

## **RECRUITMENT BRANCH**

### **FAQs**

#### **SC/ST CATEGORY CANDIDATES:**

1. What is relaxation in upper age limit for SC/ST candidates?

Answer: Candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe category are entitled to 5 years relaxation in upper age limit in accordance with instructions of the Government of India.

2. What will be the number of vacancies reserved for SC/ST candidates?

Answer : The reservation position ie, the number of vacancies reserved for candidates belonging to different categories including that of SC/ST category candidates are indicated by the indenting departments in the recruitment requisitions submitted by them. Number of vacancies reserved for different categories are accordingly published by the Commission in the recruitment advertisements.

3. Are SC/ST category candidates required to pay application fee ?

Answer : candidates belonging to SC/ST category are exempted from payment of application fee.

4. Can a candidate belonging to SC/ST apply against unreserved vacancies?

Answer : A candidate belonging to SC/ST category can apply against unreserved vacancies also. However, no concession or relaxation in standards of selection applicable to SC/ST category will be available against Unreserved vacancies.

5. Whether an SC/ST candidate selected on his/her own merit adjusted against reserved vacancy or Unreserved vacancy?

Answer : Candidates belonging to SC/ST category, selected on their own merit, without availing of any of the concessions or relaxations to which such candidates are entitled to, are recommended against unreserved vacancies. If any concession or relaxed standards of selection has been applied at any stage of selection process, such candidates will be considered against vacancy reserved for the concerned category only.

6. What is the concessions and relaxations in standards of selection applicable to SC/ST category?

Answer : Apart from relaxation in upper age limit and exemption from payment of fee, SC/ST candidates are entitled to relaxed standards of selection vis a vis the standards of selection adopted for General Category. The shortlisting criteria adopted for SC/ST category could be different from the one adopted for General/Unreserved category. Such candidates could be entitled to relaxation in experience upto 50 % of the experience prescribed for the post, if sufficient number of candidates from the category possessing the prescribed qualifications is not available. SC/ST category candidates are entitled to relaxed standards of selection in interviews also.

7. What is the minimum suitability marks in the interview for SC/ST candidates ?

Answer – Candidates are given marks in the Interview out of 100. The marks for minimum standard of suitability for unreserved category candidates is 50 marks; for candidates belonging to SC/ST category the minimum level of suitability in interviews is 40 marks (on relaxed standards). Candidates recommended on relaxed standards of selection are recommended for in service training by the Commission.