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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the....., 2026.

G.S.R.....(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 18 of the Central Reserve Police Force Act, 1949 (66 of 1949) and in supersession of the Central Reserve Police Force, Constable (General Duty), General Duty Cadre, Group 'C' Post, Recruitment Rules, 2023, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of recruitment to the post of Constable (General Duty) Group 'C' post in General Duty Cadre in the Central Reserve Police Force, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Central Reserve Police Force, Constable (General Duty), General Duty Cadre, Group 'C' Post, Recruitment Rules, 2026.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. Number of post, classification and level in pay matrix.- The number of post, its classification and the level in the pay matrix attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the Schedule annexed to these rules.
3. Method of recruitment, age-limit, qualifications, etc.- The method of recruitment, age-limit, qualifications and other matters relating to the said post shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the said Schedule.
4. Seniority.- Seniority shall be regulated in accordance with the Central Reserve Police Force Rules, 1955 and general instructions issued by the Central Government from time to time.
5. Disqualification.- No person,-
 - (a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living; or
 - (b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person,

shall be eligible for appointment to the said posts:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for doing so, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

6. Ineligibility of non-citizens of India.- No person who is not a citizen of India shall, except with the prior permission of the Central Government in writing, be appointed under these rules:

Provided that nothing contained in this rule shall debar the appointment or employment of a subject of Nepal or Bhutan in the Force.

7. Superannuation.- (1) Every person appointed under these rules shall retire from service on the afternoon of the last day of the month in which he or she attains the age of sixty years or as prescribed by the Central Government from time to time :

Provided that a person whose date of birth is on the first day of a month shall retire from service in the afternoon of the last day of the preceding month on attaining the age of sixty years.

(2) No person shall be granted extension in service beyond the prescribed age of retirement on superannuation.

8. Power to relax.- Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.
9. Saving.- Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of age-limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, ex-servicemen and other special categories of persons, in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

SCHEDULE

Name of post.	Number of post.	Classification.	Level in pay matrix.	Selection post or non-selection post.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Constable (General Duty).	*133982 (2026) (Male-129241 and Female-4741). *(Subject to variation dependent upon work load).	General Central Service, Group 'C', Non-Gazetted, (Non-Ministerial Combatant.)	Level-3 (Rs. 21700- 69100) in the pay matrix.	Not applicable.

Age-limit for direct recruits.

(6)

Between 18 and 23 years of age. (Five years age relaxation in case of the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes and three years in case of Other Backward Classes candidates).

Note 1: The crucial date for determination of the age-limit shall be as advertised by the Staff Selection Commission or the concerned Nodal Force.

Note 2: The upper age-limit shall be relaxable upto five years for the candidates of the first batch of ex-Agniveers.

Note 3: The upper age-limit shall be relaxable upto three years for the candidates of ex-Agniveers.

Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits.

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- (i) 10th class pass from a board recognised by the Central Government or State Government or equivalent Army qualification in case of ex-Army personnel.
- (ii) Physical and Medical Standard for recruitment to the post of Constable (General Duty) shall be applicable as per the Scheme prescribed by the Central Government from time to time.
- (iii) The candidate shall qualify Physical Efficiency Test and written examination as prescribed for Constable (General Duty) in the advertisement for recruitment.

Note: Ex-Agniveers shall be exempted from written examination, Physical Standard Test and Physical Efficiency Test.

Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees.	Period of probation, if any.	Method of recruitment, whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/ absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods.
(8)	(9)	(10)
No.	Two years.	<p>By direct recruitment.</p> <p>Note 1: Fifty percent vacancies shall be reserved for ex-Agniveers for recruitment to the post of Constable (General Duty) in every recruitment year.</p> <p>Note 2 : In the first phase, the recruitment will be conducted by the concerned Nodal Force for fifty percent vacancies earmarked for ex-Agniveer or as per the instructions issued by Ministry of Home Affairs time to time.</p> <p>Note 3 : In the second phase, recruitment will be conducted through open examination as per the existing provisions against the remaining 50% of the vacancies along with the unfilled vacancies of the first phase or as per the instructions issued by Ministry of Home Affairs time to time.</p> <p>Note 4 : The existing provisions of reservation for various categories will be applicable for both phases.</p>

In case of recruitment by promotion or deputation/ absorption grades from which promotion or deputation/ absorption to be made.	If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition.	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission is to be consulted in making recruitment.
(11)	(12)	(13)
Not applicable.	Group 'C' Departmental Confirmation Committee (for considering confirmation) consisting of :- 1. Deputy Inspector General or Commandant - Chairperson; 2. Deputy Commandant - Member; 3. Assistant Commandant - Member.	Not applicable.

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