

RRB Recruitment 2026

Complete Eligibility, Exam & Preparation Guide

NTPC | Group D | ALP | Technician | JE | Paramedical

Inside this guide:

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Start your Railway exam preparation with a clear plan.

Which RRB Exam Is Right for You?

Your Qualification	RRB Exams/Posts to Explore
10th Pass	Level 1 / Group D and posts where 10th qualification is prescribed
10th + ITI	Technician / ALP and other eligible technical posts
12th Pass	NTPC Undergraduate and other eligible posts
Diploma	JE / Technician / ALP and other posts depending on discipline
Graduation	NTPC Graduate and other graduate-level posts
Engineering Degree	JE / ALP / Technician and other posts depending on discipline
Nursing/Paramedical Qualification	RRB Paramedical posts, depending on qualification

Major RRB Recruitment Exams

RRB Exam	Major Posts/Area	Qualification Category
RRB NTPC	Non-Technical Popular Categories	12th / Graduate depending on post
RRB Level 1	Group D / Level 1 posts	As prescribed for the notification
RRB ALP	Assistant Loco Pilot	Technical qualification
RRB Technician	Technician Grade I/III	Technical qualification
RRB JE	Junior Engineer	Diploma/Degree depending on post
RRB Paramedical	Nursing, Pharmacist and other paramedical posts	Relevant qualification
RRB Section Controller	Section Controller	Graduate-level eligibility as prescribed

RRB Eligibility Checklist

RRB Eligibility: What Should You Check?

Before applying for any RRB recruitment, check these five areas.

1. Educational Qualification

Check:

- Required qualification
- Required percentage, if applicable
- ITI/trade requirement
- Diploma requirement
- Engineering discipline
- Nursing/paramedical qualification
- Recognised institution requirements

2. Age Limit

Check:

- Minimum age
- Maximum age
- Cut-off date
- Upper-age relaxation

3. Nationality

Check whether you meet the nationality requirements specified in the relevant CEN.

4. Medical Standards

Some Railway posts have specific medical standards.

5. Post-Specific Requirements

Some posts may require:

- Physical standards
- Typing proficiency
- Computer-based aptitude testing
- Specific technical qualification
- Trade qualification

Eligibility Checklist

- ☐ I meet the educational qualification
- ☐ I meet the age requirement
- ☐ I satisfy nationality requirements
- ☐ I meet post-specific requirements
- ☐ I satisfy medical/physical requirements
- ☐ I have the required certificates

RRB Selection Process

The selection process depends on the recruitment and post.

A simplified representation:

Application



Computer-Based Examination



Additional Stage, Where Applicable

CBAT / CBT / Skill Test / PET



Document Verification



Medical Examination



Final Selection

Remember

Not every RRB recruitment has the same stages.

RRB Exam Pattern & Common Subjects

Several RRB examinations test common aptitude areas.

Mathematics

Important areas include:

- Number System
- Simplification
- Percentage
- Ratio & Proportion

- Profit & Loss
- Average
- Time & Work
- Time, Speed & Distance
- Simple & Compound Interest
- Algebra
- Geometry
- Mensuration
- Data Interpretation

Reasoning

- Analogy
- Classification
- Coding-Decoding
- Series
- Syllogism
- Venn Diagram
- Direction
- Blood Relation
- Statement & Conclusion
- Puzzle
- Data Sufficiency

General Awareness

- Current Affairs
- Indian History
- Geography
- Indian Polity
- Economy
- General Science
- Sports

- Awards
- Important Days
- Railway-related awareness

General Science

Depending on the exam:

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Everyday Science

Technical/Professional Subjects

These are relevant to specific technical or professional recruitments and should be prepared according to the respective CEN.

Important: The exact exam pattern, number of questions, duration, negative marking and subjects vary by recruitment. Candidates should verify the relevant notification.

RRB Preparation Strategy

How to Start RRB Preparation

Step 1: Select Your Target Exam

Don't start with:

“I want to prepare for Railway exams.”

Start with:

“I am preparing for RRB _____.”

Step 2: Download the Syllabus

Divide the syllabus into:

Strong → Moderate → Weak

Step 3: Build Your Basics

Spend the first phase strengthening:

- Mathematics fundamentals
- Reasoning concepts
- General Science
- General Awareness

Step 4: Start Previous-Year Questions

Don't wait until the end of your preparation.

Use PYQs to understand:

- Question types
- Difficulty level
- Repeated concepts
- Time requirements

Step 5: Take Mock Tests

Start with topic-wise tests.

Then move to:

Sectional tests → Full-length mocks

Step 6: Analyse Every Mock

After every mock, identify:

Wrong questions + skipped questions + slow questions

30-Day RRB Study Plan

Days	Focus
Day 1–3	Understand syllabus + diagnostic test
Day 4–6	Number System + basic arithmetic
Day 7–9	Percentage + Ratio + Average
Day 10–12	Profit & Loss + SI/CI
Day 13–15	Time & Work + Time, Speed & Distance
Day 16–18	Reasoning basics + Series + Coding
Day 19–21	Syllogism + Direction + Blood Relation + Puzzles
Day 22–24	General Science + Static GK
Day 25–26	Current Affairs revision
Day 27	Previous-year paper
Day 28	Full-length mock
Day 29	Mock analysis + weak topics
Day 30	Full revision + second mock

Daily Routine

2 hours/day

- 40 min — Mathematics
- 30 min — Reasoning
- 30 min — General Awareness/Science
- 20 min — PYQs/Mock analysis

Candidates with more preparation time can scale this schedule according to their target examination.

RRB Preparation Checklist

Your RRB Preparation Checklist

Before starting

- ☐ Select target exam
- ☐ Check eligibility
- ☐ Download syllabus
- ☐ Understand exam pattern
- ☐ Collect study materials

During preparation

- ☐ Complete basic concepts
- ☐ Solve PYQs
- ☐ Maintain mistake book
- ☐ Take sectional tests
- ☐ Revise current affairs
- ☐ Take full-length mocks

Before examination

- ☐ Download admit card
- ☐ Check exam centre
- ☐ Check reporting time
- ☐ Carry required documents
- ☐ Revise important formulas
- ☐ Revise current affairs
- ☐ Get adequate rest