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Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts
(GDS Section)

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To

All Chief Postmasters General/Postmasters General

Subject: Revised eligibility criteria for engagement to Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) posts.

The eligibility criteria/conditions for engagement to GDS posts were last reviewed and notified by the Department vide letter No.17-39/6/2012-GDS dated 14.01.2015. The matter has been examined. The competent authority has now decided to revise the same as per details below:-

I. Age Limit

The minimum and maximum age for the purpose of engagement to GDS posts shall be 18 and 40 years respectively as on the date of notification of the vacancy. Permissible relaxation in upper age limit for different categories are as under:-

Sl.No.	Category	Permissible age relaxation
1.	Schedule Cast/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST)	5 years
2.	Other Backward Classes (OBC)	3 years
3.	Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)	No relaxation*
4.	Persons with Disabilities (PwD)	10 years*
5.	Persons with Disabilities (PwD) + OBC	13 years*
6.	Persons with Disabilities (PwD) + SC/ST	15 years*

Note:- 1* There will be no relaxation in upper age limit to EWS candidates. However, the persons belonging to EWSs who are not covered under the scheme of reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs shall get 10% reservation in engagement to Gramin Dak Sevaks posts in the Department of Posts as prescribed in Directorate letter No 17-09/2019 dated 26.02.2019.

Note:-2* All recruiting authorities shall maintain the above age relaxation for persons with disability for all categories of GDS posts as is applicable in regular appointment in Group 'C' cadre. This relaxation however is not applicable for persons with benchmark of disability "Blind", as in place of blind, candidate with Low Vision have been identified as prescribed in Directorate letter No. 17-8/2017-GDS dated 26.02.2019. Relaxation in upper age limit is subject to the condition that maximum age of the applicant on the crucial date shall not exceed 56 years.

II. Educational Qualification

(i) Secondary School Examination pass certificate of 10th standard with passing marks in Mathematics and English (having been studied as compulsory or elective subjects) conducted by any recognized Board of School Education of the Government of India/State Governments/ Union Territories in India shall be a mandatory educational qualification for all approved categories of Gramin Dak Sevaks (i.e. BPM, ABPM & Dak Sevak) referred to in Directorate Order No 17-31/2016-GDS dated 25.06.2018.

(ii) Compulsory knowledge of Local Language

The candidate should have studied the local language at least up to 10th standard [as compulsory or elective subjects] as declared by the State Government or as per constitutional provisions relating to the 8th schedule of Constitution of India. The details of local language for each state/Union Territories is as given below:-

Sl.No.	Name of Circle	Name of State / Union Territory covered under Postal Circle	Local language as for the Postal Circle
1	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh	1. Telugu 2. Urdu
2	Assam	Assam	1. Assamese 2. Bengali 3. Bodo
3	Bihar	Bihar	1. Hindi 2. Urdu
4	Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh	Hindi
5	Delhi The Government of NCT of Delhi	Delhi	1.Hindi 2.Punjabi 3.Urdu
6	Gujarat	Gujarat	Gujarati

		Dadra Nagar Haveli	<i>To be decided later</i>
		Daman and Diu	Gujarati
7	Haryana	Haryana	1.Hindi 2.Punjabi
8	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	Hindi
9	J & K Circle	J & K	Urdu
10	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	1.Hindi, 2. Urdu, 3. Santhali, 4. Bangla, 5.Odia, 6.Maithili
11	Karnataka	Karnataka	Kannada
12	Kerala	Kerala	Malayalam
		Lakshadweep	Malayalam
13	Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	Hindi
14	Maharashtra	Maharashtra	Marathi
		Goa	1.Konkani 2.Marathi
15	North East	Arunachal Pradesh	} <i>(To be decided later)</i>
		Manipur	
		Meghalaya	
		Mizoram	
		Nagaland	
		Tripura	
16	Odisha	Odisha	Odia
17	Punjab	Punjab	Punjabi
	Chandigarh (Chandigarh)	Chandigarh	English
18	Rajasthan	Rajasthan	Hindi
19	Tamilnadu	Tamilnadu	Tamil
		Puducherry	Tamil for Puducherry Malayalam for Mahe Telugu for Yanam
20	Telangana	Telangana	1.Telugu 2.Urdu
21	Uttar Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh	1.Hindi 2.Urdu
22	Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand	1.Hindi 2.Sanskrit
23	West Bengal	West Bengal	1.Bengali, 2.Nepali, 3.Urdu , 4.Hindi , 5.Santhali, 6.Odia, 7.Punjabi
		Andaman and Nicobar Islands)	Hindi
		Sikkim	Nepali