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**ELIGIBILITY
CRITERIA FOR
UPSC CSE
EXAMINATION**

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1. NATIONALITY

- 1) For the Indian Administrative Service, the Indian Foreign 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, Sri Lanka, 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.

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/her by the Government of India.

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2. AGE LIMITS

- 1) A candidate must have attained the age of 21 years and must not have attained the age of 32 years on the 1st of August, 2022 i.e., the candidate must have been born not earlier than 2nd August, 1990 and not later than 1st August, 2001.
- 2) The upper age-limit prescribed above will be relaxable:
 - (a) up to a maximum of five years if a candidate belongs to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe;
 - (b) up to a maximum of three years in the case of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes who are eligible to avail of reservation applicable to such candidates;
 - (c) up to a maximum of three years in the case of Defence Services Personnel, disabled in operations during hostilities with any foreign country or in a disturbed area and released as a consequence thereof;
 - (d) up to a maximum of five years in the case of ex-servicemen including Commissioned Officers and Emergency Commissioned Officers (ECOs)/ Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs) who have

rendered at least five years Military Service as on 1st August, 2022 and have been released:

- i. on completion of assignment (including those whose assignment is due to be completed within one year from 1st August, 2022, otherwise than by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency); or
 - ii. on account of physical disability attributable to Military Service; or
 - iii. on invalidment.
- (e) up to a maximum of five years in the case of ECOs/SSCOs who have completed an initial period of assignment of five years of Military Service as on 1st August, 2022 and whose assignment has been extended beyond five years and in whose case the Ministry of Defence issues a certificate that they can apply for civil employment and that they will be released on three months' notice on selection from the date of receipt of offer of appointment.
- (f) up to a maximum of 10 years in the case of candidates belonging to Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) categories viz.
- i. blindness and low vision;
 - ii. deaf and hard of hearing;
 - iii. locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy;
 - iv. autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness;
 - v. multiple disabilities from amongst person under clauses (i) to (iv) including deaf-blindness.

3. MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

A candidate must hold a Graduate degree of any of the Universities incorporated by an Act of the central or State Legislature in India or other educational institutions established by an Act of Parliament or declared to be deemed as a University under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or possess an equivalent qualification.

4. NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS

Every candidate appearing at the examination, who is otherwise eligible, shall be permitted six (6) attempts at the CSE. However, relaxation in the number of attempts will be available to the SC/ST/OBC and PwBD category candidates who are otherwise eligible. The number of attempts available to such candidates as per relaxation is as under:

Number of attempts	Category to which the Candidate Belongs		
	SC / ST	OBC	PwBD
	Unlimited	09	09 for GL/EWS/OBC Unlimited for SC/ST

5. RESTRICTIONS ON APPLYING FOR THE EXAMINATION

- (1) A candidate who is appointed to the Indian Administrative Service or the Indian Foreign Service based on the results of an earlier Examination and continues to be a member of that Service will not be eligible to appear at the Civil Services Examination-2022. In case such a candidate is appointed to the IAS or IFS after the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination-2022 is over and the candidate continues to be a member of that Service, the candidate shall not be eligible to appear in the Civil Services (Main) Examination-2022 notwithstanding having qualified in the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination-2022. If such a candidate is appointed to the IAS or IFS after the commencement of the Civil Services (Main) Examination-2022 but before the result thereof is declared by the Commission and continues to be a member of that Service, the candidate shall not be considered for appointment to any Service/Post on the basis of the result of the CSE-2022.
- (2) A candidate who is appointed to the Indian Police Service based on the results of an earlier Examination and continues to be a member of that Service shall not be eligible to opt for the Indian Police Service on the basis of the result of the CSE-2022.

6. MEDICAL AND PHYSICAL STANDARDS

Candidates must be physically fit according to physical standards for admission to Civil Services Examination, 2022 as per guidelines given in Appendix-III of Rules for Examination published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated 2nd Feb, 2022.