication
 डाक विभाग/Department of Posts
 नई दिल्ली/New Delhi-110001

Copy to:-

1. PPS to Secretary (Posts)/ DG (Postal Services)
2. PPS to Addl. DG (Coord)/ PPS to all Members.
3. All DDG in Directorate.
4. All Directors in Directorate.
5. Officer Commanding, P & T Admn. Cell, Kamptee.
6. CGM, CEPT, Bangalore, with the request to upload the same on India Post Website.
7. All Sections of the Postal Directorate/ Notice Board
8. Hindi Section for translation of this circular.
9. All recognized Associations/Service Federations/ Unions.
10. Guard File.



(Ranjeet Kumar Sinha) 21.11.2023
Director (DE)

रणजीत कुमार सिन्हा/R.K. Sinha
निदेशक (विभागीय परीक्षा)/Director (DE)
संचार मंत्रालय/Ministry of Communication
डाक विभाग/Department of Posts
नई दिल्ली/New Delhi-110001