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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

The Forester is the backbone of the Forest Department's field structure — in charge of a beat or naka, with Forest Guards working under him or her and the Forest Range Officer above. Plantation, wildlife counts, preventing illegal felling and poaching, controlling forest fire, pasture management and watching the forest boundary are all this post's work. The qualification is only Senior Secondary (Class 12) and recruitment runs through the CET Senior Secondary Level — note that the Graduate-level CET is not the one for this post. Across Rajasthan's desert, the Aravallis and the southern forests, the work is physical and it also asks for a real understanding of ecology.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Senior Secondary (10+2) from RBSE, CBSE or an equivalent + CET Senior Secondary Level
Recruiting body	Rajasthan Staff Selection Board (RSSB), Jaipur
Age limit	18 attained and 40 not attained, on the 1 January following the last date for applications — the upper limit is relaxed for reserved categories and for women (detail below)
Starting salary	Pay matrix level not officially confirmed — see the advertisement
Demand	Posts in every forest range across the state; 50% by direct recruitment, 50% by promotion

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- A real interest in forests, wildlife and nature
- Conservation work done together with village people
- Field work done outdoors and on foot

ABILITIES

- The physical capacity and stamina to walk long distances
- Identifying trees, plants, animals, birds and tracks
- Courage under pressure, in stopping illegal felling and poaching

KEY SKILLS

- Forest boundaries, maps and locating an area with GPS
- Raising a nursery and supervising plantation
- Wildlife counts and keeping a record of tracks
- Forest-fire prevention and maintaining firelines
- A working knowledge of the Indian Forest Act and the Wild Life (Protection) Act
- Booking a forest offence and carrying out seizure proceedings
- Working with joint forest management committees and villagers

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 10, then complete Class 12 in any stream — the service rules ask only for Senior Secondary, with no particular subjects.
- 2 Qualify the RSSB CET Senior Secondary Level. That is the right level — the Graduate-level CET does not count for this post.
- 3 Prepare for the physical standard — male: height 163 cm and chest 84 cm with 5 cm expansion; female: height 150 cm and chest 79 cm with 5 cm expansion.
- 4 Apply online through the SSO portal when the Forester advertisement is issued, and take the written examination.
- 5 After physical measurement, the efficiency test and document verification, join at a forest range.
- 6 After joining, get the Forestry Training School certificate — it is compulsory for promotion to Forest Range Officer Grade II.

MAIN EXAMS

- CET Senior Secondary Level (RSSB) — Forester is named in Schedule-II of the CET Rules 2022. The score stays valid for 3 years.
- The Forester main written examination, conducted by the board. Its marking scheme and syllabus are given in that cycle's advertisement.

- The physical standards test — under the service rules the minimum standards are the same for both Forester and Forest Guard: male height 163 cm, chest 84 cm, expansion 5 cm; female height 150 cm, chest 79 cm, expansion 5 cm.
- Relaxation in the upper age limit — 5 years for male candidates of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, More Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections; 5 years for women candidates of the General category; and 10 years for women candidates of those same categories. Which means plainly that the bare figure printed against a post understates a reserved-category woman's eligibility by a decade — if you are in that category, work out your eligibility only after adding the relaxation. In Rajasthan, 30% of the posts in direct recruitment are reserved category-wise for women candidates. Widows and divorced women have no upper age limit at all — the rules say it in those words. It is Rule 13(9) of the Rajasthan State and Subordinate Services (Direct Recruitment by Combined Competitive Examination) Rules 1999, it appears again as the same proviso in the Rajasthan Medical & Health Subordinate Service Rules, and RPSC advertisements reproduce it. A widow must furnish a certificate of the death of her husband from the competent authority, and a divorced woman the proof of divorce. The exact terms of relaxation and reservation are given in that recruitment's own advertisement.
- The physical efficiency (walking) test, over the distance and within the time laid down in the advertisement. Both can change from cycle to cycle, so read the advertisement itself.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Government Senior Secondary Schools — Class 12 in any stream — In every block
- Forest Department Rajasthan — ranges, sanctuaries and departmental information — Jaipur and district forest offices (<https://forest.rajasthan.gov.in/>)

- District sports stadiums — free ground for walking and endurance practice — District headquarters

ONLINE

- वन विभाग, राजस्थान — वन क्षेत्र, अभयारण्य एवं योजनाएँ — For understanding the post and the department (<https://forest.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- भारतीय वन अधिनियम एवं वन्यजीव संरक्षण अधिनियम — मूल पाठ — Free, on the Government of India law portal (<https://www.indiacode.nic.in/>)
- आर.एस.एस.बी. — पिछले प्रश्न-पत्र, उत्तर कुंजी व पाठ्यक्रम (निःशुल्क) — The Staff Selection Board's own site — the most reliable free preparation material there is (https://rsmssb.rajasthan.gov.in/show_archived?menuName=Xj4lCb9vGxpQnfLs%2FxlZ2g%3D%3D)
- विभागीय सेवा नियम (कार्मिक विभाग) — पद की योग्यता व आयु मूल दस्तावेज़ में पढ़ें — The Department of Personnel publishes the service rules for every cadre. Read these before any coaching material — qualification, age and the method of recruitment are settled here and nowhere else. (<https://dop.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- स्वयं (SWAYAM) — भारत सरकार के निःशुल्क ऑनलाइन कोर्स — Free (<https://swayam.gov.in/>)
- राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल पुस्तकालय (NDLI) — Free books and study material (<https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/>)
- एन.सी.ई.आर.टी. — निःशुल्क पाठ्यपुस्तकें — The foundation for general knowledge, maths and science (<https://ncert.nic.in/>)

FEES

Schooling to Class 12 at a government school is close to free. CET and the main examination cost a few hundred rupees, with a concession for reserved categories. Physical preparation costs nothing — running and walking practice can be done on village roads or a school ground, and that is the largest part of preparing for this post. The Forestry Training School certificate is arranged by the department after joining and is not a cost the candidate carries.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana (free coaching, apply via SSO) (<https://sso.rajasthan.gov.in/signin>)
- Rajasthan Social Justice and Empowerment Dept scholarships (<https://sje.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- National Scholarship Portal (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)
- Buddy4Study scholarship search (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Forest nakas and beat offices, sanctuaries and national parks, nurseries, pastures, forest chowkis and open jungle — from desert scrub to the Aravallis and the denser forests of southern Rajasthan. Most of the time goes on patrol in the field, on foot or by motorcycle.

WORK CULTURE

Postings are often in remote places where housing and facilities are limited. Patrolling happens at night too, and a report of fire, flood or poaching means leaving immediately. Stopping illegal felling and encroachment can bring local pressure, so both patience and impartiality are needed. On the other side, this is one of the few government posts whose work is directly the protection of nature. Women are appointed as Foresters and Forest Guards, and the service rules lay down separate physical standards for them.

WHO HIRES

- Forest Department, Government of Rajasthan
- Keoladeo National Park and the Desert National Park
- Desert afforestation and watershed development projects
- Tiger reserves — Ranthambhore, Sariska, Mukundra Hills, Ramgarh Vishdhari
- District forest offices and the social forestry divisions
- The Forest Development Corporation and eco-tourism units

DEMAND (2026)

Forester posts are sanctioned in every forest range in the state and forest areas have to be managed permanently, so the post endures. Under the service rules 50% are filled by direct recruitment and 50% by promotion from Forest Guard — which means the cadre is twice the size an advertisement shows, but only half of it is open to a candidate from outside. Worth knowing: joining as a Forest Guard and rising to Forester by promotion is a legitimate second route, and it asks for a lower qualification. One thing to be clear about — the "demand" described above counts posts, not your chance of getting one. Selection is by open competition and the number of applicants runs to many times the number of posts, so most candidates are not selected in any given recruitment. That is not an argument against this career; it is an argument against making it your only plan. Keep studying or building a skill alongside your preparation, so that the year is not lost whichever way the result goes.

7 Career growth

- 1 Forester (on probation) — posted to a beat or naka
- 2 Forest Range Officer Grade II — 100% by promotion, on a Forestry Training School certificate and 5 years on the post
- 3 Forest Range Officer Grade I
- 4 Assistant Conservator of Forests, through promotion

EARNINGS

Starting	विज्ञप्ति में घोषित पे मैट्रिक्स स्तर के अनुसार
Mid level	₹35,000 – ₹48,000 (भत्तों सहित, वन क्षेत्रपाल स्तर पर)
Senior level	₹55,000 से अधिक (भत्तों सहित, सहायक वन संरक्षक स्तर पर)

A posting in a remote or difficult area in the Forest Department carries a uniform allowance and departmental housing, which are over and above the cash in hand. The mid-level and senior figures are approximate monthly income after promotion. The starting figure is BASIC PAY, so that it can be compared directly against other careers. Dearness allowance (60% of basic since 1 January 2026) and house rent allowance are added on top of it, so take-home pay is appreciably higher. The mid-level and senior figures are approximate monthly income including allowances, not basic pay. Note — in Rajasthan a direct recruit is a probationer-trainee for the first 2 years and is paid a fixed remuneration, not the pay scale; dearness allowance and house rent allowance are not payable in those two years (Rajasthan Service Rules, rule 7(30A)). The full pay scale applies once probation is completed. The pay matrix level for this post could not be confirmed on this page from an official document — it is not in the service rules and not in the CET Rules 2022 schedule. No level is therefore stated here. The correct figure is printed in the official advertisement for the recruitment; check it there before applying. The figures above rest on the Rajasthan 7th pay matrix, which is what applies as of 17 August 2026. The Terms of Reference of the 8th Central Pay Commission were approved on 28 October 2025 and it must report within 18 months of its constitution. State governments normally adopt a Central Pay Commission with modifications, and later than the Centre does — so Rajasthan pay will be revised too, though by how much and when is not yet settled.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Only Class 12 is needed — no degree and no particular subjects
- Meaningful work tied directly to nature and wildlife conservation
- A clear promotion path to Forest Range Officer and Assistant Conservator of Forests

The challenges

- Remote postings, limited facilities and distance from family
- Risk and local pressure when stopping illegal felling, encroachment and poaching
- The physical standards are compulsory and relaxation on them is limited

9 Sources & further reading

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