

INSTRUCTION FOR CANDIDATES**SSC MTS Educational Qualification**

To be eligible for the SSC MTS Exam 2025, candidates must completed matriculation or an equivalent examination degree from a recognized board.

Age

The age limit for SSC MTS positions varies depending on the specific department. Candidates should be aged between 18-25 years for MTS roles in the Central Board of Narcotics (CBN) under the Department of Revenue. However, for the Havaldar positions in the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) also under the Department of Revenue, the age range is extended to 18-27 years.

SSC MTS Age Relaxation

Candidates must provide a valid document to avail the age relaxation, and age relaxation varies according to the caste and other physical challenges. With age relaxation maximum age can go up to 45 years. It is important to remember that the age relaxation is only applicable to the upper age limit and not to the lower age limit. This means that the lower age limit of 18 years remains the same for all candidates regardless of their category.

1. For the post of **MTS**, the examination will consist of a **Computer Based Examination (CBE)** and for the post of **Havaldar**, the examination will consist of **CBE and Physical Efficiency Test (PET)/Physical Standard Test (PST)**.
2. The Computer Based Examination will be conducted in **Hindi, English** and in **13 regional languages** viz. (i) Assamese, (ii) Bengali, (iii) Gujarati, (iv) Kannada, (v) Konkani, (vi) Malayalam, (vii) Manipuri (Metei or Meithei), (viii) Marathi, (ix) Odia (Oriya), (x) Punjabi, (xi) Tamil, (xii) Telugu and (xiii) Urdu.
3. In case of any difference/ discrepancy/ dispute in the Questions between English and the opted language, the content of **English version** shall prevail.
4. Computer Based Examination will be conducted in **two Sessions: Session-I** and **Session-II**, on the same day and both the Sessions will be mandatory.
5. The candidates will get **45 minutes** to complete **Session-I**. On completion of 45 minutes, Session-I will get automatically closed. Immediately after completion of Session-I, **Session-II** will start. Session-II will also be for **45 minutes** and immediately on completion of 45 minutes, Session-II and, hence, the Computer Based Examination will come to an end.
6. There will be **no negative marking** in **Session-I**. In **Session-II**, there will be **negative marking of one mark for each wrong answer**. Candidates are, therefore, advised to keep this in mind while answering the questions.
7. Marks scored by candidates in Computer Based Examination, if conducted in multiple shifts, will be **normalized** by using the **formula published by the Commission and such normalized** scores will be used to determine final merit and cut-off marks.

Mode of selection:

1. The recruitment process will consist of Session-I and Session-II in Computer Based Examination (CBE).

2. The performance of the candidate in Session-I will be evaluated first and performance in Session-II would be evaluated only if a candidate qualifies in Session-I.

3. Minimum qualifying marks in Session-I and as well as in Session-II of Computer Based Examination are as

- follows: UR : 30%
- OBC/ EWS : 25%
- All other categories : 20%

4. The recruitment process for the post of Havaldar will consist of Computer Based Examination (CBE), Physical Efficiency Test (PET)/ Physical Standard Test (PST).

5. For the post of MTS, there will be separate category-wise, State/ UT-wise cutoffs in Session-II. As the vacancies for MTS are in two age groups i.e. (i) 18 to 25 years and (ii) 18 to 27 years, the Commission may fix separate age groupwise, category-wise and State/ UT-wise cut-offs in CBE.

6. For the post of MTS, candidates will be shortlisted on the basis of their performance in Session-II of CBE. Normalized scores of the candidates will be Page 25 of 81 used to determine merit in CBE. The merit list would be prepared solely based on performance in Session-II.

7. For the post of Havaldar, candidates will be shortlisted in the ratio of 1:7 (vacancies: candidates) for appearing in PET/ PST and on the basis of their performance in Session-II of CBE. Normalized scores of the candidates will be used to determine merit in CBE. The Commission may fix CCA-wise and category wise cut offs in Session-II of CBE.

8. The candidates who fail to qualify PET/ PST will not be considered for the post of Havaldar. However, as per their merit in the CBE, their candidature will remain valid for the post of MTS.