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RESERVATIONS IN CIVIL SERVICES

UPSC has provided a few sections of the society with the advantage of reservation. UPSC has granted reservation of seats for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC and PH category. Reservation in IAS Exam is offered in terms of age relaxation, the number of attempts, IAS Eligibility, relaxation in IAS Cutoff and the total number of seats.

Age Relaxation: The date of birth, as mentioned in the Matriculation or Secondary School Leaving Certificate or in an equivalent Matriculation certificate recognized by any Indian University is considered valid. Candidates are required to submit these certificates at the time of applying for the UPSC Mains. The upper age limit is relaxable according to the category the candidate belongs to. Following is the age relaxation :

Up to 5 years if a candidate belongs to SC/ST

Up to 3 years if a candidate belongs to OBC category

Number of Attempts: Certain sector of the society is provided benefits in the number of attempts they can give. Every candidate is provided six attempts to appear in the IAS Exam. Candidates who belong to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe are provided with relaxation on the No. of attempts for IAS Exam. Candidates who belong to Other Backward Classes (OBC) category are eligible to take nine attempts of IAS Exam. **IAS Eligibility:**UPSC have defined the IAS Exam Eligibility to be meet accurately by the aspiring candidates. **Nationality:** It is mandatory for the candidate to be a citizen of India if he/she is applying for Indian Administrative Service and the Indian Police Service. For all other services, it is required that the candidate must be a citizen of **Age Limit:** A candidate must be at least 21 years old to be considered eligible for appearing in the IAS Exam or at most 32 years old to be considered eligible. There are some quick highlights about Reservation in UPSC Civil Services. Relaxation in cut off marks is also provided to students from SC, ST, OBC and PWD category. UPSC also provides reservation in vacancies to students from SC, ST and OBC category which ranges from 16% to 25% of the total vacancies. The category wise vacancies will be declared after final IAS exam Result.

HOW TO CLAIM IAS RESERVATION?

The candidates are required to follow the following regulations and submit the requisite documents to claim the IAS Reservation. The guidelines considered to claim IAS Reservation are mentioned below: A candidate will get the benefit of community reservation only in case if the candidate's caste is included in the list of reserved communities issued by the Central Government. If a candidate belongs to General Category but subsequently request Commission to change his/her category to the reserved one, such request shall not be entertained under any circumstances. The same rule will be practiced for the physically disabled category as well. Unfortunately, if a candidate becoming physically disabled during the course of the IAS, the candidate is required to produce valid documents to address the Commission to take a relevant decision in the matter. All the candidates who are seeking IAS Reservation available for SC/ST/PH/OBC/Ex-servicemen must ensure that they are eligible for the same as per the rules and

should possess all the requisite certificate prescribed by the Commission and should submit it before the due date of the IAS Application Form. No request for withdrawal of candidature after the submission of IAS Online Application will be entertained under any circumstances.

Services for Disabled Candidates

The IAS Exam Eligibility for the physically disabled persons availing reservation against the vacancies reserved for them as prescribed in "The Persons with Disability (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995." All the candidates may have one or more of the following functional classification and physical requirement: The minimum qualification for IAS Exam is to hold a degree which has been incorporated by Act of Parliament or which is about to be declared as a Deemed University by University Grants Commission. The candidate must have cleared or candidates who are appearing in the qualifying examination can also apply for IAS Exam.

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Up to five years if a candidate belongs to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe

Up to 3 years if a candidate belongs to OBC category

Up to five years if a candidate had been domiciled in Jammu and Kashmir from January 1st, 1980 to December 31st, 1989. Up to 3 years in case of Defence Services Personnel Up to 5 years in the case of Ex- Servicemen along with ECOs/SSCOs and Commissioned Officers, who have served at least 5 years of Military Services. Up to 10 years in the case of orthopedically handicapped candidates blind, deaf, and mute.

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as non- physically handicapped candidates of the same community. Physically handicapped candidates who belong to General category are eligible to have nine attempts IAS Exam. Beside this...every year UPSC releases a notification in which they provide the availability of seats...there they mention the seat for general SC st obc etc candidates. Yes, there is reservation in both prelims and mains. Last year EWS category also started getting 10% reservation, so the general seats left is around 40% of the total number of seats. UPSC has provided some segments for booking. The IAS exam offered the reservation in terms of relaxation of age, n. number of attempts and admissibility, relaxation limit and total no. of places. Up to 5 years if a candidate belongs to SC / ST, Up to 3 years if a candidate belongs to the OBC category, Up to five years if a candidate had been domiciled in Jammu and Kashmir from 1 January 1980 to 31 December 1989, Fino 3 years in the case of defense services personnel, Up to 5 years in the case of former military personnel together with ECO / SSCO and appointed officials, who have served for at least 5 years of military services, up to 10 years in the case of candidates blind, deaf and dumb orthopedic handicapped. very candidate is given six attempts to appear in the IAS exam. Candidates belonging to the scheduled Caste or the Planned Tribe are allowed to relax on the number of attempts for the IAS exam. Applicants belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category are eligible to take nine IAS exam attempts. Candidates belonging to the PH category may have as many attempts as there are non-disabled candidates from the same community. Physically handicapped candidates who belong to the General category can take the IAS exam for nine attempts. If a candidate appears in any UPSC Preliminary document, the candidate will be presumed to have attempted the IAS exam.

RESERVATION CRITERIA FOR IAS EXAM 2020

In India, we follow the reservation system. The weaker sections of the society are given special privileges by looking at their socio-economic conditions and circumstances where they live. There is a provision in the Indian constitution, Article 16, according to which state government can make provisions for the weaker sections of the society. In order to bring SC/ST/OBC (Schedule Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and Other Backward Classes) in the mainstream society, the government of India decided to provide them reservation in UPSC and other government jobs. For SC/ST/OBC candidates, there are a lot of relaxations made by the government. Mainly they get relaxation in age, number of attempts, fees, etc. Besides, the government also provides financial support to the meritorious students of the weaker sections. A stipulated amount is provided to them on clearing each stage of the examination to help them in preparing for the next level. Conditions For Availing The Benefit of Caste-based Reservation in UPSC The central Government of India has issued a list of reserved categories and caste. A candidate will get the benefit of this reservation only if the caste mentioned by him is covered under the said list. The central government shall never entertain the change of caste. This rule will also be able to physically challenged students. It may be possible that the candidate becomes unfortunate to face any disability during the exams. In such a case, candidates should have to produce sufficient documents regarding the disability to avail of the benefits. Candidates who are seeking the benefit of reservation in the UPSC exam must ensure that they are eligible as per laws and should have required certificates. Conditions For Availing The Benefit of Disability-based Reservation in UPSC Under "The Persons with Disability Act, 1995", the physically disabled or differently-abled candidates can apply for the UPSC CSE exam. UPSC exams are open to all the Indians and few seats are reserved for differently able candidates.

The terms and conditions are as follows -

Candidates having a disability percentage of more than 40% are only eligible for these reservation benefits. Candidates who are applying for physically disabled have to present a certificate of disability issued by the Medical Board commissioned by the Central or State government. This medical board must have one member at least who has specialized in the area of the mentioned disability. The services which are given in the list of services by UPSC, physically disabled candidates should have the ability to

do specific functional requirements for particular services. The date on which the disability certificate is issued should be prior to the last date for the application of the UPSC prelims exam form.

BENEFITS OF RESERVATION IN UPSC 2020

RELAXATION IN AGE

Candidates, who belong to SC/ST category, enjoy relaxation up to 5 years in their age. Where the general category students are eligible to appear for the exam up to 32 years of age, SC/ST students can attempt up to 37 years. For OBC students, the relaxation is of 3 years. So OBC candidates can appear in the examination up to 35 years of age. 3 years are also relaxed for candidates who are from Defence services and up to 5 years if a UPSC aspirant is domiciled in J&K. For the proof of date of birth, the HSC certificate is valid. For applying for the examination, HSC or SSC certificates are acceptable. The age should fall in the given criteria as on the date of notification for the UPSC prelims exam.

NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS

The general candidates will get 6 attempts maximum. For SC/ST candidates there is no ceiling limit on the number of attempts. I.e. there are unlimited attempts for SC/ST students. OBC students can take 9 attempts. There are unlimited attempts for PH (Physically handicapped) students.