

Eligibility for IAS - Eligibility for Civil Services

Age Limit for IAS exams (civil services) - Eligibility for IAS -

Indian nationals who have attained the age of 21 years, and not have attained the upper age limit on 1st August of the year in which he/she attempts the exams are eligible. The upper age limit is given in the table below for various categories

General Category 30 years

Other Backward Classes (OBC) 33 years

Scheduled Tribes / Scheduled Tribes 35 years

blind, deaf-mute and orthopaedically handicapped persons 40 years

There are some other upper age relaxations for certain defence personnel and persons who domiciled in J&K during the period from the 1st January, 1980 to the 31st day of December, 1989.

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Age limit for IAS exams 2013

Indian nationals who have attained the age of 21 years, and not have attained the upper age limit on 1st August 2013

General Category must have been born not earlier than 2nd August, 1983 and not later than 1st August, 1992.

Other Backward Classes (OBC) must have been born not earlier than 2nd August, 1980 and not later than 1st August, 1992.

Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes must have been born not earlier than 2nd August, 1978 and not later than 1st August, 1992.

blind, deaf-mute and orthopaedically handicapped persons must have been born not earlier than 2nd August, 1973 and not later than 1st August, 1992.

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Educational Qualification

The candidate must hold any degree in any discipline from any recognized university

Final year degree students who will obtain degree by August 1, 2013 are also eligible for CSAT 2013

The degree can be of any class (distinction, first, second etc.)

Degree obtained by distance education/open university is also eligible if the university is a recognized university

Number of attempts permitted

For some candidates there is a limit on the number of times you can attempt IAS Exams (Civil Services exams)

Even attending to one paper of CSAT (IAS prelim exam) counts as an attempt

Applying for CSAT (IAS prelim exam) but not attending for any paper DOES NOT count as an attempt

General Category 4

OBC 7

Physically Handicapped 7

SC & ST No limit on number of attempts

Nationality

(1) For the Indian Administrative Service and the Indian Police Service, a candidate must be a citizen of India.

(2) For other services, a candidate must be either :—

(a) A citizen of India, or

(b) a subject of Nepal, or

(c) a subject of Bhutan, or

(d) a Tibetan refugee who came over to India before 1st January, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India. or

(e) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Srilanka, East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the 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) and (e) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

Provided further that candidates belonging to categories (b), (c) and (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 by the Government of India.